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## **REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MAY 2008**

Virtually all regional and state jobless rates increased in May, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, while one state had a rate decrease. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 44 states and the District of Columbia and down in 6 states. The national unemployment rate rose from 5.0 in April to 5.5 percent in May, a full percentage point higher than a year earlier.

Between April and May 2008, employment increased in 29 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 17 states, and was unchanged in 4 states. Ohio reported the largest over-the-month increase in employment (+9,200), followed by Texas (+8,800), Michigan (+6,100), Iowa (+4,100), Illinois (+4,000), and Hawaii and Oklahoma (+3,900 each). Hawaii recorded the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.6 percent), followed by Vermont (+0.4 percent), the District of Columbia and Iowa (+0.3 percent each), and Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, and South Dakota (+0.2 percent each). The largest over-the-month decreases in employment occurred in California (-10,900), Florida (-6,000), North Carolina (-3,800), Oregon (-3,700), and South Carolina (-3,100). Rhode Island experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decrease in employment (-0.4 percent), followed by Oregon, South Carolina, and West Virginia (-0.2 percent each) and California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, and North Carolina (-0.1 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 35 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 14 states, and was unchanged in 1 state (Vermont). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment occurred in Wyoming (+2.8 percent), Texas (+2.3 percent), Louisiana, New Hampshire, and Utah (+1.6 percent each), and Colorado, the District of Columbia, and Montana (+1.5 percent each). Rhode Island recorded the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment (-2.3 percent), followed by Michigan (-1.6 percent), Florida (-0.9 percent), Wisconsin (-0.7 percent), and Arizona (-0.6 percent).

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In May, the Midwest and West regions registered the highest jobless rates, 5.9 and 5.8 percent, respectively. The South and Northeast reported the lowest rates, 5.1 and 5.2 percent, respectively. The Midwest posted the largest over-the-month rate increase (+0.8 percentage point). The Northeast, South, and West recorded smaller rate increases (+0.5 percentage point each). All these rate increases were

statistically significant. Likewise, all regions had significant rate increases from a year earlier: the West (+1.2 percentage point), South (+0.9 point), and Midwest and Northeast (+0.8 point each). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the East North Central and Pacific registered the highest jobless rates in May, 6.4 percent each, while the Mountain and West South Central reported the lowest rates, 4.4 percent each. All divisions posted statistically significant over-the-month rate increases (ranging from +0.3 percentage point in the West South Central to +0.9 point in the East North Central). The East South Central, Pacific, and South Atlantic divisions recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate changes (+1.3 percentage points each). Five of the remaining 6 divisions also registered statistically significant rate increases from a year earlier. Only the West South Central did not have a measurable rate change from May 2007.

### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In May, Michigan continued to report the highest jobless rate, 8.5 percent, followed by Rhode Island, 7.2 percent, and Alaska, 7.0 percent. South Dakota and Wyoming again posted the lowest unemployment rates, 2.9 percent each. Overall, 10 states and the District of Columbia recorded significantly higher rates than the U.S., 22 states registered measurably lower rates, and 18 states had rates little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia reported statistically significant jobless rate increases from April to May. Michigan posted the largest of these increases (+1.6 percentage points), followed by Rhode Island (+1.1 points) and Illinois, Mississippi, and Tennessee (+1.0 point each). The remaining 14 states recorded May unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, even though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes. (See table B.)

Rhode Island registered the largest jobless rate increase from May 2007 (+2.2 percentage points). Sixteen other states reported rate increases of 1.0 percentage point or more. Twenty additional states and the District of Columbia had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate increases. Oklahoma continued to experience the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-1.0 percentage point). The only other state to post a significant rate decrease was Wisconsin (-0.5 point). The remaining 11 states recorded May 2008 jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table C.)

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between April and May 2008, only one state experienced a statistically significant change in employment. The statistically significant increase in employment occurred in Hawaii (+3,900). (See tables D and 5.)

Over the year, seven states recorded statistically significant changes in employment. The largest statistically significant employment gains were reported in Texas (+238,700), Washington (+35,000), Colorado (+33,800), Utah (+20,600), and Wyoming (+8,000). The statistically significant over-the-year employment declines were reported in Michigan (-68,900) and Rhode Island (-11,300). Only 1 state

reported a statistically significant over-the-year employment increase that was less than 15,000: Wyoming (+8,000). (See table E.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for May is scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, July 8. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for June is scheduled to be issued on Friday, July 18.

### **Hurricane Katrina**

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

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

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

State	Rate <sup>P</sup>
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	5.5
Alaska.....	7.0
Arizona.....	4.4
California.....	6.8
Colorado.....	4.9
Delaware.....	4.2
District of Columbia.....	6.6
Hawaii.....	3.5
Idaho.....	3.6
Illinois.....	6.4
Iowa.....	3.9
Kansas.....	4.6
Louisiana.....	4.0
Maryland.....	4.0
Michigan.....	8.5
Mississippi.....	6.9
Montana.....	4.2
Nebraska.....	3.2
Nevada.....	6.2
New Hampshire.....	4.0
New Mexico.....	3.8
North Dakota.....	3.3
Ohio.....	6.3
Oklahoma.....	3.5
Rhode Island.....	7.2
South Carolina.....	6.5
South Dakota.....	2.9
Tennessee.....	6.4
Texas.....	4.5
Utah.....	3.2
Vermont.....	4.9
Virginia.....	3.9
Wisconsin.....	4.4
Wyoming.....	2.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are not preliminary.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

**Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from April 2008 to May 2008, seasonally adjusted**

State	Rate		Over-the-month rate change <sup>P</sup>
	April 2008	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>	
Alabama.....	4.0	4.7	0.7
Arizona.....	3.9	4.4	.5
Arkansas.....	4.7	5.1	.4
California.....	6.2	6.8	.6
Colorado.....	4.4	4.9	.5
Connecticut.....	4.7	5.4	.7
Delaware.....	3.7	4.2	.5
District of Columbia.....	6.0	6.6	.6
Florida.....	5.0	5.5	.5
Georgia.....	5.3	5.8	.5
Idaho.....	3.1	3.6	.5
Illinois.....	5.4	6.4	1.0
Indiana.....	4.8	5.3	.5
Iowa.....	3.5	3.9	.4
Kansas.....	4.0	4.6	.6
Kentucky.....	5.6	6.2	.6
Maine.....	4.7	5.4	.7
Maryland.....	3.6	4.0	.4
Massachusetts.....	4.1	4.9	.8
Michigan.....	6.9	8.5	1.6
Minnesota.....	4.8	5.4	.6
Mississippi.....	5.9	6.9	1.0
Missouri.....	5.2	6.0	.8
Montana.....	3.8	4.2	.4
Nevada.....	5.7	6.2	.5
New Jersey.....	4.9	5.4	.5
New York.....	4.7	5.2	.5
North Carolina.....	5.4	5.8	.4
Ohio.....	5.6	6.3	.7
Rhode Island.....	6.1	7.2	1.1
South Carolina.....	5.9	6.5	.6
South Dakota.....	2.6	2.9	.3
Tennessee.....	5.4	6.4	1.0
Texas.....	4.1	4.5	.4
Vermont.....	4.4	4.9	.5
Virginia.....	3.5	3.9	.4
Washington.....	4.7	5.3	.6

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

State	Rate		Over-the-year rate change <sup>P</sup>
	May 2007	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>	
Alabama.....	3.5	4.7	1.2
Alaska.....	6.1	7.0	.9
Arizona.....	3.6	4.4	.8
California.....	5.3	6.8	1.5
Colorado.....	3.7	4.9	1.2
Connecticut.....	4.4	5.4	1.0
Delaware.....	3.4	4.2	.8
District of Columbia.....	5.7	6.6	.9
Florida.....	3.9	5.5	1.6
Georgia.....	4.4	5.8	1.4
Hawaii.....	2.5	3.5	1.0
Idaho.....	2.7	3.6	.9
Illinois.....	4.9	6.4	1.5
Indiana.....	4.4	5.3	.9
Kansas.....	4.2	4.6	.4
Kentucky.....	5.6	6.2	.6
Maine.....	4.7	5.4	.7
Maryland.....	3.5	4.0	.5
Massachusetts.....	4.5	4.9	.4
Michigan.....	7.1	8.5	1.4
Minnesota.....	4.6	5.4	.8
Missouri.....	4.8	6.0	1.2
Montana.....	3.1	4.2	1.1
Nevada.....	4.7	6.2	1.5
New Jersey.....	4.3	5.4	1.1
New York.....	4.5	5.2	.7
North Carolina.....	4.8	5.8	1.0
Ohio.....	5.6	6.3	.7
Oklahoma.....	4.5	3.5	-1.0
Oregon.....	5.1	5.6	.5
Pennsylvania.....	4.3	5.2	.9
Rhode Island.....	5.0	7.2	2.2
South Carolina.....	5.6	6.5	.9
Tennessee.....	4.7	6.4	1.7
Utah.....	2.6	3.2	.6
Vermont.....	3.8	4.9	1.1
Virginia.....	3.0	3.9	.9
Washington.....	4.5	5.3	.8
West Virginia.....	4.6	5.3	.7
Wisconsin.....	4.9	4.4	-.5

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

**Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from April 2008 to May 2008, seasonally adjusted**

State	April 2008	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Over-the-month change <sup>P</sup>
Hawaii .....	624,100	628,000	3,900

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

State	May 2007	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Over-the-year change <sup>P</sup>
Colorado .....	2,328,300	2,362,100	33,800
Michigan .....	4,274,000	4,205,100	-68,900
Rhode Island .....	494,200	482,900	-11,300
Texas .....	10,331,700	10,570,400	238,700
Utah .....	1,250,300	1,270,900	20,600
Washington .....	2,926,900	2,961,900	35,000
Wyoming .....	286,900	294,900	8,000

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

# Technical Note

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

## Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Employment—from the CES program

**Definitions.** Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Method of estimation.** The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for the approximately 39 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

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



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

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

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

### Reliability of the estimates

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

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

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

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

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

### Additional information

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

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

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

**Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	May 2007	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008	May 2007	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008	May 2007	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,900.3	28,035.6	28,121.2	28,178.4	1,228.3	1,350.3	1,331.6	1,469.4	4.4	4.8	4.7	5.2
New England .....	7,646.7	7,678.5	7,664.8	7,659.0	342.4	369.8	343.1	394.3	4.5	4.8	4.5	5.1
Middle Atlantic .....	20,253.6	20,357.1	20,456.4	20,519.3	885.9	980.5	988.5	1,075.1	4.4	4.8	4.8	5.2
<b>South</b> .....	54,282.3	54,873.9	54,987.7	55,094.3	2,298.5	2,573.8	2,552.3	2,819.6	4.2	4.7	4.6	5.1
South Atlantic .....	29,164.1	29,493.9	29,535.3	29,592.5	1,175.6	1,409.5	1,413.9	1,564.2	4.0	4.8	4.8	5.3
East South Central .....	8,561.1	8,632.6	8,660.5	8,657.2	405.4	457.2	453.0	515.8	4.7	5.3	5.2	6.0
West South Central .....	16,557.1	16,747.3	16,791.9	16,844.6	717.5	707.0	685.4	739.7	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.4
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,873.2	35,048.6	35,032.1	35,134.8	1,776.7	1,870.8	1,803.8	2,085.0	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.9
East North Central .....	23,988.4	24,115.7	24,104.5	24,163.3	1,318.5	1,388.4	1,332.9	1,555.2	5.5	5.8	5.5	6.4
West North Central .....	10,884.7	10,932.9	10,927.5	10,971.5	458.2	482.3	470.9	529.8	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.8
<b>West</b> .....	35,334.5	35,903.3	35,938.1	35,982.4	1,613.1	1,914.4	1,900.0	2,086.9	4.6	5.3	5.3	5.8
Mountain .....	10,873.5	11,127.0	11,104.1	11,116.0	376.3	456.2	444.7	490.8	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.4
Pacific .....	24,461.0	24,776.4	24,834.0	24,866.5	1,236.8	1,458.1	1,455.3	1,596.1	5.1	5.9	5.9	6.4

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,644.6	27,895.4	27,748.8	28,045.2	1,142.2	1,276.5	1,159.3	1,409.0	4.1	4.6	4.2	5.0
New England .....	7,577.5	7,600.1	7,608.3	7,624.0	327.7	332.9	324.9	379.7	4.3	4.4	4.3	5.0
Middle Atlantic .....	20,067.2	20,295.2	20,140.5	20,421.2	814.6	943.6	834.4	1,029.3	4.1	4.6	4.1	5.0
<b>South</b> .....	53,979.4	54,734.9	54,197.5	55,051.2	2,111.0	2,388.0	2,162.0	2,705.6	3.9	4.4	4.0	4.9
South Atlantic .....	29,014.6	29,408.7	29,160.4	29,608.7	1,088.7	1,341.3	1,110.5	1,510.9	3.8	4.6	3.8	5.1
East South Central .....	8,487.6	8,594.9	8,533.4	8,635.6	364.7	416.7	374.3	490.5	4.3	4.8	4.4	5.7
West South Central .....	16,477.2	16,731.4	16,503.7	16,806.9	657.6	630.0	677.2	704.2	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,657.3	34,826.4	34,778.3	35,073.2	1,713.0	1,763.4	1,655.3	1,985.4	4.9	5.1	4.8	5.7
East North Central .....	23,810.6	23,927.4	23,912.9	24,110.1	1,278.4	1,303.9	1,234.8	1,487.6	5.4	5.4	5.2	6.2
West North Central .....	10,846.7	10,899.0	10,865.4	10,963.1	434.5	459.5	420.5	497.8	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.5
<b>West</b> .....	35,091.7	35,751.3	35,163.3	35,833.3	1,545.9	1,858.9	1,490.4	1,976.5	4.4	5.2	4.2	5.5
Mountain .....	10,795.7	11,043.7	10,821.5	11,069.1	361.8	432.3	344.6	461.8	3.4	3.9	3.2	4.2
Pacific .....	24,296.0	24,707.6	24,341.8	24,764.2	1,184.2	1,426.6	1,145.8	1,514.7	4.9	5.8	4.7	6.1

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	May 2007	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008P	May 2007	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008P	May 2007	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008P
Alabama	2,181.9	2,204.6	2,204.1	2,207.0	77.3	90.9	88.9	103.9	3.5	4.1	4.0	4.7
Alaska	351.8	356.6	358.4	360.3	21.4	23.8	23.7	25.0	6.1	6.7	6.6	7.0
Arizona	3,016.9	3,076.6	3,063.8	3,069.0	110.0	123.6	118.8	133.8	3.6	4.0	3.9	4.4
Arkansas	1,366.9	1,368.8	1,372.5	1,384.0	73.5	66.5	64.4	71.2	5.4	4.9	4.7	5.1
California	18,159.3	18,332.1	18,386.6	18,442.9	955.7	1,138.4	1,140.5	1,256.4	5.3	6.2	6.2	6.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,907.8	4,965.5	4,968.4	4,955.6	238.1	289.9	294.5	332.7	4.9	5.8	5.9	6.7
Colorado	2,693.4	2,767.3	2,766.3	2,765.8	98.7	121.4	120.6	134.6	3.7	4.4	4.4	4.9
Connecticut	1,859.2	1,885.2	1,878.2	1,886.3	81.8	100.7	88.1	101.6	4.4	5.3	4.7	5.4
Delaware	442.1	445.3	446.7	446.2	14.8	16.6	16.6	18.6	3.4	3.7	3.7	4.2
District of Columbia	325.9	333.5	332.4	332.0	18.4	20.5	19.9	21.9	5.7	6.1	6.0	6.6
Florida	9,121.6	9,216.3	9,230.1	9,261.0	353.2	454.6	458.5	511.8	3.9	4.9	5.0	5.5
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,188.7	1,197.2	1,208.7	1,210.3	44.8	48.6	57.6	61.0	3.8	4.1	4.8	5.0
Georgia	4,803.7	4,887.8	4,901.2	4,905.0	209.5	257.7	258.2	284.8	4.4	5.3	5.3	5.8
Hawaii	650.3	658.1	662.7	663.4	16.3	20.4	21.7	23.4	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.5
Idaho	753.9	756.2	753.2	754.9	20.5	22.3	23.0	26.9	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.6
Illinois	6,680.7	6,807.7	6,812.7	6,824.9	325.9	371.3	369.4	437.6	4.9	5.5	5.4	6.4
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	4,104.3	4,184.2	4,193.9	4,210.3	199.8	225.2	221.1	271.3	4.9	5.4	5.3	6.4
Indiana	3,205.6	3,227.9	3,218.7	3,228.9	141.8	165.0	153.1	169.7	4.4	5.1	4.8	5.3
Iowa	1,660.0	1,672.8	1,675.4	1,679.8	62.4	57.6	58.8	65.5	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.9
Kansas	1,479.4	1,487.2	1,485.1	1,494.5	62.0	60.8	59.0	68.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.6
Kentucky	2,045.0	2,039.9	2,045.6	2,047.1	113.6	115.7	115.5	127.3	5.6	5.7	5.6	6.2
Louisiana	1,996.7	2,017.1	2,019.3	2,008.0	81.9	91.3	82.0	79.5	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.0
Maine	703.6	707.9	708.8	709.0	33.2	35.7	33.6	38.3	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.4
Maryland	2,973.8	2,998.7	3,003.9	3,017.3	105.5	108.0	108.4	120.1	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.0
Massachusetts	3,410.6	3,410.8	3,404.1	3,392.0	154.9	149.8	140.7	166.1	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.9
Michigan	5,029.4	4,996.3	4,981.6	5,008.0	354.9	359.7	345.8	428.1	7.1	7.2	6.9	8.5
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,147.3	2,125.2	2,113.7	2,139.2	164.3	163.8	157.3	198.4	7.7	7.7	7.4	9.3
Minnesota	2,928.1	2,937.3	2,948.1	2,952.1	134.0	137.7	142.3	158.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.4
Mississippi	1,309.6	1,332.6	1,336.8	1,341.9	81.3	80.1	79.3	92.0	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.9
Missouri	3,025.0	3,022.8	3,011.9	3,031.5	146.1	172.4	156.5	182.2	4.8	5.7	5.2	6.0
Montana	501.1	504.8	504.7	504.1	15.6	18.0	18.9	21.2	3.1	3.6	3.8	4.2
Nebraska	983.9	990.8	994.7	996.0	30.6	29.8	30.8	32.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2
Nevada	1,330.9	1,384.8	1,387.4	1,394.8	62.5	80.1	78.9	86.6	4.7	5.8	5.7	6.2
New Hampshire	737.8	743.5	746.0	745.3	26.8	28.9	28.4	29.6	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.0
New Jersey	4,466.1	4,495.3	4,511.9	4,516.7	190.3	217.1	223.3	243.0	4.3	4.8	4.9	5.4
New Mexico	941.9	950.1	951.0	949.6	33.7	34.7	33.7	35.8	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.8
New York	9,514.6	9,532.0	9,579.2	9,591.1	431.1	453.9	453.2	501.1	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.2
New York City	3,842.4	3,832.3	3,868.2	3,871.6	195.1	173.6	183.2	200.0	5.1	4.5	4.7	5.2
North Carolina	4,519.7	4,544.1	4,557.0	4,559.6	216.2	237.0	244.9	265.8	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.8
North Dakota	365.0	370.1	370.7	373.0	11.6	11.5	11.5	12.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3
Ohio	5,976.7	5,989.5	5,996.5	6,005.8	336.7	344.7	335.1	379.7	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,095.7	1,084.0	1,094.3	1,096.3	63.8	65.6	70.4	80.1	5.8	6.1	6.4	7.3
Oklahoma	1,734.5	1,721.7	1,723.6	1,735.1	77.3	53.1	55.5	61.0	4.5	3.1	3.2	3.5
Oregon	1,924.4	1,952.7	1,948.5	1,947.7	98.6	109.7	105.6	109.7	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.6
Pennsylvania	6,284.7	6,324.5	6,370.1	6,404.8	271.0	308.8	319.2	330.5	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.2
Rhode Island	577.8	572.8	573.2	571.5	28.6	35.1	34.9	41.1	5.0	6.1	6.1	7.2
South Carolina	2,126.4	2,140.7	2,139.0	2,152.4	119.9	122.2	125.6	140.8	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.5
South Dakota	442.4	444.7	445.8	444.8	13.1	11.0	11.7	12.9	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.9
Tennessee	3,031.0	3,055.5	3,068.4	3,062.9	141.9	169.5	164.6	195.9	4.7	5.5	5.4	6.4
Texas	11,472.6	11,632.8	11,675.9	11,712.1	500.9	494.5	481.7	522.4	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.5
Utah	1,355.3	1,394.0	1,384.8	1,388.4	35.0	46.2	42.7	44.0	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.2
Vermont	354.2	352.0	352.2	352.3	13.6	16.1	15.7	17.1	3.8	4.6	4.4	4.9
Virginia	4,045.2	4,114.7	4,116.6	4,125.3	121.3	153.5	143.8	161.1	3.0	3.7	3.5	3.9
Washington	3,399.1	3,465.8	3,466.8	3,452.6	154.1	166.3	161.5	184.7	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,434.2	1,445.9	1,453.0	1,444.0	54.5	53.1	50.1	58.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.1
West Virginia	808.4	814.3	817.8	816.6	36.9	38.1	41.0	43.5	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.3
Wisconsin	3,087.6	3,105.4	3,096.7	3,089.2	150.3	150.2	132.5	136.9	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.4
Wyoming	287.6	292.5	291.0	290.2	9.1	9.0	7.5	8.5	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.9
Puerto Rico	1,397.5	1,355.8	1,355.5	1,366.9	149.0	133.2	141.1	153.7	10.7	9.8	10.4	11.2

P = preliminary.

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan division.

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

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area

definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 08-01, dated November 20, 2007, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>. Estimates for the latest month are subject to revision the following month.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P
Alabama	2,159.7	2,186.0	2,168.0	2,195.2	59.8	75.9	63.6	91.9	2.8	3.5	2.9	4.2
Alaska	346.3	354.0	350.8	360.0	21.9	24.9	20.4	24.1	6.3	7.0	5.8	6.7
Arizona	3,001.7	3,053.7	3,002.0	3,057.6	101.3	111.1	98.6	125.5	3.4	3.6	3.3	4.1
Arkansas	1,367.3	1,374.1	1,368.9	1,388.7	68.9	62.2	70.1	69.2	5.0	4.5	5.1	5.0
California	18,025.8	18,303.1	18,051.0	18,367.5	905.7	1,116.1	876.2	1,189.5	5.0	6.1	4.9	6.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,869.9	4,943.5	4,870.2	4,925.5	222.2	219.1	317.2	5.6	4.6	5.7	4.5	6.4
Colorado	2,661.1	2,742.9	2,670.8	2,746.3	90.5	116.9	89.0	127.8	3.4	4.3	3.3	4.7
Connecticut	1,847.0	1,867.1	1,857.1	1,885.1	77.3	84.6	80.6	100.3	4.2	4.5	4.3	5.3
Delaware	441.7	446.0	440.2	444.0	15.1	16.7	12.8	16.8	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.8
District of Columbia	324.0	329.6	323.2	329.5	16.5	17.6	17.4	21.6	5.1	5.3	5.4	6.5
Florida	9,074.0	9,183.3	9,119.1	9,256.7	315.2	434.0	322.3	489.2	3.5	4.7	3.5	5.3
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,184.4	1,201.4	1,187.3	1,207.1	41.5	56.3	40.5	57.2	3.5	4.7	3.4	4.7
Georgia	4,776.4	4,879.4	4,791.3	4,892.5	191.1	244.5	194.7	274.6	4.0	5.0	4.1	5.6
Hawaii	650.5	664.6	647.7	662.0	15.6	21.3	15.2	22.4	2.4	3.2	2.3	3.4
Idaho	747.4	748.2	751.3	752.8	22.1	25.2	15.7	22.6	3.0	3.4	2.1	3.0
Illinois	6,632.7	6,775.4	6,648.5	6,797.8	311.9	363.0	306.7	421.3	4.7	5.4	4.6	6.2
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	4,078.7	4,172.4	4,080.2	4,198.2	190.3	223.4	188.8	272.1	4.7	5.4	4.6	6.5
Indiana	3,203.6	3,208.3	3,212.8	3,238.7	143.0	149.9	135.8	164.3	4.5	4.7	4.2	5.1
Iowa	1,653.8	1,670.5	1,652.9	1,673.6	59.9	58.6	55.6	58.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5
Kansas	1,473.0	1,478.5	1,470.7	1,487.9	54.3	53.9	57.1	65.0	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.4
Kentucky	2,033.8	2,036.8	2,047.1	2,052.2	105.8	111.2	108.4	125.3	5.2	5.5	5.3	6.1
Louisiana	1,985.3	2,010.3	1,985.5	2,007.7	66.2	69.6	75.5	73.7	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.7
Maine	695.4	700.9	700.1	705.6	34.2	35.4	31.6	36.7	4.9	5.1	4.5	5.2
Maryland	2,950.3	2,980.0	2,968.8	3,014.5	96.6	102.0	98.4	116.0	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.8
Massachusetts	3,380.7	3,375.4	3,394.5	3,375.6	145.1	132.8	147.4	157.8	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.7
Michigan	4,965.4	4,915.1	5,019.9	5,005.9	335.3	326.8	336.3	416.2	6.8	6.6	6.7	8.3
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,115.7	2,080.9	2,136.1	2,129.8	147.5	143.9	152.4	189.5	7.0	6.9	7.1	8.9
Minnesota	2,915.7	2,936.5	2,920.3	2,946.2	136.9	145.2	120.7	146.6	4.7	4.9	4.1	5.0
Mississippi	1,301.6	1,329.7	1,307.1	1,342.5	76.4	74.0	78.9	92.3	5.9	5.6	6.0	6.9
Missouri	3,020.7	3,005.9	3,023.6	3,033.8	132.1	147.7	134.5	172.5	4.4	4.9	4.4	5.7
Montana	499.6	504.2	500.9	504.0	15.6	19.6	12.8	18.8	3.1	3.9	2.6	3.7
Nebraska	979.7	994.5	986.8	999.6	26.4	30.5	29.7	31.3	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.1
Nevada	1,321.9	1,384.1	1,324.6	1,390.9	59.5	78.4	56.6	82.5	4.5	5.7	4.3	5.9
New Hampshire	731.2	739.7	733.5	741.6	27.0	28.5	25.8	28.2	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.8
New Jersey	4,439.0	4,483.2	4,445.1	4,502.6	179.7	213.4	179.7	235.5	4.0	4.8	4.0	5.2
New Mexico	937.1	947.0	937.2	945.9	32.2	32.6	31.9	34.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.7
New York	9,418.1	9,504.0	9,440.8	9,532.2	391.5	432.1	394.9	471.8	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.9
New York City	3,812.3	3,852.0	3,808.3	3,843.3	171.0	172.5	177.5	185.3	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8
North Carolina	4,489.1	4,534.6	4,520.3	4,559.8	197.4	232.6	207.4	262.2	4.4	5.1	4.6	5.8
North Dakota	363.4	368.8	366.8	375.0	12.3	12.2	10.5	11.1	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.9
Ohio	5,938.4	5,957.8	5,963.0	5,995.9	327.2	329.3	312.2	356.6	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.9
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,089.2	1,089.7	1,095.7	1,097.8	59.1	67.9	60.8	79.1	5.4	6.2	5.5	7.2
Oklahoma	1,726.5	1,718.2	1,731.7	1,735.4	68.2	49.4	76.1	61.2	3.9	2.9	4.4	3.5
Oregon	1,910.4	1,940.7	1,913.1	1,939.1	97.0	107.1	90.9	102.5	5.1	5.5	4.8	5.3
Pennsylvania	6,210.0	6,308.0	6,254.6	6,386.4	243.4	298.2	259.8	321.9	3.9	4.7	4.2	5.0
Rhode Island	571.9	568.3	572.1	566.9	28.0	34.1	27.0	40.7	4.9	6.0	4.7	7.2
South Carolina	2,125.4	2,135.9	2,134.0	2,160.1	111.2	117.2	109.1	132.3	5.2	5.5	5.1	6.1
South Dakota	440.4	444.4	444.4	447.0	12.7	11.3	12.4	12.5	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8
Tennessee	2,992.5	3,042.4	3,011.3	3,045.7	122.8	155.6	123.4	180.9	4.1	5.1	4.1	5.9
Texas	11,398.2	11,628.8	11,407.6	11,675.1	454.3	448.8	455.6	500.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3
Utah	1,342.3	1,375.0	1,349.1	1,383.3	31.5	40.7	31.5	41.4	2.3	3.0	2.3	3.0
Vermont	351.3	348.7	350.9	349.2	16.1	17.5	12.4	16.0	4.6	5.0	3.5	4.6
Virginia	4,028.0	4,104.1	4,053.2	4,133.3	109.1	134.9	113.5	156.0	2.7	3.3	2.8	3.8
Washington	3,363.0	3,445.2	3,379.3	3,435.6	143.9	157.2	143.2	176.1	4.3	4.6	4.2	5.1
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,425.8	1,451.3	1,438.3	1,449.7	48.4	46.6	53.3	59.3	3.4	3.2	3.7	4.1
West Virginia	805.7	815.7	810.3	818.3	36.4	41.9	34.8	42.0	4.5	5.1	4.3	5.1
Wisconsin	3,070.5	3,070.8	3,068.8	3,071.8	161.1	135.0	144.0	129.3	5.2	4.4	4.7	4.2
Wyoming	284.6	288.7	285.6	288.3	9.0	7.9	8.6	8.3	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.9
Puerto Rico	1,412.1	1,355.5	1,403.4	1,375.0	137.4	131.8	148.1	156.1	9.7	9.7	10.6	11.4

P = preliminary.

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan division.

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

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

(In thousands)

State	Total <sup>1</sup>				Construction				Manufacturing			
	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008P	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008P	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008P
Alabama	2,003.0	2,014.8	2,011.2	2,011.5	112.3	115.0	114.0	113.2	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Alaska	317.6	319.5	320.4	320.7	17.6	17.3	17.1	16.9	13.0	12.3	13.2	13.1
Arizona	2,668.6	2,660.8	2,653.4	2,652.9	226.8	205.7	202.0	199.1	182.1	179.4	179.0	178.5
Arkansas	1,203.5	1,208.5	1,207.3	1,207.2	56.4	55.4	55.4	55.2	190.4	185.1	183.8	183.2
California	15,161.7	15,163.1	15,154.0	15,143.1	903.7	829.1	824.9	815.3	1,464.5	1,447.9	1,445.8	1,442.5
Colorado	2,328.3	2,360.4	2,361.4	2,362.1	169.3	165.2	165.4	165.1	146.7	143.7	143.5	142.3
Connecticut	1,696.7	1,699.7	1,698.9	1,701.8	68.5	67.8	67.8	68.0	191.1	189.9	189.6	189.2
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	437.0	436.1	436.0	435.4	27.8	27.3	27.0	26.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	692.4	699.8	700.5	702.9	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Florida	8,050.6	8,012.4	7,981.9	7,975.9	605.9	544.1	527.1	528.7	391.8	373.1	371.5	367.9
Georgia	4,144.0	4,176.4	4,162.7	4,164.9	222.7	220.9	219.4	219.0	432.5	423.6	419.6	417.9
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	624.2	630.2	624.1	628.0	38.8	40.0	39.4	39.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Idaho	656.3	653.7	654.7	654.0	53.0	49.5	49.4	48.5	67.0	63.1	62.8	62.3
Illinois	5,983.9	5,996.3	5,996.6	6,000.6	273.4	265.8	264.4	264.9	677.1	673.5	671.6	672.0
Indiana	2,987.1	2,986.9	2,984.7	2,983.4	152.1	146.6	147.2	147.0	550.5	539.8	536.9	537.8
Iowa	1,516.1	1,523.3	1,522.2	1,526.3	72.6	71.9	71.2	72.3	228.3	230.4	229.8	229.9
Kansas	1,376.9	1,386.7	1,383.5	1,384.9	64.6	63.8	63.3	64.6	184.9	187.8	186.5	184.2
Kentucky	1,869.1	1,881.6	1,878.5	1,879.1	85.1	86.1	86.4	86.6	257.8	253.3	250.7	251.8
Louisiana	1,911.2	1,940.3	1,942.0	1,942.0	132.5	136.9	137.2	137.6	158.0	158.4	157.7	157.4
Maine	615.8	618.2	615.1	616.5	30.6	30.1	29.5	29.6	59.1	58.3	58.4	58.4
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,606.8	2,634.0	2,631.4	2,632.5	190.7	190.8	189.4	189.0	132.1	130.4	129.4	128.7
Massachusetts	3,277.3	3,293.0	3,290.5	3,291.9	137.3	135.1	134.3	133.9	295.8	292.8	292.5	292.1
Michigan	4,274.0	4,215.8	4,199.0	4,205.1	166.6	159.1	152.9	152.0	622.2	584.3	572.5	575.0
Minnesota	2,771.2	2,784.2	2,772.3	2,774.0	122.0	117.5	114.1	115.0	341.7	340.1	337.6	335.5
Mississippi	1,151.0	1,156.8	1,156.6	1,156.7	57.8	58.8	58.9	58.0	170.8	166.0	165.0	164.6
Missouri	2,796.7	2,792.8	2,788.8	2,788.8	148.1	147.3	146.4	146.7	301.1	288.8	290.3	290.6
Montana	444.3	451.2	450.6	451.1	33.2	32.9	32.7	33.0	20.5	20.6	20.6	20.7
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	960.5	970.6	971.1	971.1	49.7	50.1	51.6	50.7	101.3	100.9	100.3	100.6
Nevada	1,296.1	1,288.8	1,287.5	1,290.3	136.0	125.0	124.2	124.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.2
New Hampshire	646.1	655.2	655.4	656.6	27.9	27.6	27.6	28.7	77.6	78.0	78.1	78.1
New Jersey	4,077.0	4,071.7	4,071.6	4,071.7	172.0	168.0	166.9	167.3	313.2	308.3	306.9	305.2
New Mexico	841.9	851.3	850.8	851.3	59.3	59.4	59.4	59.4	37.4	35.3	35.1	35.4
New York	8,732.7	8,777.5	8,771.1	8,770.9	351.4	351.0	349.9	348.4	555.8	540.8	539.3	539.0
North Carolina	4,137.6	4,183.1	4,176.5	4,172.7	254.3	258.9	258.4	258.2	536.5	527.8	525.3	524.1
North Dakota	357.1	362.2	361.2	361.6	18.8	19.9	19.4	19.1	26.0	26.0	25.9	25.8
Ohio	5,428.9	5,420.1	5,408.7	5,417.9	226.4	223.7	220.1	219.9	775.3	758.4	758.7	760.1
Oklahoma	1,560.5	1,582.1	1,577.9	1,581.8	70.8	73.9	72.8	73.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Oregon	1,730.3	1,739.2	1,738.9	1,735.2	104.7	98.2	98.0	96.4	203.8	200.0	199.9	197.6
Pennsylvania	5,796.0	5,799.7	5,801.0	5,803.9	262.9	259.2	257.8	259.9	659.9	647.0	647.3	646.4
Rhode Island	494.2	485.2	484.7	482.9	22.2	21.0	20.9	21.0	51.0	48.6	48.4	48.1
South Carolina	1,941.2	1,951.6	1,957.8	1,954.7	125.3	121.3	117.7	116.2	250.0	247.8	246.2	245.7
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	406.3	411.0	409.2	410.0	22.9	23.6	23.4	23.7	41.9	42.5	42.6	42.3
Tennessee <sup>3</sup>	2,792.6	2,796.3	2,785.8	2,785.9	137.5	138.8	137.7	137.9	378.8	373.6	371.5	370.1
Texas	10,331.7	10,539.4	10,561.6	10,570.4	639.9	655.2	662.1	663.2	934.5	932.0	930.4	929.5
Utah	1,250.3	1,272.1	1,271.3	1,270.9	104.2	102.0	100.0	96.8	127.2	130.1	129.5	129.0
Vermont	308.4	308.2	307.2	308.4	17.2	16.3	15.7	16.6	36.0	35.7	35.8	35.6
Virginia	3,758.3	3,772.0	3,773.3	3,772.1	241.4	237.2	237.4	235.0	279.6	272.4	276.3	275.8
Washington	2,926.9	2,966.5	2,962.6	2,961.9	208.8	207.6	206.3	206.6	291.1	297.1	296.8	296.8
West Virginia	756.4	761.4	760.4	758.8	38.7	38.4	38.3	37.9	59.2	58.0	57.7	57.6
Wisconsin	2,886.0	2,871.0	2,866.8	2,866.7	126.6	121.0	121.5	121.5	501.8	493.4	492.7	492.7
Wyoming	286.9	294.8	294.9	294.9	25.7	27.6	27.9	28.3	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008P	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008P	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008P
Alabama	395.7	397.8	397.2	396.9	99.7	100.7	100.6	100.4	220.3	224.3	224.3	224.3
Alaska	63.9	65.0	64.7	64.4	15.2	15.0	15.0	15.0	25.1	25.4	25.6	25.7
Arizona	527.0	523.8	524.2	522.6	186.5	179.2	177.9	178.5	402.5	400.5	397.9	400.3
Arkansas	249.9	250.2	249.2	249.1	53.4	53.8	53.7	53.9	116.7	118.7	118.6	119.0
California	2,911.9	2,909.4	2,906.0	2,905.3	912.4	879.5	878.7	877.5	2,260.3	2,286.0	2,285.1	2,282.0
Colorado	428.6	436.3	435.1	435.1	160.0	158.6	158.7	158.2	347.2	354.7	356.3	354.8
Connecticut	311.9	310.9	308.9	310.1	144.9	142.6	142.8	143.0	207.0	204.1	205.3	205.8
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	83.1	82.9	82.7	82.2	45.5	45.6	45.5	45.7	60.3	59.4	59.1	59.3
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	28.0	27.5	28.0	27.9	29.0	28.7	28.3	28.0	154.2	155.6	155.1	156.3
Florida	1,613.2	1,607.1	1,605.8	1,600.7	542.5	538.2	535.8	536.4	1,328.0	1,315.6	1,312.4	1,309.9
Georgia	886.4	899.5	893.4	893.5	231.7	228.9	228.4	227.9	559.6	568.1	564.3	565.2
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	121.4	122.2	120.2	120.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Idaho	131.9	131.9	132.3	132.5	32.9	32.1	32.4	32.5	83.0	82.7	82.9	82.9
Illinois	1,211.4	1,223.1	1,221.7	1,224.0	405.2	403.3	403.2	402.0	872.2	873.5	877.4	877.3
Indiana	587.7	585.2	584.3	585.4	139.2	138.5	138.6	139.1	290.3	289.0	290.7	289.5
Iowa	309.5	308.8	308.7	309.8	102.5	103.7	103.4	103.5	120.7	122.0	121.8	121.7
Kansas	263.1	264.2	263.3	263.6	74.3	73.7	73.8	73.9	144.0	146.6	147.0	146.7
Kentucky	386.2	390.8	391.0	391.1	93.0	94.2	94.2	93.8	182.6	184.9	183.1	181.3
Louisiana	381.1	384.5	383.6	384.3	96.9	96.8	96.8	96.9	200.6	202.6	203.3	202.9
Maine	125.9	126.8	125.6	126.2	33.4	32.7	32.9	33.0	53.2	54.0	54.2	54.2
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	477.6	478.8	477.6	477.7	158.1	156.1	156.1	155.7	395.1	403.6	402.5	403.6
Massachusetts	571.5	568.9	567.4	567.8	225.5	224.1	223.6	223.6	482.2	488.6	488.1	488.8
Michigan	788.4	787.7	785.1	784.2	212.2	208.6	207.6	207.4	576.3	577.0	579.9	582.4
Minnesota	530.0	530.4	528.6	527.9	178.8	179.7	180.6	180.4	329.2	332.0	331.2	328.9
Mississippi	227.4	228.4	228.4	228.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	94.0	94.9	95.8	96.3
Missouri	549.7	549.0	548.2	547.9	166.7	165.8	164.9	164.7	337.4	340.9	340.6	337.9
Montana	91.9	94.2	93.8	93.8	21.8	21.6	21.7	21.7	40.7	42.2	42.3	42.5
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	204.5	206.4	206.1	205.3	69.2	69.7	70.2	70.3	103.6	108.2	107.8	108.1
Nevada	232.2	237.8	238.0	237.6	65.6	63.1	63.0	62.9	159.2	153.4	152.1	153.4
New Hampshire	141.9	142.4	142.4	142.7	38.4	38.7	38.7	39.0	65.4	67.3	67.8	67.6
New Jersey	876.6	874.7	873.3	873.7	276.2	269.4	268.5	267.9	609.0	608.9	611.7	612.9
New Mexico	144.2	147.2	147.4	146.7	35.3	35.3	35.2	35.0	108.4	109.3	108.8	108.5
New York	1,527.3	1,527.7	1,526.2	1,525.5	732.2	731.5	728.9	726.5	1,134.5	1,134.4	1,135.4	1,137.9
North Carolina	778.1	785.8	782.1	779.1	211.7	210.9	209.7	211.0	498.3	503.0	503.3	505.3
North Dakota	76.2	77.5	77.4	77.4	19.8	20.1	20.1	19.9	29.4	30.2	29.8	30.0
Ohio	1,052.3	1,051.6	1,049.6	1,051.1	302.5	301.1	301.0	300.7	667.0	668.3	668.0	670.0
Oklahoma	287.1	291.5	288.9	289.1	83.5	83.9	84.3	84.7	180.4	180.6	180.7	181.4
Oregon	339.5	342.1	342.4	340.8	107.4	105.4	105.6	105.4	197.6	200.9	200.2	199.2
Pennsylvania	1,136.6	1,133.0	1,129.0	1,130.4	332.2	330.6	329.9	329.9	704.8	711.0	714.7	713.2
Rhode Island	79.9	78.4	78.5	77.5	35.4	33.8	33.7	33.7	56.6	54.2	54.4	54.3
South Carolina	376.7	376.1	377.7	376.3	105.7	106.9	108.5	107.9	225.5	228.0	230.0	228.2
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	81.2	81.8	81.6	80.7	30.9	31.3	31.2	31.6	27.7	27.7	28.2	28.6
Tennessee <sup>3</sup>	610.7	612.7	611.3	611.0	144.8	143.3	143.1	142.6	321.8	319.7	319.1	319.4
Texas	2,098.4	2,142.6	2,139.6	2,139.7	644.8	647.1	651.3	650.7	1,281.7	1,335.7	1,344.5	1,346.2
Utah	245.0	251.6	250.8	250.3	75.1	75.5	75.5	75.3	161.5	164.5	164.8	165.8
Vermont	59.0	58.8	58.4	58.6	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.1	22.4	22.3	22.4	22.7
Virginia	668.0	666.8	664.7	662.9	194.6	192.6	192.8	193.4	643.4	650.1	652.8	650.3
Washington	552.5	556.2	555.0	554.6	155.7	153.9	153.4	152.9	343.7	351.0	348.9	349.5
West Virginia	142.7	142.7	141.6	141.3	29.8	29.6	29.7	29.7	60.9	61.7	62.2	62.2
Wisconsin	549.1	544.2	540.2	539.8	162.8	163.0	164.1	163.7	278.2	279.3	278.5	277.8
Wyoming	54.7	56.8	56.5	56.1	11.3	11.6	11.7	11.7	18.5	18.7	18.8	18.9

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	207.7	209.5	208.5	209.5	172.9	174.7	174.4	174.0	375.9	379.6	379.5	381.2
Alaska	36.9	37.3	37.1	36.9	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.5	81.6	81.7	82.2	82.7
Arizona	302.1	313.0	312.7	314.1	272.1	273.4	273.9	275.0	417.3	433.1	434.2	432.9
Arkansas	154.1	156.7	156.9	157.1	98.9	100.3	100.9	100.7	209.6	212.4	212.7	212.7
California	1,656.1	1,703.4	1,708.2	1,712.2	1,554.6	1,567.5	1,566.1	1,564.1	2,491.4	2,529.8	2,534.6	2,534.6
Colorado	238.9	246.4	247.5	248.5	269.9	275.8	275.9	277.1	373.7	381.9	381.6	383.5
Connecticut	286.6	292.4	293.2	293.4	135.1	136.2	135.8	136.3	247.8	251.9	251.7	252.7
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	57.7	59.1	59.5	59.5	40.8	39.7	39.6	40.5	61.2	60.6	61.0	60.9
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	97.3	101.0	101.7	102.7	54.4	54.3	54.7	54.8	231.0	233.1	233.2	233.5
Florida	1,003.0	1,032.0	1,034.7	1,038.2	931.1	946.8	947.2	947.5	1,123.1	1,140.9	1,138.6	1,138.7
Georgia	453.0	463.0	465.2	466.6	396.3	400.5	399.3	400.6	675.2	684.4	685.0	686.3
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	72.7	74.3	74.6	74.5	110.7	109.3	109.0	109.3	122.1	124.1	120.0	124.7
Idaho	73.9	74.9	74.9	75.4	63.2	64.0	64.2	64.9	116.6	119.9	120.1	119.3
Illinois	776.5	788.7	790.9	791.7	531.2	529.3	528.4	529.1	849.0	853.7	854.0	852.7
Indiana	396.1	405.8	405.1	400.8	283.9	284.2	283.1	284.8	428.3	437.4	438.5	438.7
Iowa	201.7	204.0	204.2	204.7	137.2	136.4	136.9	137.7	249.5	253.2	252.8	253.1
Kansas	170.4	172.2	171.7	172.1	116.2	115.4	115.2	115.2	257.1	260.9	260.7	262.9
Kentucky	240.5	240.9	240.3	240.0	173.3	174.1	174.3	174.2	322.6	328.8	330.3	332.1
Louisiana	244.5	251.8	253.4	252.5	192.7	199.2	199.6	199.4	357.0	363.0	364.1	364.0
Maine	116.0	117.0	116.9	117.3	59.3	61.5	60.1	59.7	104.4	104.1	104.0	104.4
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	372.3	381.3	382.9	384.1	234.1	239.3	238.8	239.4	478.6	483.3	484.1	484.0
Massachusetts	622.8	632.4	636.0	636.4	299.9	305.1	301.8	302.1	432.9	436.0	436.0	437.0
Michigan	594.3	603.3	602.5	604.5	405.5	401.9	400.4	404.5	659.0	646.3	650.6	647.9
Minnesota	426.0	436.0	436.2	436.7	247.3	249.9	247.5	250.7	415.2	418.6	417.5	419.8
Mississippi	125.4	127.4	127.0	127.0	125.0	127.4	126.6	127.5	243.5	246.3	247.0	247.3
Missouri	383.4	388.1	388.2	389.3	281.1	282.4	279.6	279.7	440.0	440.8	442.1	443.9
Montana	58.7	60.1	60.0	60.1	57.9	59.5	59.8	60.1	86.6	86.3	85.9	85.6
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	131.5	134.7	133.9	134.1	82.1	83.0	83.0	83.5	164.3	163.7	163.9	164.4
Nevada	91.6	94.7	94.6	95.3	339.2	339.5	338.9	339.6	156.8	159.4	160.6	161.4
New Hampshire	102.7	105.8	106.2	106.3	64.3	63.9	63.9	63.0	92.7	95.8	95.3	95.7
New Jersey	578.9	588.4	590.0	590.5	339.2	341.0	340.1	340.3	649.3	648.8	648.6	648.2
New Mexico	111.6	114.7	115.3	116.3	87.4	89.0	88.4	87.9	194.5	195.5	196.4	196.2
New York	1,597.0	1,631.9	1,631.0	1,630.6	699.7	708.1	707.9	708.4	1,499.1	1,511.5	1,512.2	1,514.3
North Carolina	513.8	527.3	528.9	530.7	393.6	399.8	399.7	401.5	693.7	703.8	703.6	698.5
North Dakota	50.7	51.6	51.5	51.8	32.8	33.4	33.2	33.2	75.6	75.1	75.3	75.7
Ohio	788.8	801.0	799.9	803.1	501.4	499.6	496.9	499.3	793.4	797.0	795.9	795.7
Oklahoma	191.6	194.8	195.8	196.2	138.4	142.3	141.8	141.9	321.7	321.4	320.7	322.0
Oregon	210.6	217.8	218.3	221.8	171.1	176.3	174.8	174.4	289.8	294.5	296.0	296.2
Pennsylvania	1,072.0	1,085.2	1,090.0	1,092.8	498.8	506.5	504.1	505.8	744.3	741.9	742.5	741.0
Rhode Island	99.2	100.2	100.1	100.1	51.1	50.8	51.0	50.5	64.8	64.3	64.2	64.1
South Carolina	199.5	205.4	206.1	206.0	216.2	220.0	222.8	224.2	336.1	340.8	342.4	343.7
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	60.0	61.0	60.7	61.5	42.8	43.8	42.8	42.9	75.7	76.0	75.7	75.7
Tennessee <sup>3</sup>	348.9	355.9	355.3	356.2	275.1	279.1	276.1	276.0	421.0	420.7	419.5	420.9
Texas	1,250.8	1,283.2	1,283.9	1,289.3	976.0	1,010.3	1,013.6	1,014.9	1,728.7	1,740.0	1,741.1	1,741.0
Utah	139.2	144.0	144.5	145.2	112.4	116.4	117.3	116.7	206.5	208.6	209.3	211.2
Vermont	56.5	57.4	57.5	57.5	32.9	33.2	33.3	32.7	54.7	54.1	54.2	54.9
Virginia	416.2	423.5	423.1	425.8	344.0	349.3	346.7	347.5	684.3	693.1	693.5	694.0
Washington	346.1	354.5	354.2	354.1	279.6	288.7	288.4	288.7	533.5	538.4	539.9	538.7
West Virginia	113.1	115.5	116.1	116.1	71.2	73.6	73.3	72.3	145.6	145.5	145.7	146.4
Wisconsin	398.2	406.0	406.0	406.5	262.0	257.2	259.6	257.8	415.8	417.6	415.9	417.1
Wyoming	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	33.4	34.6	34.4	34.2	66.6	68.0	68.2	68.2

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

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

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

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

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

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	April		May		April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	2,002.8	2,016.4	2,010.6	2,019.1	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.8	112.1	114.1	112.6	113.9	296.6	291.0	296.5	290.4
Alaska	309.8	312.5	322.4	324.1	13.5	14.8	13.6	14.9	16.0	15.3	18.0	17.3	11.0	10.8	10.5	10.5
Arizona	2,676.0	2,670.2	2,680.6	2,663.5	10.7	12.4	10.9	12.3	226.3	200.6	227.3	198.4	182.1	178.8	182.0	178.3
Arkansas	1,208.0	1,210.1	1,211.5	1,214.2	9.0	10.3	9.2	10.4	56.8	55.0	57.5	56.0	190.5	183.4	190.3	183.3
California	15,111.8	15,146.7	15,200.0	15,183.1	25.2	25.6	25.9	26.6	890.5	809.8	903.4	813.3	1,458.0	1,439.1	1,461.9	1,440.0
Colorado	2,313.7	2,354.5	2,328.0	2,362.6	24.5	27.7	25.1	28.3	164.1	162.3	169.9	165.5	145.6	142.7	146.4	142.4
Connecticut	1,689.4	1,700.9	1,705.7	1,711.9	.7	.7	.7	.8	67.1	66.6	69.6	69.2	190.7	189.4	190.9	189.3
Delaware	434.1	434.6	440.0	438.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	27.4	26.7	28.0	26.8	33.2	33.5	33.5	32.9
District of Columbia	693.1	702.8	691.0	702.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
Florida	8,099.3	8,030.2	8,096.0	8,007.6	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.4	609.6	527.8	606.9	529.4	393.7	371.5	393.5	368.5
Georgia	4,140.4	4,167.0	4,158.9	4,176.4	12.0	11.6	12.0	11.6	221.7	218.5	223.1	219.7	433.5	419.9	433.7	419.1
Hawaii	618.2	623.6	626.7	630.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	38.2	39.4	38.6	39.7	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.2
Idaho	650.0	651.5	660.0	656.8	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.7	51.6	47.8	53.9	48.9	66.4	62.5	66.8	62.1
Illinois	5,960.7	5,977.1	6,018.2	6,025.7	10.1	9.7	10.4	10.0	266.5	258.2	279.3	269.8	676.9	670.7	677.3	671.6
Indiana	2,989.2	2,989.5	3,010.1	3,006.9	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	148.9	146.1	155.5	150.2	550.0	535.8	551.4	538.4
Iowa	1,516.7	1,528.5	1,533.2	1,543.0	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.2	69.5	70.2	74.5	74.3	227.9	229.2	228.4	230.1
Kansas	1,378.0	1,387.5	1,387.2	1,394.0	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.4	63.5	63.2	64.8	65.2	183.9	186.1	184.6	184.2
Kentucky	1,865.0	1,881.5	1,881.6	1,888.4	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.2	84.2	85.5	86.4	87.3	257.1	250.1	257.5	251.1
Louisiana	1,912.0	1,947.4	1,920.2	1,945.6	50.8	51.2	51.1	51.4	132.5	137.2	134.2	137.8	156.9	157.3	157.8	157.5
Maine	604.5	606.8	618.3	619.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	29.1	28.3	31.4	30.5	58.6	57.9	59.0	58.4
Maryland	2,597.6	2,628.4	2,621.9	2,648.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	188.9	187.4	191.5	189.7	131.8	129.0	132.1	128.4
Massachusetts	3,262.9	3,287.1	3,296.7	3,311.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	131.8	131.0	140.1	136.4	295.0	291.9	295.7	291.9
Michigan	4,262.5	4,191.7	4,325.9	4,255.9	7.3	6.9	7.8	7.3	158.1	144.2	171.6	157.0	626.9	572.0	626.8	577.9
Minnesota	2,744.3	2,761.3	2,793.8	2,800.5	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	110.7	106.1	125.3	118.5	338.7	334.9	340.9	335.4
Mississippi	1,153.8	1,159.1	1,156.3	1,158.4	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	58.0	58.3	58.2	58.0	171.7	165.3	171.0	164.8
Missouri	2,804.4	2,804.7	2,825.6	2,817.8	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.2	146.1	145.4	150.4	148.6	302.2	291.0	302.6	291.5
Montana	440.0	446.1	447.8	452.7	8.1	8.3	8.2	8.5	31.5	31.5	33.8	33.2	20.2	20.3	20.4	20.5
Nebraska	957.8	971.6	968.6	979.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	49.1	50.7	50.8	51.6	100.6	100.0	101.1	100.4
Nevada	1,294.1	1,289.1	1,303.9	1,295.0	11.9	12.2	12.1	12.3	134.6	123.4	137.5	124.2	50.5	51.0	50.7	51.1
New Hampshire	638.7	650.8	648.9	658.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	26.3	26.7	28.6	29.1	77.6	77.6	77.7	77.8
New Jersey	4,050.1	4,058.7	4,100.6	4,090.3	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	169.7	164.5	175.5	169.5	312.8	305.9	313.2	304.9
New Mexico	840.5	850.2	845.8	855.1	19.2	19.5	19.4	19.4	58.6	58.6	59.6	59.7	36.8	34.8	37.0	35.1
New York	8,677.6	8,741.5	8,772.9	8,815.7	5.9	6.2	6.4	6.7	337.4	339.1	356.3	353.8	553.7	536.3	556.1	538.6
North Carolina	4,126.3	4,185.9	4,164.5	4,206.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	253.3	258.1	255.4	259.9	535.5	525.5	536.1	525.2
North Dakota	356.1	361.0	362.5	365.8	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.4	17.6	18.0	19.7	20.1	25.6	25.6	25.9	25.7
Ohio	5,414.3	5,404.1	5,469.4	5,451.5	11.6	12.0	11.8	12.2	219.0	215.5	230.9	224.3	772.8	757.4	774.5	759.1
Oklahoma	1,561.0	1,585.6	1,572.1	1,594.0	44.8	51.1	45.2	51.0	70.1	72.8	70.8	74.0	149.6	150.6	150.2	151.3
Oregon	1,721.0	1,735.3	1,736.3	1,743.0	9.1	8.1	9.3	8.3	101.4	95.2	104.2	95.5	201.4	197.2	201.8	195.8
Pennsylvania	5,794.6	5,808.4	5,840.0	5,846.1	20.9	21.3	21.3	21.7	257.5	253.1	264.4	264.4	658.1	644.0	659.7	645.9
Rhode Island	493.2	483.6	499.4	487.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	21.6	20.5	22.7	21.4	51.1	48.4	51.1	48.1
South Carolina	1,944.6	1,966.8	1,958.0	1,974.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5	125.6	117.5	126.3	117.1	250.7	247.0	250.8	246.6
South Dakota	401.6	407.4	411.6	416.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	21.5	22.7	23.9	24.8	42.1	42.5	42.0	42.4
Tennessee	2,791.9	2,793.8	2,801.9	2,798.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	136.6	137.4	138.5	139.3	382.9	372.2	379.6	371.1
Texas	10,303.8	10,581.5	10,365.1	10,616.0	201.4	217.0	203.1	217.6	633.7	661.8	640.9	666.0	931.5	927.6	934.0	928.1
Utah	1,247.6	1,270.7	1,250.2	1,268.2	10.9	11.4	11.1	11.6	102.1	98.1	105.1	97.7	126.6	129.0	127.3	128.9
Vermont	302.7	303.9	308.3	308.2	.8	.9	.9	.9	15.3	14.6	17.7	17.0	35.8	35.5	36.0	35.6
Virginia	3,751.3	3,771.4	3,777.6	3,784.9	11.1	10.6	11.1	10.7	240.7	235.2	243.1	235.7	280.2	276.1	279.7	275.7
Washington	2,909.8	2,951.6	2,940.7	2,972.4	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.1	202.8	201.9	209.5	206.4	288.5	294.5	289.6	295.8
West Virginia	756.6	760.1	761.6	764.3	28.2	28.8	28.2	28.9	38.7	37.8	39.9	39.0	59.0	57.6	59.2	57.8
Wisconsin	2,862.0	2,852.5	2,904.0	2,887.9	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.8	120.0	115.5	130.2	124.2	497.2	487.7	499.3	489.8
Wyoming	280.6	289.5	289.0	296.7	26.8	27.5	27.2	27.4	24.9	26.7	26.5	28.9	10.1	9.9	10.1	9.9
Puerto Rico	1,029.8	1,010.0	1,034.0	1,009.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	67.1	69.1	67.4	69.3	106.5	102.3	106.2	101.7

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	April		May		April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	391.4	395.8	394.8	396.8	28.3	28.7	28.5	28.7	99.7	100.2	99.7	100.3	219.8	224.8	219.8	224.2
Alaska .....	61.7	62.7	65.9	66.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	14.8	14.8	15.2	15.1	24.3	24.7	25.7	26.0
Arizona .....	522.6	522.3	524.0	520.0	42.7	42.0	43.5	41.9	186.5	178.3	186.2	178.5	401.9	399.6	402.5	400.0
Arkansas .....	248.2	248.0	250.0	249.2	19.7	19.8	19.8	20.0	53.1	53.6	53.4	53.9	116.6	118.4	116.8	119.0
California .....	2,871.2	2,873.1	2,887.4	2,882.6	464.8	462.9	471.5	466.1	914.1	879.1	913.0	878.5	2,243.7	2,281.0	2,250.9	2,278.1
Colorado .....	422.9	430.4	424.7	431.7	75.8	75.4	76.2	75.0	160.0	158.2	159.2	157.4	344.3	353.9	349.0	357.6
Connecticut .....	306.1	307.1	311.3	310.1	38.0	38.7	38.9	38.5	144.1	142.6	144.5	142.7	206.0	205.9	207.6	206.5
Delaware .....	81.3	81.7	83.0	82.1	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	45.1	45.3	45.3	45.4	60.1	59.2	60.5	59.7
District of Columbia ..	27.8	27.8	27.9	27.8	21.9	21.2	21.8	21.2	29.4	28.4	29.1	28.1	153.3	155.4	154.7	156.8
Florida .....	1,606.8	1,604.1	1,611.6	1,596.6	162.1	158.3	162.8	158.3	543.1	537.3	543.6	537.7	1,337.7	1,316.4	1,334.8	1,311.4
Georgia .....	878.7	890.1	884.5	893.5	113.4	115.3	114.1	114.9	231.6	227.9	231.9	228.1	556.4	563.5	558.9	563.2
Hawaii .....	120.3	118.9	120.7	119.1	10.5	10.7	11.2	11.0	29.9	29.9	30.0	29.9	75.0	77.3	75.2	77.0
Idaho .....	130.4	130.9	131.6	132.0	10.8	11.1	10.9	11.3	32.5	32.1	32.9	32.4	82.9	82.5	84.0	83.7
Illinois .....	1,196.2	1,208.6	1,210.3	1,219.1	116.0	116.9	116.6	116.9	403.6	401.5	404.9	401.3	867.6	874.7	873.5	881.1
Indiana .....	582.1	581.0	588.2	585.5	39.6	40.5	40.1	40.7	138.6	137.9	139.4	138.9	289.8	289.1	292.6	290.4
Iowa .....	306.9	307.7	310.6	310.8	34.1	33.6	34.3	33.6	102.0	103.1	102.5	103.5	121.3	122.2	120.8	121.8
Kansas .....	261.2	261.7	263.0	263.4	41.3	40.5	41.4	40.4	73.7	73.6	74.2	73.7	143.4	147.6	143.4	146.8
Kentucky .....	383.1	388.9	386.7	391.9	29.9	29.9	30.3	29.9	92.9	94.3	93.2	94.2	180.4	181.8	181.8	180.0
Louisiana .....	379.3	383.1	381.1	384.0	28.8	28.5	28.7	28.6	96.6	96.7	96.6	96.6	200.8	204.1	201.1	203.0
Maine .....	121.2	121.7	123.8	124.1	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.2	33.1	32.5	33.3	32.7	52.9	54.1	53.8	54.9
Maryland .....	470.3	472.2	475.9	475.9	50.4	50.8	50.9	50.9	157.7	155.6	158.1	155.8	395.7	402.8	396.9	406.3
Massachusetts .....	561.0	560.0	568.9	565.5	88.0	89.7	87.5	89.5	224.0	222.6	224.8	223.1	480.0	487.6	484.4	490.9
Michigan .....	777.4	776.1	790.0	786.6	65.3	64.7	66.2	64.8	211.6	207.0	213.3	208.2	572.6	572.8	579.8	583.2
Minnesota .....	523.3	524.2	531.1	529.6	58.0	57.8	58.4	57.9	178.2	180.5	178.7	181.0	324.8	328.9	329.0	331.0
Mississippi .....	225.7	228.1	227.3	228.7	13.3	13.1	13.3	13.1	47.0	46.8	47.2	47.1	94.5	96.3	94.3	96.2
Missouri .....	546.7	545.8	550.6	548.3	62.6	63.6	63.1	63.8	166.2	164.7	166.9	164.7	337.6	341.9	337.5	339.1
Montana .....	90.6	93.0	92.2	94.1	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.6	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.5	40.3	41.9	41.1	42.4
Nebraska .....	202.4	205.1	205.0	206.0	19.2	19.0	19.2	18.8	68.7	69.9	69.4	70.3	103.4	108.1	104.0	108.4
Nevada .....	229.5	236.3	231.0	236.5	15.8	15.7	16.1	15.6	65.0	62.7	65.4	62.8	159.7	153.0	159.9	153.7
New Hampshire .....	139.1	140.2	141.1	142.0	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	38.1	38.6	38.2	38.8	64.9	67.8	65.8	67.9
New Jersey .....	861.6	863.2	874.5	871.3	97.1	97.9	97.4	98.2	274.8	267.4	276.0	267.8	604.8	610.7	610.6	614.3
New Mexico .....	142.4	145.6	144.0	146.3	14.4	15.7	14.8	16.7	35.2	35.1	35.2	35.0	108.3	108.1	108.7	108.4
New York .....	1,498.8	1,506.2	1,520.2	1,520.5	262.6	266.2	265.1	267.5	727.5	725.2	728.2	723.8	1,126.8	1,129.2	1,133.4	1,136.6
North Carolina .....	770.1	776.7	777.3	778.7	72.6	72.5	72.8	72.3	210.8	209.4	211.9	211.3	494.3	503.4	497.6	506.6
North Dakota .....	75.9	77.0	77.0	77.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	19.5	20.0	19.8	19.9	29.0	29.6	29.5	30.1
Ohio .....	1,039.1	1,040.0	1,050.9	1,049.1	87.7	86.3	88.3	86.2	301.8	299.6	302.4	300.4	663.6	666.8	666.6	668.9
Oklahoma .....	285.0	287.4	287.3	288.8	28.6	28.8	28.8	28.9	83.2	84.2	83.5	84.6	179.8	182.2	180.8	183.3
Oregon .....	334.3	338.2	336.3	338.2	35.9	35.7	36.3	35.4	106.9	105.3	107.2	105.3	196.2	199.9	196.6	200.0
Pennsylvania .....	1,124.3	1,119.8	1,135.8	1,128.9	106.5	105.6	107.0	106.0	330.9	328.6	332.3	329.9	701.9	713.4	705.8	714.9
Rhode Island .....	78.9	77.2	79.7	77.5	10.5	10.8	10.5	10.9	35.3	33.5	35.4	33.6	56.4	54.4	57.1	54.7
South Carolina .....	373.5	377.3	376.6	378.6	27.6	27.7	27.8	27.7	105.4	107.9	106.1	107.9	225.1	229.5	226.6	229.5
South Dakota .....	80.3	81.1	81.8	81.5	7.3	6.9	7.4	7.1	30.6	31.3	30.8	31.5	27.4	28.2	28.0	28.9
Tennessee .....	607.0	608.0	609.4	609.5	49.5	49.5	49.9	49.3	143.8	142.6	144.9	142.5	318.2	318.6	319.5	318.0
Texas .....	2,075.5	2,126.3	2,086.6	2,132.0	219.1	219.7	220.8	220.7	639.4	650.0	643.2	650.9	1,274.6	1,345.4	1,279.9	1,348.4
Utah .....	241.8	248.1	243.3	248.4	32.3	31.9	32.6	32.3	74.8	75.1	75.0	75.0	159.6	164.4	162.2	166.4
Vermont .....	57.7	57.5	58.7	58.3	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.1	22.1	22.2	22.6	22.8
Virginia .....	657.5	658.0	664.2	660.4	90.6	90.0	91.2	90.4	194.0	191.8	195.1	193.2	641.2	650.3	642.3	649.0
Washington .....	544.2	547.6	549.2	551.1	101.5	104.2	102.6	104.7	155.6	152.7	155.9	152.7	340.9	347.2	343.7	349.3
West Virginia .....	141.5	140.5	142.6	141.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4	29.8	29.7	29.9	29.8	60.8	62.1	60.7	61.9
Wisconsin .....	538.4	533.3	547.9	539.9	49.5	49.5	49.9	49.6	162.2	163.2	162.7	163.6	275.7	276.6	278.0	278.2
Wyoming .....	53.3	55.3	54.6	56.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	11.2	11.6	11.3	11.7	17.9	18.5	18.8	19.3
Puerto Rico .....	180.9	174.6	183.9	175.3	22.7	22.0	22.7	22.1	48.3	48.0	48.7	47.8	109.0	103.9	108.6	103.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	April		May		April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	207.8	209.3	208.3	209.8	174.5	176.0	176.6	177.2	81.2	80.6	81.4	80.9	378.6	383.1	379.5	384.1
Alaska	37.3	37.3	37.3	37.2	29.2	29.3	33.7	33.8	11.4	11.5	11.8	11.8	83.8	84.5	83.8	84.7
Arizona	301.5	313.9	302.9	314.8	278.0	281.0	277.7	280.0	97.2	97.4	97.7	97.9	426.5	443.9	425.9	441.4
Arkansas	154.3	157.6	154.5	157.3	100.1	101.8	101.6	103.3	45.3	45.8	45.5	46.1	214.4	216.4	212.9	215.7
California	1,662.2	1,721.9	1,668.2	1,722.6	1,548.3	1,564.3	1,569.2	1,576.5	508.9	517.2	513.2	520.3	2,524.9	2,572.7	2,535.4	2,578.5
Colorado	238.9	248.1	239.9	249.4	266.6	273.9	263.0	269.1	92.5	94.4	92.6	94.7	378.5	387.5	382.0	391.5
Connecticut	289.2	295.8	287.5	294.0	131.3	133.4	138.6	139.7	63.9	64.0	64.2	64.3	252.3	256.7	251.9	256.8
Delaware	57.6	59.8	57.9	59.9	39.7	38.3	41.7	41.2	20.3	20.8	20.3	20.7	62.5	62.3	62.8	62.7
District of Columbia	101.2	105.2	96.8	102.3	55.4	55.8	55.5	56.3	62.2	64.2	62.5	64.5	228.0	230.8	228.4	231.4
Florida	1,004.7	1,036.7	1,007.4	1,042.0	952.7	969.8	947.5	962.2	343.2	344.1	345.2	345.3	1,138.9	1,157.8	1,136.0	1,149.8
Georgia	453.6	466.1	454.4	467.1	399.7	403.1	405.4	408.0	160.6	161.1	161.7	162.6	679.2	689.9	679.2	688.6
Hawaii	72.9	74.7	73.2	74.9	110.1	108.7	110.7	108.9	26.3	27.0	26.5	27.1	119.9	121.8	125.3	127.6
Idaho	72.9	75.3	73.4	74.8	61.4	63.0	63.4	64.8	19.3	19.8	19.5	19.6	118.2	122.5	119.3	122.5
Illinois	777.7	791.8	779.0	792.5	527.2	525.8	545.0	541.8	258.1	256.7	260.3	259.0	860.8	862.5	861.6	862.6
Indiana	396.6	408.9	392.2	402.0	283.2	281.6	292.7	291.6	112.2	112.8	113.2	113.4	441.2	448.7	437.7	448.6
Iowa	204.5	207.3	203.1	206.0	136.6	137.0	142.0	142.1	57.6	58.0	58.1	58.4	254.1	258.1	256.6	260.2
Kansas	170.6	172.5	171.0	172.3	116.4	115.2	118.8	117.0	52.6	52.5	52.3	52.3	262.2	265.3	264.5	269.3
Kentucky	239.7	240.9	240.8	240.4	173.8	176.7	179.1	178.8	75.9	76.3	76.5	76.3	325.9	335.0	327.3	336.3
Louisiana	246.0	254.6	245.6	252.7	193.0	200.2	196.0	201.6	68.5	69.0	69.2	68.7	358.8	367.5	358.8	365.7
Maine	116.3	117.8	116.4	117.7	53.6	54.9	59.6	60.4	19.7	19.7	20.0	20.0	106.5	106.7	107.7	107.7
Maryland	372.6	383.9	373.4	384.8	229.7	235.2	238.9	244.3	117.0	119.7	117.8	120.2	483.5	491.8	486.4	492.4
Massachusetts	630.3	644.7	623.6	637.1	291.1	293.5	305.6	307.7	118.2	117.8	119.7	118.7	442.0	446.8	444.7	449.2
Michigan	595.4	606.4	598.2	609.2	396.5	394.9	420.7	418.6	175.4	174.9	177.4	176.7	676.0	671.8	674.1	666.4
Minnesota	425.9	439.0	427.9	439.5	241.5	243.1	254.8	256.0	116.7	115.9	117.5	116.1	420.9	425.4	424.3	429.6
Mississippi	125.9	128.5	126.2	128.2	125.2	127.1	126.7	128.2	37.1	37.9	37.2	37.9	245.8	248.1	245.2	246.5
Missouri	384.2	390.0	384.2	389.8	282.5	281.6	291.3	288.9	120.5	119.7	121.2	119.9	450.6	455.5	452.5	458.0
Montana	58.9	60.2	58.9	60.3	55.9	57.8	57.5	59.4	17.3	17.3	17.2	17.3	88.1	86.9	89.2	87.9
Nebraska	131.7	134.2	131.0	134.4	82.1	83.3	84.4	85.6	34.9	35.2	35.2	35.3	165.7	166.1	168.5	168.2
Nevada	91.2	95.0	92.0	95.6	339.4	338.7	341.9	340.8	36.4	36.7	36.8	37.0	160.1	164.4	160.5	165.4
New Hampshire	102.7	106.7	102.8	106.5	58.7	59.6	63.4	62.9	21.5	21.9	21.8	22.0	96.5	98.3	96.1	98.3
New Jersey	577.3	591.6	583.5	594.1	327.8	330.4	345.4	345.1	163.4	165.3	165.0	166.5	659.2	660.1	657.8	656.9
New Mexico	112.5	116.8	112.9	117.4	87.6	88.1	88.4	89.0	28.7	28.9	29.1	29.3	196.8	199.0	196.7	198.8
New York	1,616.9	1,653.3	1,610.1	1,644.8	677.3	688.1	713.2	721.0	361.7	366.6	366.4	368.9	1,509.0	1,525.1	1,517.5	1,533.5
North Carolina	512.3	530.7	514.8	531.9	388.7	399.7	402.5	411.4	176.1	183.8	178.6	185.0	705.5	719.1	710.4	716.7
North Dakota	50.3	51.4	50.6	51.7	32.1	32.8	33.5	33.9	15.2	15.6	15.2	15.5	78.4	78.2	78.5	78.2
Ohio	791.2	806.0	789.9	803.5	496.0	493.0	519.2	515.9	222.3	219.9	223.6	220.9	809.2	807.6	811.3	811.0
Oklahoma	191.3	196.9	191.9	196.4	139.3	143.0	142.0	145.3	62.6	63.4	63.0	63.7	326.7	325.2	328.6	326.7
Oregon	212.7	221.6	212.6	223.0	168.9	172.7	172.4	176.1	60.0	59.7	60.6	60.3	294.2	301.7	299.0	305.1
Pennsylvania	1,082.5	1,104.1	1,074.1	1,095.2	490.7	496.6	516.5	521.5	256.0	257.5	257.9	258.3	765.3	764.4	761.5	759.4
Rhode Island	101.3	102.1	100.9	101.4	49.5	49.0	52.4	51.5	23.0	22.4	23.3	22.5	65.3	65.1	66.0	65.5
South Carolina	199.3	207.6	199.9	206.8	219.6	225.7	224.1	231.8	73.3	74.9	74.3	75.5	339.9	347.2	340.9	348.6
South Dakota	59.8	61.1	60.1	61.6	41.1	41.2	44.1	44.1	15.7	15.9	15.9	15.9	75.8	76.5	77.6	78.3
Tennessee	347.5	356.2	348.7	356.6	276.2	278.3	281.1	281.9	104.0	103.2	105.2	103.4	426.2	427.8	425.1	426.6
Texas	1,244.6	1,285.8	1,250.5	1,291.2	979.7	1,019.6	995.7	1,032.2	352.9	358.1	354.9	360.0	1,751.4	1,770.2	1,755.5	1,768.9
Utah	140.4	146.1	136.6	142.5	113.9	117.5	111.6	115.3	35.2	35.9	35.9	36.6	210.0	213.2	209.5	213.5
Vermont	56.6	57.8	56.5	57.7	29.4	30.0	29.9	30.0	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.8	56.3	56.6	57.0	57.0
Virginia	417.2	427.6	420.4	429.8	340.7	343.7	353.0	354.7	184.8	186.9	185.9	187.2	693.3	701.2	691.6	698.1
Washington	347.6	357.3	350.3	357.9	276.0	285.8	282.6	291.9	104.8	106.1	105.6	106.8	540.0	546.4	543.4	547.7
West Virginia	113.1	116.2	113.4	116.3	70.8	72.4	72.5	73.4	55.8	55.8	55.7	55.6	147.6	147.9	148.2	148.9
Wisconsin	396.9	406.8	398.7	408.1	254.3	252.5	268.5	264.0	137.3	136.2	137.9	137.0	427.0	427.8	427.0	429.7
Wyoming	22.9	23.6	23.1	23.7	30.5	31.7	32.6	33.6	11.6	11.6	12.1	11.9	67.4	69.1	68.7	70.2
Puerto Rico	107.1	106.9	107.9	106.9	73.1	72.9	72.9	72.4	18.7	17.5	18.7	17.2	296.4	292.8	297.0	293.7

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

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

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

# Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, May 2008

(U.S. rate = 5.5 percent)



