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## REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: FEBRUARY 2008

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. Overall, 20 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 19 states registered increases, and 11 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 26 states and the District of Columbia, down in 20 states, and unchanged in 4 states. The national unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in February at 4.8 percent, but was up from 4.5 percent a year earlier.

Between January 2008 and February 2008, employment increased in 23 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 27 states. California recorded the largest over-the-month increase in employment (+25,800), followed by Texas (+13,500), Washington (+7,400), Virginia (+4,700), and Maryland (+4,300). New Mexico and Wyoming experienced the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.4 percent each), followed by the District of Columbia, Montana, and West Virginia (+0.3 percent each) and Alaska, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington (+0.2 percent each). The largest over-the-month decreases in employment occurred in Florida (-13,600), South Carolina (-11,800), Ohio (-11,600), Indiana (-9,600), Illinois (-8,300), and Pennsylvania (-8,000). South Carolina experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decrease in employment (-0.6 percent), followed by Idaho (-0.4 percent), Hawaii, Indiana, and Maine (-0.3 percent each), and Florida, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Dakota (-0.2 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 43 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 7 states. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment occurred in Wyoming (+3.1 percent), Texas and Utah (+2.3 percent each), Washington (+2.1 percent), and Colorado (+2.0 percent). Rhode Island recorded the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment (-1.6 percent), followed by Michigan (-1.5 percent), Florida and Wisconsin (-0.3 percent each), and Nevada (-0.2 percent).

### Changes to Local Area Unemployment Statistics Data

Effective with this release, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program is resuming publication of monthly revisions to the prior month's statewide and substate estimates (tables 3 and 4). This change applies to all of the nearly 7,300 LAUS geographic areas. The practice of monthly revisions was discontinued with the release of February 2006 data on March 30, 2006. Region and division data are not affected.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, the Midwest continued to record the highest unemployment rate among the regions, 5.2 percent, followed by the West at 5.0 percent. The South again reported the lowest rate, 4.5 percent. No region had a statistically significant rate change from January, though three regions registered significant jobless rate increases from February 2007: the West (+0.5 percentage point), Northeast (+0.4 point), and South (+0.2 point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the East North Central reported the highest jobless rate in February, 5.6 percent, followed closely by the Pacific at 5.5 percent. The Mountain and West South Central divisions recorded the lowest rates, 4.0 percent each. The West South Central rate was the lowest in its series. (All region, division, and state series begin in 1976.) The West South Central also registered the only statistically significant jobless rate change from a month earlier (-0.3 percentage point). Four divisions posted significant over-the-year unemployment rate increases: the Pacific (+0.6 percentage point), Mountain and South Atlantic (+0.5 point each), and Middle Atlantic (+0.4 point). The West South Central had the only significant over-the-year rate decrease (-0.4 percentage point).

### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, Michigan continued to report the highest jobless rate, 7.2 percent. Alaska, at 6.6 percent, was the only other state to register a rate of 6.0 percent or higher. South Dakota again recorded the lowest rate, 2.6 percent, followed by Wyoming at 2.7 percent, and Idaho and Nebraska at 2.8 percent each. Texas posted the lowest jobless rate in its series, 4.1 percent. Overall, 20 states reported unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate of 4.8 percent, 5 states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Five states reported statistically significant over-the-month jobless rate decreases in February: Arkansas, Oklahoma, and South Carolina (-0.6 percentage point each); New York (-0.5 point); and Texas (-0.2 point). Tennessee registered the only significant rate increase from the prior month (+0.4 percentage point). The remaining 44 states and the District of Columbia recorded February 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.

Georgia and Nevada reported the largest jobless rate increases from February 2007 (+1.0 percentage point each). Seventeen additional states had smaller, yet also statistically significant, rate increases. Seven states registered significant over-the-year unemployment rate decreases, the largest of which occurred in Oklahoma (-1.2 percentage points). The remaining 24 states and the District of Columbia recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table B.)

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between January 2008 and February 2008, only one state experienced statistically significant changes in employment. The statistically significant decrease in employment occurred in South Carolina (-11,800). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, 14 states recorded statistically significant changes in employment. The largest statistically significant employment gains were reported in Texas (+235,000), New York (+75,600), North Carolina (+63,500), Washington (+60,000), Colorado (+46,000), and Georgia (+44,700). The only statistically sig-

nificant over-the-year employment decline was reported in Michigan (-62,900). Three states reported statistically significant over-the-year employment increases that were less than 15,000: Nebraska (+13,800), Wyoming (+8,700), and North Dakota (+6,600). (See table D.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for February is scheduled to be issued on Wednesday, April 2. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on Friday, April 18.

### **Hurricane Katrina**

For February, 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 parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or 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 February 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., February 2008, seasonally adjusted**

State	Rate <sup>p</sup>
United States <sup>1</sup> .....	4.8
Alabama .....	3.7
Alaska .....	6.6
Arizona .....	4.0
California .....	5.7
Delaware .....	3.7
District of Columbia .....	5.9
Hawaii .....	3.2
Idaho .....	2.8
Iowa .....	3.5
Kansas .....	3.7
Louisiana .....	3.7
Maryland .....	3.4
Michigan .....	7.2
Montana .....	3.3
Nebraska .....	2.8
Nevada .....	5.5
New Hampshire .....	3.7
New Mexico .....	3.2
North Dakota .....	3.0
Oklahoma .....	3.1
Rhode Island .....	5.8
South Dakota .....	2.6
Texas .....	4.1
Utah .....	3.0
Virginia .....	3.5
Wyoming .....	2.7

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

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

State	Rate		Over-the-year rate change <sup>p</sup>
	February 2007	February 2008 <sup>p</sup>	
Alaska .....	6.0	6.6	0.6
California .....	5.0	5.7	.7
Colorado .....	3.8	4.4	.6
Connecticut .....	4.4	5.0	.6
Delaware .....	3.4	3.7	.3
Florida .....	3.7	4.6	.9
Georgia .....	4.2	5.2	1.0
Hawaii .....	2.4	3.2	.8
Illinois .....	4.8	5.5	.7
Iowa .....	3.7	3.5	-.2
Kansas .....	4.2	3.7	-.5
Maryland .....	3.6	3.4	-.2
Montana .....	3.1	3.3	.2
Nevada .....	4.5	5.5	1.0
New Jersey .....	4.3	4.8	.5
New Mexico .....	3.8	3.2	-.6
North Carolina .....	4.5	5.0	.5
Oklahoma .....	4.3	3.1	-1.2
Oregon .....	5.0	5.5	.5
Pennsylvania .....	4.3	4.9	.6
Rhode Island .....	4.9	5.8	.9
South Dakota .....	3.1	2.6	-.5
Tennessee .....	4.5	5.3	.8
Texas .....	4.5	4.1	-.4
Utah .....	2.4	3.0	.6
Virginia .....	2.9	3.5	.6

p = preliminary.

**Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from January 2008 to February 2008, seasonally adjusted**

State	January 2008	February 2008 <sup>p</sup>	Over-the-month change <sup>p</sup>
South Carolina .....	1,966,400	1,954,600	-11,800

p = preliminary.

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

State	February 2007	February 2008 <sup>p</sup>	Over-the-year change <sup>p</sup>
Colorado .....	2,307,400	2,353,400	46,000
Georgia .....	4,137,800	4,182,500	44,700
Kentucky .....	1,859,000	1,881,100	22,100
Maryland .....	2,599,600	2,630,300	30,700
Michigan .....	4,291,300	4,228,400	-62,900
Nebraska .....	956,400	970,200	13,800
New York .....	8,703,800	8,779,400	75,600
North Carolina .....	4,122,500	4,186,000	63,500
North Dakota .....	355,900	362,500	6,600
Oklahoma .....	1,557,200	1,582,500	25,300
Texas .....	10,264,000	10,499,000	235,000
Utah .....	1,238,400	1,267,300	28,900
Washington .....	2,911,900	2,971,900	60,000
Wyoming .....	285,100	293,800	8,700

p = preliminary.

# Technical Note

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

## Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Employment—from the CES program

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Reliability of the estimates

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

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,874.6	27,992.1	28,157.8	28,060.9	1,203.8	1,274.8	1,347.9	1,311.8	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.7
New England .....	7,639.1	7,659.8	7,693.5	7,671.7	342.0	339.7	354.0	356.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6
Middle Atlantic .....	20,235.5	20,332.4	20,464.2	20,389.2	861.8	935.1	993.9	955.1	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.7
<b>South</b> .....	54,163.3	54,760.1	54,903.1	54,684.6	2,307.4	2,487.6	2,494.7	2,441.4	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5
South Atlantic .....	29,082.4	29,425.3	29,502.6	29,418.5	1,156.3	1,308.2	1,344.0	1,336.6	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.5
East South Central .....	8,556.7	8,633.5	8,663.2	8,622.2	419.1	439.1	425.7	433.4	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0
West South Central .....	16,524.2	16,701.3	16,737.3	16,643.8	732.0	740.3	725.0	671.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.0
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,833.9	34,933.7	35,011.3	34,996.1	1,724.0	1,845.5	1,825.2	1,802.4	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.2
East North Central .....	23,957.5	24,012.1	24,072.1	24,093.4	1,270.6	1,362.6	1,356.9	1,341.5	5.3	5.7	5.6	5.6
West North Central .....	10,876.4	10,921.5	10,939.2	10,902.7	453.4	483.0	468.3	460.9	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2
<b>West</b> .....	35,181.7	35,804.7	35,846.1	35,776.0	1,576.0	1,830.7	1,832.8	1,800.6	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.0
Mountain .....	10,821.9	11,059.6	11,113.0	11,098.6	378.6	446.3	442.2	441.3	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0
Pacific .....	24,359.8	24,745.1	24,733.1	24,677.4	1,197.4	1,384.4	1,390.6	1,359.3	4.9	5.6	5.6	5.5

<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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,808.9	27,974.7	27,745.9	27,862.5	1,399.1	1,516.1	1,346.2	1,460.0	5.0	5.4	4.9	5.2
New England .....	7,608.5	7,635.7	7,589.8	7,603.2	397.6	404.8	379.9	396.6	5.2	5.3	5.0	5.2
Middle Atlantic .....	20,200.4	20,339.0	20,156.1	20,259.3	1,001.5	1,111.4	966.3	1,063.4	5.0	5.5	4.8	5.2
<b>South</b> .....	53,901.4	54,491.6	53,912.1	54,286.5	2,496.9	2,663.4	2,407.0	2,552.3	4.6	4.9	4.5	4.7
South Atlantic .....	28,952.8	29,285.8	28,957.4	29,213.6	1,239.2	1,410.7	1,199.9	1,386.7	4.3	4.8	4.1	4.7
East South Central .....	8,498.5	8,585.6	8,498.6	8,543.1	459.1	466.3	449.6	467.2	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.5
West South Central .....	16,450.1	16,620.1	16,456.1	16,529.8	798.6	786.4	757.5	698.4	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.2
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,639.0	34,675.6	34,626.7	34,705.2	1,972.9	2,047.6	1,919.3	2,005.5	5.7	5.9	5.5	5.8
East North Central .....	23,837.7	23,843.3	23,810.8	23,891.9	1,450.1	1,509.0	1,410.1	1,487.1	6.1	6.3	5.9	6.2
West North Central .....	10,801.3	10,832.3	10,815.9	10,813.4	522.8	538.6	509.2	518.4	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.8
<b>West</b> .....	35,120.9	35,686.2	35,146.3	35,648.6	1,757.6	1,994.1	1,705.5	1,935.5	5.0	5.6	4.9	5.4
Mountain .....	10,791.3	11,052.2	10,790.4	11,039.4	438.2	487.5	403.5	468.3	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.2
Pacific .....	24,329.6	24,634.0	24,355.9	24,609.3	1,319.5	1,506.6	1,302.0	1,467.1	5.4	6.1	5.3	6.0

<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			
	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008P	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008P	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008P
Alabama	2,172.7	2,194.0	2,219.9	2,201.0	72.0	82.2	89.1	82.0	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.7
Alaska	351.0	353.6	353.3	354.1	21.1	22.3	22.6	23.3	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.6
Arizona	3,010.4	3,060.2	3,082.6	3,072.8	114.1	127.8	132.4	123.8	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.0
Arkansas	1,366.3	1,372.3	1,376.0	1,363.1	72.0	74.9	76.8	68.5	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.0
California	18,072.1	18,319.6	18,302.6	18,260.1	902.7	1,079.4	1,084.1	1,043.2	5.0	5.9	5.9	5.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,874.5	4,963.1	4,931.4	4,954.6	230.0	266.5	281.7	263.7	4.7	5.4	5.7	5.3
Colorado	2,679.7	2,738.7	2,760.3	2,757.9	102.9	109.0	116.0	120.8	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.4
Connecticut	1,853.6	1,882.2	1,885.7	1,885.1	81.8	90.7	90.0	93.6	4.4	4.8	4.8	5.0
Delaware	441.3	445.3	445.0	444.5	14.8	15.8	16.7	16.7	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.7
District of Columbia	325.3	328.3	328.8	331.6	18.5	18.7	20.4	19.6	5.7	5.7	6.2	5.9
Florida	9,087.0	9,240.7	9,265.3	9,211.5	332.3	415.5	424.9	422.3	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,185.0	1,198.1	1,199.7	1,198.1	43.9	45.1	48.5	47.4	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
Georgia	4,780.1	4,855.9	4,863.8	4,860.9	202.8	220.5	239.8	251.0	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.2
Hawaii	651.2	648.5	653.6	650.3	15.8	19.9	20.2	20.9	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.2
Idaho	749.0	757.0	758.7	755.2	21.0	20.2	21.1	21.5	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
Illinois	6,652.5	6,742.5	6,787.9	6,804.9	321.6	360.1	380.9	373.4	4.8	5.3	5.6	5.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	4,089.9	4,136.8	4,192.8	4,188.5	193.3	202.2	224.1	226.2	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.4
Indiana	3,223.5	3,207.6	3,223.4	3,225.1	155.3	143.3	144.2	148.1	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.6
Iowa	1,657.6	1,666.7	1,673.5	1,669.5	61.7	63.9	60.7	58.6	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.5
Kansas	1,477.2	1,484.2	1,483.8	1,481.0	62.2	61.7	56.9	55.4	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.7
Kentucky	2,044.7	2,043.7	2,053.4	2,044.1	116.4	107.7	107.7	107.0	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.2
Louisiana	1,988.1	2,017.0	2,012.3	2,008.0	75.9	79.9	79.7	75.3	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.7
Maine	704.6	706.5	709.6	706.9	32.2	34.6	35.1	34.0	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.8
Maryland	2,973.7	2,991.5	2,989.5	2,993.3	107.2	106.9	104.1	102.0	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4
Massachusetts	3,412.1	3,402.8	3,422.2	3,408.8	159.4	146.1	155.4	151.7	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5
Michigan	5,042.1	4,988.8	5,004.9	4,999.8	350.7	371.6	353.6	358.1	7.0	7.4	7.1	7.2
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,151.7	2,126.5	2,134.0	2,135.4	157.2	172.7	158.8	158.2	7.3	8.1	7.4	7.4
Minnesota	2,932.0	2,933.8	2,935.7	2,930.5	133.9	137.4	130.7	133.4	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6
Mississippi	1,309.3	1,325.6	1,332.7	1,320.3	84.7	83.1	80.4	77.4	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9
Missouri	3,027.7	3,036.9	3,036.5	3,022.7	148.5	159.7	165.8	161.5	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.3
Montana	498.9	503.0	504.9	503.1	15.5	16.1	16.4	16.6	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3
Nebraska	978.1	985.3	992.9	987.0	29.0	27.4	29.1	28.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8
Nevada	1,318.5	1,359.7	1,373.8	1,375.5	59.5	70.7	75.9	76.1	4.5	5.2	5.5	5.5
New Hampshire	737.3	740.6	742.8	741.6	27.7	25.3	25.9	27.5	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.7
New Jersey	4,474.0	4,463.8	4,491.2	4,507.8	192.6	188.0	204.1	216.4	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.8
New Mexico	941.6	945.2	946.2	946.4	35.3	30.6	29.6	30.5	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.2
New York	9,500.1	9,542.2	9,600.1	9,535.9	421.9	442.2	478.9	425.0	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.5
New York City	3,825.0	3,868.5	3,903.5	3,839.2	185.4	198.2	223.4	158.5	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.1
North Carolina	4,509.9	4,531.9	4,547.2	4,532.7	203.6	211.7	221.4	226.4	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0
North Dakota	364.0	367.8	369.7	367.6	11.6	11.8	11.7	10.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0
Ohio	5,965.2	5,988.4	5,975.8	5,975.4	325.8	347.3	328.7	315.7	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,096.4	1,094.3	1,090.5	1,084.9	62.2	66.0	62.1	62.6	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.8
Oklahoma	1,729.3	1,732.4	1,734.0	1,716.8	74.0	71.5	64.2	53.1	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.1
Oregon	1,920.1	1,937.5	1,948.1	1,942.1	96.9	105.0	106.3	106.7	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.5
Pennsylvania	6,291.2	6,290.1	6,360.9	6,345.0	273.6	278.6	303.2	313.3	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.9
Rhode Island	578.3	576.7	574.6	571.1	28.4	30.2	32.9	33.4	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.8
South Carolina	2,128.7	2,150.2	2,145.9	2,128.3	124.0	133.4	130.3	116.9	5.8	6.2	6.1	5.5
South Dakota	440.7	443.1	443.0	444.1	13.7	12.7	11.6	11.5	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.6
Tennessee	3,018.8	3,055.0	3,060.1	3,054.4	137.0	151.3	148.5	163.2	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.3
Texas	11,442.3	11,557.6	11,613.2	11,561.5	511.2	488.0	502.6	478.6	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1
Utah	1,342.5	1,384.2	1,392.8	1,390.9	32.7	39.6	41.5	41.1	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.0
Vermont	355.5	352.9	354.5	352.6	14.3	13.6	15.0	15.1	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.3
Virginia	4,028.3	4,087.6	4,093.1	4,090.4	116.5	131.6	140.7	142.7	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.5
Washington	3,374.3	3,443.6	3,461.0	3,457.9	150.9	157.3	154.1	157.3	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,422.1	1,454.0	1,458.7	1,456.2	56.2	51.7	53.3	52.7	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.6
West Virginia	808.0	810.3	812.1	811.6	36.9	37.3	35.8	37.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6
Wisconsin	3,093.1	3,090.5	3,083.5	3,100.8	158.0	149.8	150.9	152.1	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.9
Wyoming	285.5	290.1	291.1	291.3	8.1	8.9	7.8	7.7	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.7
Puerto Rico	1,452.8	1,364.9	1,367.7	1,374.9	165.3	153.3	147.6	154.1	11.4	11.2	10.8	11.2

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P
Alabama	2,164.5	2,204.5	2,165.1	2,185.4	80.7	95.9	80.9	89.8	3.7	4.3	3.7	4.1
Alaska	348.9	349.8	348.4	351.0	24.9	25.9	24.9	27.3	7.1	7.4	7.2	7.8
Arizona	3,010.6	3,075.4	3,006.6	3,063.7	121.7	138.9	108.1	121.7	4.0	4.5	3.6	4.0
Arkansas	1,344.1	1,352.2	1,356.9	1,350.0	80.7	86.0	80.1	77.1	6.0	6.4	5.9	5.7
California	18,063.9	18,247.2	18,073.3	18,230.0	985.9	1,161.6	970.1	1,111.3	5.5	6.4	5.4	6.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,865.2	4,914.5	4,883.3	4,955.2	243.9	295.1	236.5	270.2	5.0	6.0	4.8	5.5
Colorado	2,668.1	2,742.9	2,664.8	2,738.9	116.3	128.7	107.1	129.5	4.4	4.7	4.0	4.7
Connecticut	1,840.2	1,868.3	1,837.3	1,866.2	92.4	99.2	89.0	102.1	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.5
Delaware	441.3	443.7	439.7	442.1	16.6	18.8	16.5	18.5	3.8	4.2	3.7	4.2
District of Columbia	321.4	325.8	323.5	329.2	19.3	21.8	18.4	19.2	6.0	6.7	5.7	5.8
Florida	9,025.9	9,188.3	9,045.8	9,145.8	337.3	430.2	319.0	410.3	3.7	4.7	3.5	4.5
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,188.2	1,197.7	1,185.1	1,192.0	42.6	46.4	40.9	44.9	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.8
Georgia	4,786.7	4,853.4	4,779.1	4,848.2	215.8	249.4	205.6	256.5	4.5	5.1	4.3	5.3
Hawaii	653.3	654.4	654.4	648.3	14.7	19.7	14.3	19.6	2.3	3.0	2.2	3.0
Idaho	745.2	753.2	745.6	750.4	29.6	29.7	27.3	28.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9
Illinois	6,622.2	6,737.6	6,623.1	6,760.8	346.8	419.8	343.3	405.3	5.2	6.2	5.2	6.0
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	4,083.1	4,171.2	4,087.4	4,177.1	200.8	238.5	194.8	236.1	4.9	5.7	4.8	5.7
Indiana	3,207.8	3,191.5	3,195.9	3,190.2	173.3	161.8	169.4	167.3	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.2
Iowa	1,650.4	1,659.4	1,651.3	1,659.3	77.1	75.2	71.8	69.8	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.2
Kansas	1,471.0	1,476.1	1,472.4	1,472.4	66.3	64.1	65.2	59.4	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.0
Kentucky	2,030.0	2,030.5	2,029.2	2,021.9	131.1	120.4	134.6	124.7	6.5	5.9	6.6	6.2
Louisiana	1,962.9	1,983.0	1,960.2	1,975.3	87.4	91.4	69.3	69.7	4.5	4.6	3.5	3.5
Maine	697.7	699.5	695.6	696.8	37.5	40.3	38.3	40.3	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.8
Maryland	2,971.8	2,970.4	2,954.5	2,970.3	121.6	115.5	116.1	111.6	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8
Massachusetts	3,402.3	3,401.2	3,393.0	3,384.5	185.6	177.8	173.7	167.7	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.0
Michigan	5,017.7	4,953.0	5,007.9	4,958.7	392.7	388.2	365.1	384.5	7.8	7.8	7.3	7.8
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,144.0	2,111.3	2,131.7	2,114.4	175.3	172.6	152.7	161.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	7.7
Minnesota	2,915.3	2,910.1	2,910.0	2,901.3	158.5	155.6	147.2	150.1	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.2
Mississippi	1,300.5	1,320.3	1,305.6	1,311.5	90.0	85.4	86.2	78.0	6.9	6.5	6.6	5.9
Missouri	3,004.8	3,009.2	3,015.9	3,003.0	155.1	180.1	164.1	180.6	5.2	6.0	5.4	6.0
Montana	495.0	499.3	494.8	498.0	20.5	21.5	19.2	21.0	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.2
Nebraska	971.5	983.0	973.8	980.0	35.7	35.4	31.7	31.5	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.2
Nevada	1,315.6	1,371.2	1,320.7	1,375.8	64.4	82.2	60.1	78.8	4.9	6.0	4.5	5.7
New Hampshire	735.9	739.5	734.2	737.2	31.6	29.4	31.0	31.3	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.2
New Jersey	4,459.2	4,463.8	4,456.1	4,486.5	214.9	228.1	207.4	238.3	4.8	5.1	4.7	5.3
New Mexico	934.3	935.9	938.4	942.2	36.9	30.3	35.8	32.9	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.5
New York	9,482.9	9,560.0	9,472.2	9,496.8	474.7	536.4	459.3	475.1	5.0	5.6	4.8	5.0
New York City	3,829.3	3,900.6	3,836.1	3,844.2	202.0	239.4	192.2	168.7	5.3	6.1	5.0	4.4
North Carolina	4,480.0	4,512.5	4,487.9	4,499.8	223.0	239.5	219.9	244.5	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.4
North Dakota	356.2	361.3	358.3	360.9	14.1	14.4	13.8	13.5	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.7
Ohio	5,917.7	5,904.6	5,906.7	5,903.7	369.4	372.0	353.1	351.8	6.2	6.3	6.0	6.0
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,083.4	1,072.1	1,085.1	1,072.3	68.0	67.6	66.7	68.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.4
Oklahoma	1,718.2	1,719.4	1,720.8	1,703.6	81.4	72.9	80.3	59.7	4.7	4.2	4.7	3.5
Oregon	1,907.0	1,932.0	1,909.8	1,928.2	112.2	120.2	113.7	123.5	5.9	6.2	6.0	6.4
Pennsylvania	6,258.3	6,315.1	6,227.9	6,276.0	312.0	346.8	299.6	350.0	5.0	5.5	4.8	5.6
Rhode Island	578.6	575.5	575.5	568.0	33.5	40.3	31.5	37.8	5.8	7.0	5.5	6.7
South Carolina	2,118.0	2,124.4	2,113.0	2,107.7	136.3	138.2	131.8	124.9	6.4	6.5	6.2	5.9
South Dakota	432.0	433.2	434.1	436.5	16.1	13.8	15.4	13.4	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.1
Tennessee	3,003.5	3,030.3	2,998.8	3,024.3	157.3	164.6	147.9	174.6	5.2	5.4	4.9	5.8
Texas	11,425.0	11,565.4	11,418.1	11,500.9	549.1	536.0	527.7	491.9	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.3
Utah	1,339.7	1,386.5	1,337.2	1,382.7	37.6	45.3	36.1	45.8	2.8	3.3	2.7	3.3
Vermont	353.8	351.7	354.1	350.5	17.0	17.7	16.4	17.5	4.8	5.0	4.6	5.0
Virginia	4,011.6	4,067.0	4,011.9	4,066.0	128.6	155.3	127.0	154.6	3.2	3.8	3.2	3.8
Washington	3,356.5	3,450.6	3,373.9	3,451.7	181.8	179.1	179.0	185.4	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.4
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,415.6	1,459.7	1,423.4	1,457.0	59.0	55.2	61.0	56.6	4.2	3.8	4.3	3.9
West Virginia	796.0	800.4	802.0	804.5	40.7	42.1	45.5	46.6	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.8
Wisconsin	3,072.3	3,056.5	3,077.1	3,078.5	168.0	167.2	179.2	178.2	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.8
Wyoming	283.0	287.7	282.4	287.8	11.2	10.8	9.8	9.7	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4
Puerto Rico	1,416.1	1,361.0	1,448.7	1,374.3	140.3	146.7	155.4	145.4	9.9	10.8	10.7	10.6

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

(In thousands)

State	Total <sup>1</sup>				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	2,000.8	2,018.0	2,015.6	2,016.2	112.8	113.9	114.4	114.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Alaska	318.4	317.4	318.7	319.4	18.3	17.3	17.2	17.2	12.8	13.8	12.9	12.4
Arizona	2,667.6	2,659.3	2,667.2	2,667.5	232.2	210.8	209.5	206.8	183.9	180.2	180.0	180.2
Arkansas	1,202.0	1,206.4	1,207.0	1,209.1	56.1	55.6	55.7	56.0	192.4	185.9	185.7	185.5
California	15,159.4	15,171.0	15,141.7	15,167.5	913.0	856.0	837.6	834.5	1,473.1	1,452.1	1,450.1	1,447.1
Colorado	2,307.4	2,347.9	2,351.1	2,353.4	164.5	165.1	164.9	164.1	146.8	145.5	145.1	143.0
Connecticut	1,691.0	1,706.5	1,704.0	1,703.1	67.6	68.5	68.9	67.8	192.2	190.7	190.4	190.2
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	435.4	439.4	436.9	437.6	27.7	28.2	27.9	27.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	693.3	701.5	700.6	702.4	12.4	12.8	12.6	12.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Florida	8,062.0	8,039.4	8,047.9	8,034.3	626.9	565.6	562.4	549.5	396.2	381.4	377.4	374.0
Georgia	4,137.8	4,159.7	4,180.4	4,182.5	224.1	217.5	222.7	222.9	437.3	425.0	427.1	425.1
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	623.8	626.0	628.6	626.7	38.4	40.0	39.9	40.2	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Idaho	650.6	657.3	654.4	652.1	52.6	51.5	51.1	50.2	67.1	65.3	64.5	63.6
Illinois	5,966.4	5,986.5	6,008.8	6,000.5	268.4	267.7	272.9	264.3	680.4	673.0	677.0	675.1
Indiana	2,973.9	2,994.9	2,994.8	2,985.2	147.0	151.0	149.1	144.6	553.9	546.5	545.8	543.7
Iowa	1,513.8	1,521.0	1,524.4	1,524.2	72.2	72.9	72.6	71.7	229.6	230.4	230.0	230.3
Kansas	1,368.2	1,384.6	1,384.0	1,383.2	62.1	65.6	65.3	65.4	184.6	186.5	187.3	187.1
Kentucky	1,859.0	1,880.0	1,881.5	1,881.1	82.1	86.6	87.0	87.7	258.9	250.7	250.6	250.1
Louisiana	1,905.1	1,940.8	1,938.8	1,939.1	132.2	135.4	136.5	137.1	156.7	159.3	159.7	159.3
Maine	616.6	619.8	619.1	617.4	30.7	31.0	30.6	29.9	59.2	58.3	58.5	58.1
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,599.6	2,625.4	2,626.0	2,630.3	188.8	190.4	189.9	191.1	132.9	131.2	131.0	131.1
Massachusetts	3,270.1	3,288.0	3,289.0	3,288.3	138.0	137.1	136.2	134.7	297.8	293.6	292.4	292.7
Michigan	4,291.3	4,227.2	4,232.1	4,228.4	170.5	161.4	163.1	160.4	632.9	601.2	597.0	595.7
Minnesota	2,769.2	2,776.3	2,783.9	2,779.8	123.2	117.6	119.5	117.5	343.6	339.0	340.5	340.7
Mississippi	1,150.4	1,154.6	1,155.6	1,154.8	58.4	58.4	59.1	58.3	172.7	167.7	167.7	166.8
Missouri	2,785.8	2,801.2	2,801.2	2,801.3	144.7	147.3	147.0	148.9	303.4	295.8	294.4	291.3
Montana	441.7	447.0	448.4	449.7	31.6	32.4	32.7	32.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	956.4	971.3	969.9	970.2	49.4	52.1	52.0	51.9	101.1	102.2	101.5	101.0
Nevada	1,296.1	1,293.3	1,294.2	1,293.6	137.2	128.8	128.2	126.9	50.4	50.5	50.7	50.9
New Hampshire	646.3	654.7	654.3	653.5	28.0	28.5	27.7	27.8	77.7	77.8	77.9	78.0
New Jersey	4,066.3	4,082.6	4,074.0	4,072.3	170.8	170.1	169.3	168.8	315.8	309.7	309.7	308.6
New Mexico	840.1	846.5	843.0	846.1	59.0	58.7	57.6	58.4	38.0	36.6	36.0	35.6
New York	8,703.8	8,781.1	8,785.6	8,779.4	344.9	352.9	356.4	351.8	559.6	545.2	544.5	542.9
North Carolina	4,122.5	4,187.7	4,189.7	4,186.0	254.3	256.8	256.6	255.9	546.3	535.5	534.2	532.1
North Dakota	355.9	360.1	362.9	362.5	18.9	19.7	20.0	19.6	26.0	26.0	26.1	25.9
Ohio	5,423.1	5,418.7	5,432.2	5,420.6	223.5	224.6	226.0	223.7	781.1	767.5	766.4	766.8
Oklahoma	1,557.2	1,574.6	1,582.2	1,582.5	70.5	72.9	74.0	73.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Oregon	1,727.7	1,740.6	1,741.0	1,739.6	104.0	100.7	98.4	98.5	206.7	204.3	202.9	201.6
Pennsylvania	5,776.9	5,808.3	5,811.7	5,803.7	259.2	264.3	265.8	262.0	660.2	650.2	649.1	648.3
Rhode Island	495.5	490.8	489.0	487.8	22.9	21.7	21.1	20.7	51.7	49.6	49.4	49.3
South Carolina	1,936.3	1,958.1	1,966.4	1,954.6	126.6	127.0	127.2	124.6	251.3	249.0	249.2	248.9
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	403.8	408.4	410.5	409.5	22.6	23.3	23.1	23.3	42.1	42.2	42.2	42.7
Tennessee <sup>3</sup>	2,790.6	2,806.8	2,797.7	2,797.2	135.9	139.2	138.5	138.7	389.1	376.6	373.2	374.6
Texas	10,264.0	10,473.3	10,485.5	10,499.0	628.9	652.9	654.3	656.2	934.0	933.8	932.2	930.9
Utah	1,238.4	1,264.8	1,265.7	1,267.3	102.2	105.7	103.4	101.8	126.6	128.8	128.7	129.5
Vermont	307.6	308.5	307.8	307.9	16.9	16.7	16.4	16.2	36.3	35.7	35.7	35.8
Virginia	3,753.2	3,774.7	3,767.2	3,771.9	242.7	240.4	238.3	237.4	281.9	274.8	274.3	272.4
Washington	2,911.9	2,958.3	2,964.5	2,971.9	204.1	207.6	206.8	207.2	292.0	296.3	297.6	298.1
West Virginia	755.3	758.1	754.7	757.3	39.3	37.6	37.2	37.3	59.4	58.6	57.9	57.8
Wisconsin	2,877.2	2,882.1	2,869.6	2,870.0	125.9	124.5	121.2	121.2	503.5	497.3	493.8	492.9
Wyoming	285.1	292.5	292.6	293.8	25.2	27.2	27.0	26.4	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008P	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008P	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008P
Alabama	392.3	399.6	398.8	398.8	99.8	100.7	100.3	100.9	220.1	222.9	223.8	224.5
Alaska	64.2	64.0	64.7	65.3	15.1	14.8	14.9	15.0	24.9	24.8	25.1	25.2
Arizona	522.8	523.4	526.6	525.4	186.6	179.5	179.9	179.2	404.5	400.0	401.2	401.7
Arkansas	249.5	249.5	249.4	249.5	52.9	53.9	53.7	53.8	116.2	118.6	118.6	119.1
California	2,907.7	2,908.3	2,915.1	2,922.5	923.2	887.1	885.5	882.0	2,260.5	2,276.4	2,287.8	2,287.9
Colorado	426.3	433.5	434.1	435.4	160.5	158.5	158.1	158.3	342.2	352.4	352.6	353.1
Connecticut	310.6	313.1	311.7	310.7	145.2	143.2	143.5	143.1	205.5	206.5	205.3	204.9
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	83.0	83.2	83.4	83.1	45.3	45.7	45.9	45.8	59.8	60.3	59.3	59.1
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	27.7	27.3	27.5	27.5	29.6	29.0	28.9	28.6	153.7	156.3	156.1	156.3
Florida	1,610.4	1,616.6	1,617.7	1,616.2	545.8	541.1	542.5	538.9	1,333.4	1,334.5	1,337.6	1,335.0
Georgia	884.7	893.9	900.0	900.3	232.8	227.8	228.9	229.2	556.7	563.7	566.4	567.1
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	121.6	121.1	121.4	120.7	( <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	131.7	132.4	131.6	131.4	32.3	31.8	32.2	32.2	82.0	83.6	81.6	82.1
Illinois	1,208.7	1,212.4	1,225.0	1,222.3	406.2	403.2	404.9	404.3	864.3	871.5	873.6	875.0
Indiana	586.1	590.1	586.4	585.0	139.3	138.2	138.3	138.2	286.4	289.8	289.7	288.4
Iowa	309.4	308.6	309.9	309.4	101.9	103.1	103.4	103.7	120.3	121.4	122.2	122.3
Kansas	262.0	263.6	264.2	263.5	74.0	73.9	74.0	74.2	142.1	146.6	146.4	145.9
Kentucky	385.0	389.9	390.7	391.1	92.8	94.4	94.4	95.3	181.2	182.6	183.6	183.1
Louisiana	381.5	385.8	384.0	383.7	98.4	97.1	96.8	97.2	200.6	202.4	202.5	202.2
Maine	125.9	127.3	127.1	126.4	33.4	33.0	33.0	32.9	53.0	54.2	54.1	54.1
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	477.2	476.6	478.7	478.2	159.2	157.1	156.3	156.1	394.9	401.9	401.6	402.5
Massachusetts	570.8	571.4	570.4	568.2	226.0	224.5	224.0	224.3	478.3	484.2	484.2	486.4
Michigan	791.5	783.7	787.6	785.7	213.1	209.4	209.4	209.3	579.3	568.9	569.3	571.9
Minnesota	530.0	531.6	534.0	531.3	180.4	178.5	179.5	180.1	329.0	329.5	332.5	331.5
Mississippi	226.5	227.5	227.9	226.9	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	94.3	96.0	94.9	94.9
Missouri	548.7	549.2	549.5	549.7	166.8	166.9	165.9	166.3	333.8	339.0	343.0	343.3
Montana	91.6	93.3	93.6	93.5	21.7	21.9	21.7	21.8	40.0	41.4	41.8	41.9
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	203.5	206.0	205.7	206.4	68.6	69.2	69.4	69.4	103.3	106.1	107.3	107.6
Nevada	230.4	235.5	236.8	237.2	65.8	64.0	63.8	63.4	161.5	155.6	155.4	156.3
New Hampshire	141.9	142.6	142.8	142.3	38.6	38.6	38.4	38.5	65.0	66.6	67.0	67.3
New Jersey	874.0	879.9	877.3	874.5	277.7	270.2	269.3	269.2	603.5	612.8	609.0	609.6
New Mexico	143.6	144.8	145.7	146.4	35.1	35.6	35.6	35.3	108.4	107.9	108.0	108.8
New York	1,524.0	1,529.0	1,533.6	1,528.7	731.5	732.3	730.1	730.7	1,128.7	1,145.1	1,137.1	1,132.9
North Carolina	776.2	783.6	786.5	785.1	210.8	210.9	210.7	210.7	492.3	510.3	511.9	509.3
North Dakota	76.5	76.3	77.2	77.5	19.5	20.1	20.2	20.2	29.0	29.9	30.5	30.4
Ohio	1,047.6	1,050.4	1,054.6	1,051.2	303.3	299.7	300.6	300.3	664.0	666.2	667.6	667.5
Oklahoma	287.3	288.8	291.1	290.5	83.5	84.4	84.3	84.1	179.1	182.4	181.4	182.0
Oregon	339.5	342.0	342.7	344.3	107.8	105.5	105.1	105.0	197.5	198.3	200.1	201.2
Pennsylvania	1,132.1	1,132.5	1,135.6	1,131.3	332.9	331.0	330.9	330.9	697.8	711.6	711.2	711.4
Rhode Island	80.0	79.5	79.0	78.7	35.6	34.5	34.2	34.1	56.7	55.6	55.1	54.6
South Carolina	373.6	380.1	380.1	378.8	105.2	107.7	107.7	106.7	224.7	226.1	230.9	227.4
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	80.9	82.4	82.9	82.3	30.5	30.9	30.7	30.7	26.8	28.1	28.7	27.5
Tennessee <sup>3</sup>	609.9	613.4	613.6	613.1	143.9	143.3	143.0	142.2	318.7	325.9	319.7	319.4
Texas	2,089.8	2,124.1	2,120.6	2,127.2	641.0	649.6	644.7	646.5	1,274.1	1,321.3	1,329.1	1,330.7
Utah	243.0	250.1	249.7	250.4	74.5	74.4	75.3	75.6	158.3	162.7	163.8	163.7
Vermont	59.4	59.3	59.3	59.2	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.2	22.1	22.2	22.2	22.3
Virginia	667.0	670.0	667.9	667.2	195.4	192.7	191.6	192.8	639.1	649.5	646.5	649.0
Washington	550.5	557.3	558.3	559.4	156.0	154.4	154.5	154.7	342.3	349.5	350.1	352.4
West Virginia	142.9	143.5	142.2	142.7	29.8	29.7	29.5	29.5	59.9	60.4	60.9	60.6
Wisconsin	548.8	547.6	545.5	545.3	163.3	162.9	162.5	162.6	275.6	279.0	278.8	279.0
Wyoming	54.6	56.2	56.9	57.4	11.2	11.7	11.6	11.6	18.1	18.5	18.4	18.5

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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			
	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	207.1	210.8	209.1	209.2	174.0	174.4	174.4	175.1	374.6	378.0	378.6	379.6
Alaska	37.1	36.7	37.1	37.2	32.1	31.8	32.1	32.1	81.8	81.5	81.7	82.0
Arizona	300.0	309.6	309.2	310.7	271.5	275.1	273.1	274.4	414.7	429.9	436.6	436.1
Arkansas	152.7	155.7	155.7	156.4	98.4	100.1	100.4	100.6	209.7	211.7	211.8	212.1
California	1,649.4	1,686.6	1,684.6	1,694.7	1,545.7	1,561.9	1,561.9	1,566.5	2,478.5	2,523.4	2,527.7	2,528.2
Colorado	236.6	243.8	243.6	245.2	267.8	273.6	275.2	275.3	371.4	378.8	380.3	381.7
Connecticut	284.7	290.8	291.6	292.3	134.5	138.0	136.2	137.1	247.8	251.2	252.1	252.5
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	57.3	59.1	59.3	59.5	41.3	40.3	39.7	39.9	60.9	61.5	61.0	60.8
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	98.0	99.7	100.2	101.3	54.3	55.3	54.8	55.0	231.2	233.9	233.5	233.7
Florida	996.8	1,019.5	1,027.3	1,030.1	925.0	932.0	934.5	938.7	1,117.2	1,137.0	1,138.3	1,139.9
Georgia	449.0	463.8	463.5	463.3	393.5	398.9	400.8	403.0	673.0	680.4	681.9	683.4
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	72.7	72.9	73.8	74.3	110.1	109.4	109.1	109.1	122.3	123.7	123.7	122.9
Idaho	72.4	74.2	74.3	74.5	62.1	64.0	64.0	63.9	116.0	119.5	119.9	118.8
Illinois	773.9	784.7	788.3	788.5	529.0	530.2	527.6	529.1	849.0	852.4	851.9	854.7
Indiana	389.9	403.3	405.4	404.8	284.3	282.1	283.5	283.8	428.7	433.8	436.4	436.3
Iowa	201.5	203.4	203.3	203.8	136.6	137.3	137.3	137.0	249.2	251.0	252.5	252.7
Kansas	169.2	171.8	171.0	170.5	115.3	115.8	115.1	114.8	257.0	258.8	258.8	260.2
Kentucky	239.9	241.5	241.7	241.2	171.2	175.1	176.1	174.8	320.5	329.9	328.0	328.5
Louisiana	243.0	250.5	250.2	250.8	192.4	198.3	199.3	199.2	354.7	364.9	363.9	363.9
Maine	116.1	116.7	116.8	117.3	60.8	60.6	61.2	61.5	103.6	104.7	104.0	103.5
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	370.4	379.0	379.3	380.3	232.8	237.4	238.2	238.5	475.8	481.3	480.9	482.1
Massachusetts	618.0	628.1	633.0	633.0	302.5	303.0	303.7	304.1	430.9	435.5	435.7	435.2
Michigan	590.6	600.0	601.9	603.0	404.8	402.9	404.4	402.5	658.5	650.5	650.6	651.0
Minnesota	420.1	434.7	433.3	434.1	247.5	248.7	248.7	248.7	414.0	416.9	416.7	415.9
Mississippi	124.5	126.9	127.1	127.3	125.1	126.9	126.5	127.2	242.3	244.1	245.8	246.1
Missouri	381.5	387.0	386.3	388.1	280.9	281.8	282.1	282.5	437.6	443.5	441.8	441.3
Montana	58.5	59.7	59.8	60.0	57.5	58.7	59.0	59.5	87.3	86.1	86.1	86.3
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	131.7	133.7	133.0	134.5	81.7	83.4	82.6	81.8	163.4	164.8	165.0	163.9
Nevada	91.1	94.2	94.5	94.8	340.3	341.4	341.4	340.1	155.4	158.9	159.0	159.4
New Hampshire	102.4	105.3	104.3	105.5	64.4	64.5	64.0	64.0	93.1	95.2	96.6	94.5
New Jersey	576.6	585.9	586.5	587.9	339.0	340.8	339.3	340.1	648.1	648.8	648.5	648.9
New Mexico	110.2	112.5	112.5	112.9	87.7	88.5	88.6	88.7	193.9	196.4	194.9	195.1
New York	1,590.5	1,625.4	1,628.0	1,632.3	695.3	703.3	704.9	708.8	1,497.1	1,509.6	1,510.1	1,510.7
North Carolina	506.5	522.8	523.0	524.1	390.5	400.0	399.6	400.6	689.6	703.6	702.2	702.7
North Dakota	50.3	51.4	51.4	51.5	32.6	33.3	33.8	33.6	75.4	75.4	75.7	75.4
Ohio	783.6	795.5	800.6	798.1	502.1	497.1	499.7	497.8	796.1	798.1	796.3	795.9
Oklahoma	190.2	195.4	195.3	195.5	139.2	140.4	142.5	142.3	322.2	319.9	319.8	321.3
Oregon	209.6	214.9	218.6	216.2	170.6	176.5	175.7	175.9	287.1	292.9	292.6	293.2
Pennsylvania	1,065.9	1,084.9	1,084.5	1,084.3	499.5	502.2	504.9	505.1	744.9	744.5	744.1	744.5
Rhode Island	98.9	99.7	100.2	100.6	51.2	51.4	51.2	51.1	64.6	64.5	64.6	64.4
South Carolina	198.4	204.7	205.6	205.4	215.1	217.5	218.7	216.6	334.8	339.8	341.3	341.0
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	59.2	60.4	61.2	60.9	43.3	42.8	43.0	43.4	75.5	75.3	75.4	75.6
Tennessee <sup>3</sup>	347.1	355.0	354.7	355.7	274.1	278.2	278.0	278.6	418.9	422.6	424.2	422.0
Texas	1,239.7	1,273.8	1,275.1	1,275.2	962.9	995.7	1,000.4	1,005.3	1,719.9	1,729.2	1,735.5	1,735.0
Utah	137.7	142.8	143.2	143.6	111.9	113.4	115.2	115.7	205.5	207.4	207.2	208.0
Vermont	56.2	57.7	57.0	57.4	32.7	33.2	32.5	32.7	54.0	53.9	54.2	54.1
Virginia	412.2	420.9	421.4	422.1	344.1	351.3	350.1	350.4	683.2	688.3	690.2	693.6
Washington	343.7	352.7	353.4	354.2	277.4	286.5	287.4	288.4	531.1	536.9	538.3	539.1
West Virginia	112.7	115.2	114.5	115.2	70.3	71.6	71.6	72.5	145.4	145.4	144.9	145.7
Wisconsin	396.0	400.8	401.9	404.7	262.0	259.2	256.9	256.7	411.4	418.7	418.0	416.7
Wyoming	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	33.6	34.2	34.1	34.4	66.3	67.5	67.2	67.8

<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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	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 .....	1,974.9	1,997.5	1,987.3	2,005.3	12.9	12.7	13.0	12.7	109.4	112.2	110.7	113.0	297.8	293.5	297.9	292.1
Alaska .....	296.3	298.4	303.0	304.6	12.9	14.1	13.2	14.2	14.3	13.4	14.8	13.6	10.8	10.8	11.7	11.6
Arizona .....	2,630.7	2,647.1	2,668.5	2,672.4	10.5	12.3	10.5	12.3	226.7	205.8	227.6	203.9	181.6	179.6	183.8	179.6
Arkansas .....	1,184.9	1,190.3	1,193.3	1,198.6	8.4	10.0	8.7	10.1	53.9	52.8	53.6	53.3	192.7	184.7	191.6	184.4
California .....	14,938.0	14,975.1	15,047.2	15,068.2	24.6	24.6	24.8	24.9	874.6	808.5	879.9	808.1	1,454.9	1,432.3	1,461.3	1,435.4
Colorado .....	2,262.6	2,314.6	2,280.5	2,327.7	23.1	26.3	23.6	26.8	154.0	154.6	154.4	155.6	146.0	144.5	145.6	142.3
Connecticut .....	1,666.5	1,679.2	1,668.4	1,681.4	.7	.7	.6	.6	62.6	63.0	60.7	61.2	191.8	190.2	191.7	189.8
Delaware .....	425.8	427.6	425.1	428.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	27.2	26.8	26.0	26.0	33.1	32.6	33.0	33.9
District of Columbia ..	681.8	691.0	690.3	698.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.2	12.1	12.0	12.2	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
Florida .....	8,010.9	8,008.0	8,077.4	8,043.7	6.7	6.4	6.8	6.4	620.2	554.1	621.2	546.3	395.3	376.5	395.7	374.0
Georgia .....	4,094.3	4,135.9	4,114.8	4,152.4	12.1	11.8	12.1	11.8	218.6	217.2	220.2	218.5	436.9	423.4	436.2	423.5
Hawaii .....	614.9	621.9	623.0	627.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	37.5	39.4	37.9	39.6	15.2	15.1	15.4	15.1
Idaho .....	628.2	636.4	635.5	637.7	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.3	47.4	46.3	47.8	45.1	65.9	63.8	66.2	62.9
Illinois .....	5,843.2	5,881.2	5,845.5	5,884.3	9.7	9.2	9.7	9.2	244.5	243.6	233.6	233.3	677.0	673.2	675.3	672.1
Indiana .....	2,921.6	2,941.9	2,924.6	2,947.5	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.6	138.9	137.3	132.4	132.0	549.5	542.1	549.1	540.0
Iowa .....	1,482.6	1,493.2	1,485.7	1,497.5	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	64.0	63.5	60.7	61.3	227.8	228.3	226.9	227.9
Kansas .....	1,341.2	1,362.5	1,351.9	1,370.1	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.1	60.6	61.3	57.8	60.6	182.4	186.3	183.5	186.3
Kentucky .....	1,830.8	1,854.9	1,830.9	1,856.1	22.2	21.7	22.2	21.8	77.4	82.1	75.5	82.0	259.1	251.2	258.4	249.6
Louisiana .....	1,876.5	1,925.3	1,895.4	1,934.5	49.6	51.2	49.8	51.0	129.1	135.3	130.5	135.6	153.5	158.3	155.2	157.4
Maine .....	596.1	597.0	596.2	597.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.8	28.1	27.5	26.9	26.2	58.3	57.6	57.9	57.1
Maryland .....	2,550.8	2,571.6	2,552.7	2,584.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	183.9	183.0	180.2	182.3	132.2	130.2	131.8	130.2
Massachusetts .....	3,198.5	3,221.9	3,206.1	3,231.8	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4	126.7	125.4	121.5	120.9	296.9	292.0	296.6	292.1
Michigan .....	4,186.2	4,139.0	4,213.0	4,155.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.8	150.7	140.8	145.2	135.5	616.1	591.5	629.9	591.4
Minnesota .....	2,711.4	2,725.9	2,711.9	2,724.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	108.0	101.9	104.0	97.7	338.4	335.2	337.0	334.9
Mississippi .....	1,138.4	1,147.3	1,144.5	1,150.7	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.4	56.9	57.5	56.6	56.7	172.9	166.7	172.3	166.3
Missouri .....	2,720.0	2,743.7	2,741.7	2,759.3	5.1	5.9	5.0	5.7	138.2	138.6	133.1	138.2	300.1	290.3	302.3	291.1
Montana .....	427.0	434.4	430.2	437.8	8.1	8.4	8.1	8.4	27.8	29.3	27.6	29.2	20.2	20.1	20.2	20.1
Nebraska .....	938.1	956.2	940.7	957.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	44.7	47.4	44.0	46.8	100.0	100.8	100.4	100.7
Nevada .....	1,268.2	1,277.4	1,283.1	1,284.4	11.8	12.2	11.7	12.2	130.3	123.4	132.0	123.1	49.8	50.5	49.8	50.7
New Hampshire .....	632.0	641.6	633.9	642.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	25.6	25.3	24.6	24.8	77.5	77.7	77.3	77.4
New Jersey .....	3,993.6	4,008.0	3,989.4	4,003.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	161.2	158.9	155.4	154.4	314.5	307.0	313.5	306.3
New Mexico .....	824.4	828.8	833.9	837.6	19.3	19.5	19.0	19.3	56.0	54.7	56.8	55.5	37.2	35.1	37.3	34.9
New York .....	8,532.9	8,618.2	8,571.5	8,651.5	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2	318.8	325.4	310.5	317.0	554.6	538.3	553.5	537.7
North Carolina .....	4,053.7	4,131.6	4,076.8	4,138.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	246.5	250.5	247.0	249.2	544.2	530.0	543.9	528.4
North Dakota .....	348.5	356.2	349.6	356.8	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.1	15.6	16.5	15.3	16.0	25.5	25.7	25.3	25.4
Ohio .....	5,324.2	5,320.1	5,321.0	5,325.2	11.3	11.6	11.0	11.5	204.3	202.4	195.6	198.2	774.8	762.0	775.6	762.0
Oklahoma .....	1,528.8	1,558.0	1,543.8	1,570.8	44.3	49.4	44.2	50.3	67.5	71.1	67.7	71.5	148.9	150.0	149.3	150.8
Oregon .....	1,688.3	1,707.9	1,704.5	1,719.1	8.7	8.6	8.9	8.3	97.4	93.0	98.9	93.6	203.6	199.2	203.4	198.7
Pennsylvania .....	5,679.4	5,707.3	5,690.8	5,723.1	19.9	20.5	19.8	20.4	241.8	243.0	232.9	235.7	659.9	644.2	653.6	642.1
Rhode Island .....	481.9	476.4	483.5	477.5	.2	.2	.2	.2	21.0	19.2	19.9	18.3	51.4	49.2	51.5	49.2
South Carolina .....	1,904.3	1,931.5	1,916.2	1,933.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.5	124.2	124.3	124.4	122.3	250.0	248.0	250.7	246.9
South Dakota .....	391.9	399.0	392.8	399.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	19.7	20.1	19.0	19.7	41.8	42.0	41.6	42.4
Tennessee .....	2,744.9	2,754.8	2,753.7	2,764.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	129.9	133.0	130.1	133.3	387.9	371.9	387.3	373.1
Texas .....	10,106.1	10,374.8	10,206.6	10,443.6	197.6	213.7	199.3	213.2	609.2	638.3	622.2	649.2	926.2	927.9	929.0	927.1
Utah .....	1,219.2	1,251.0	1,226.7	1,255.4	10.6	11.1	10.6	11.2	96.0	97.6	96.5	95.7	125.0	128.1	125.7	128.7
Vermont .....	305.8	305.7	306.8	306.9	.8	.8	.8	.8	15.1	14.4	14.2	13.6	35.8	35.2	35.8	35.3
Virginia .....	3,699.8	3,718.2	3,705.7	3,725.5	11.3	10.6	11.2	10.5	236.1	231.9	233.3	229.8	279.4	273.2	280.6	270.5
Washington .....	2,843.3	2,909.4	2,873.7	2,929.4	8.4	7.8	7.9	7.8	190.3	194.1	194.4	196.8	285.8	293.9	288.1	294.0
West Virginia .....	740.5	741.2	741.5	743.8	28.1	28.6	27.9	28.4	36.2	33.6	34.2	32.8	59.1	57.6	58.9	57.4
Wisconsin .....	2,814.4	2,809.0	2,810.0	2,813.1	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	112.5	107.8	107.9	105.9	498.7	489.0	496.3	487.2
Wyoming .....	275.1	283.5	276.9	285.0	27.0	27.7	26.9	27.3	22.4	24.4	22.4	23.7	10.3	10.3	10.1	10.1
Puerto Rico .....	1,023.7	1,012.4	1,025.1	1,010.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	66.0	64.1	67.6	66.9	107.0	102.8	107.2	103.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	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 .....	387.8	395.7	387.5	394.4	27.9	28.5	28.1	28.6	99.0	99.6	99.1	100.1	215.4	220.5	218.1	222.5
Alaska .....	59.9	60.6	59.8	60.7	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.6	23.2	23.5	23.7	24.0
Arizona .....	522.0	527.6	520.8	524.3	41.5	42.2	42.4	42.5	184.3	178.9	185.9	179.2	394.5	394.4	399.3	399.1
Arkansas .....	246.2	246.6	245.9	246.0	19.6	19.9	19.6	19.9	52.4	53.3	52.4	53.4	114.0	116.4	115.1	117.5
California .....	2,895.7	2,896.4	2,871.3	2,883.4	463.3	450.3	471.2	461.7	914.4	881.4	920.6	880.4	2,212.5	2,256.0	2,240.2	2,270.3
Colorado .....	424.2	432.2	419.7	428.6	74.9	75.5	75.0	75.4	159.6	157.1	160.1	157.7	332.0	341.6	334.0	342.8
Connecticut .....	311.2	311.8	305.3	306.0	37.5	38.9	37.9	39.4	144.9	142.4	144.4	142.2	199.4	199.3	200.4	200.1
Delaware .....	81.9	82.1	80.6	80.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	44.8	45.7	44.9	45.6	58.3	58.0	58.5	57.9
District of Columbia ..	27.5	27.4	27.2	27.3	22.4	21.2	22.5	21.3	29.5	28.5	29.7	28.4	150.7	153.4	152.3	154.9
Florida .....	1,607.2	1,615.5	1,603.8	1,609.7	160.2	159.5	161.2	160.9	540.5	537.2	544.1	536.3	1,319.3	1,326.1	1,334.7	1,332.2
Georgia .....	880.7	892.6	874.8	887.9	115.0	115.0	114.7	114.6	230.5	227.2	232.1	228.1	547.7	558.5	552.9	562.5
Hawaii .....	121.6	121.6	120.3	120.3	10.4	10.5	11.0	10.6	29.9	29.8	30.0	29.9	75.1	76.5	75.7	77.0
Idaho .....	128.8	129.1	128.6	128.0	10.6	10.9	10.6	10.9	31.8	31.6	31.9	31.6	77.5	78.2	78.8	78.7
Illinois .....	1,201.3	1,212.3	1,185.7	1,198.4	115.3	116.4	115.7	116.4	403.3	401.9	402.8	401.0	835.2	843.5	837.5	845.2
Indiana .....	578.8	581.4	572.5	576.1	39.5	40.4	39.6	40.5	137.5	137.0	137.8	137.2	275.8	279.8	276.8	280.2
Iowa .....	305.5	305.6	302.5	302.6	33.0	32.7	33.5	32.9	101.1	103.0	101.2	103.0	116.1	118.2	117.1	119.2
Kansas .....	258.9	261.5	257.7	259.3	41.2	40.7	41.2	40.6	73.2	73.6	73.3	73.7	138.1	143.0	139.5	142.6
Kentucky .....	381.1	386.3	378.2	384.1	29.6	30.3	29.5	30.3	92.3	93.6	92.3	94.6	177.0	179.2	177.0	178.5
Louisiana .....	378.9	382.2	377.9	382.2	26.5	26.3	27.5	26.6	97.7	96.3	98.0	96.8	197.8	200.6	199.7	201.5
Maine .....	123.9	124.6	120.7	121.2	11.2	11.2	11.4	11.3	33.0	32.7	33.0	32.6	51.1	52.1	51.0	52.1
Maryland .....	474.8	473.6	467.3	468.1	49.3	50.6	49.7	50.8	157.9	154.9	158.0	154.9	384.8	390.1	386.2	393.1
Massachusetts .....	567.3	566.4	557.2	556.4	86.4	89.2	86.7	89.3	223.9	222.8	223.8	222.6	461.9	470.4	463.8	471.6
Michigan .....	779.2	774.7	770.1	766.6	65.6	65.3	65.6	65.3	211.1	207.4	211.1	207.4	560.5	554.0	563.2	555.9
Minnesota .....	523.6	529.0	518.8	520.5	57.9	58.4	57.9	58.5	178.6	178.3	179.2	179.6	319.9	319.8	321.1	321.0
Mississippi .....	224.2	226.1	223.3	225.5	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.3	46.5	46.2	46.7	46.4	93.0	93.9	94.3	94.5
Missouri .....	542.1	544.6	538.4	540.2	62.2	64.3	62.4	64.3	164.5	164.6	164.9	165.1	327.6	333.8	328.9	336.6
Montana .....	89.6	91.5	89.4	90.7	7.4	7.7	7.5	7.7	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.6	38.1	39.8	38.5	40.3
Nebraska .....	200.9	204.3	199.9	203.8	19.1	19.0	19.1	18.9	67.7	68.9	68.2	69.4	100.5	105.4	101.2	106.0
Nevada .....	228.6	235.2	227.5	234.8	15.3	15.4	15.8	15.5	65.0	63.3	65.1	63.0	158.4	155.1	161.1	155.4
New Hampshire .....	141.5	141.6	138.1	138.9	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.2	38.1	38.2	38.1	38.3	62.4	65.1	63.2	65.6
New Jersey .....	871.2	870.3	857.7	858.9	96.3	98.3	97.1	97.3	274.9	267.9	274.3	267.4	584.4	593.0	585.3	593.6
New Mexico .....	142.3	144.4	141.8	143.7	14.5	15.1	15.5	15.7	34.9	35.3	35.0	35.1	106.3	106.2	107.6	107.5
New York .....	1,513.3	1,522.2	1,489.6	1,499.3	260.4	264.4	261.9	265.4	723.0	725.4	724.4	725.5	1,099.4	1,108.3	1,104.8	1,108.1
North Carolina .....	765.6	773.3	761.8	769.6	72.2	72.3	72.6	72.9	206.6	207.6	207.7	207.9	477.4	501.1	484.4	502.0
North Dakota .....	75.4	76.2	75.0	76.1	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.5	19.3	20.1	19.4	20.0	28.1	29.7	28.3	29.8
Ohio .....	1,038.6	1,041.3	1,024.8	1,029.4	87.3	86.8	87.4	86.6	301.5	298.6	301.2	298.5	645.1	648.6	646.7	650.0
Oklahoma .....	282.8	288.0	282.6	286.6	29.2	29.0	29.0	28.8	82.8	83.6	83.3	83.6	173.6	176.2	176.4	178.3
Oregon .....	334.4	338.7	332.3	336.7	34.9	36.1	35.3	35.6	105.8	103.6	106.5	104.0	190.6	192.7	193.0	196.0
Pennsylvania .....	1,130.9	1,129.4	1,111.1	1,111.8	106.8	106.1	106.5	106.0	330.4	328.9	330.4	328.3	679.9	695.2	681.6	696.4
Rhode Island .....	79.1	77.9	78.0	76.8	10.5	10.9	10.4	10.9	35.2	34.0	35.3	34.0	54.3	52.9	54.0	52.4
South Carolina .....	369.1	374.7	368.4	374.5	27.1	27.3	27.2	27.5	104.1	107.0	104.1	106.4	219.9	223.6	222.6	222.1
South Dakota .....	79.5	81.2	78.7	80.1	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.6	26.0	27.6	26.4	27.3
Tennessee .....	603.8	606.6	600.6	604.1	49.1	49.2	49.3	49.4	142.0	142.1	142.8	141.4	310.8	313.4	312.6	314.2
Texas .....	2,072.1	2,107.2	2,064.6	2,102.1	219.4	221.8	220.7	219.8	633.7	640.8	636.8	643.5	1,245.1	1,306.2	1,263.1	1,317.0
Utah .....	240.4	247.5	239.9	246.7	32.0	31.2	32.0	31.1	73.7	75.0	74.4	75.4	153.5	159.3	154.5	160.0
Vermont .....	59.2	58.8	58.4	58.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.0	21.2	21.4	21.3	21.5
Virginia .....	663.5	664.3	654.2	655.1	91.9	89.0	91.3	89.4	193.7	190.1	193.9	190.7	628.4	637.4	631.9	641.5
Washington .....	540.5	549.6	539.1	547.3	100.4	103.1	101.3	103.6	153.9	152.7	154.5	153.2	329.4	340.5	335.6	345.1
West Virginia .....	141.3	140.6	140.1	139.5	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	29.5	29.3	29.5	29.3	59.1	59.7	58.8	59.9
Wisconsin .....	541.3	537.9	533.5	531.8	49.8	50.0	49.5	49.7	162.1	161.8	161.9	161.7	265.5	268.9	267.2	269.6
Wyoming .....	53.0	55.6	53.2	55.6	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	11.0	11.5	11.0	11.5	16.8	17.3	17.1	17.4
Puerto Rico .....	184.7	186.1	181.2	177.1	22.6	22.1	22.4	22.0	48.5	48.8	48.3	48.3	108.2	104.2	108.6	102.9

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			
	January		February		January		February		January		February		January		February	
	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 .....	204.8	207.8	206.6	209.0	165.8	168.1	169.2	170.3	79.9	79.7	80.5	80.1	374.2	379.2	376.6	382.5
Alaska .....	36.6	36.7	37.1	37.1	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.6	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.4	79.4	79.6	82.5	83.0
Arizona .....	296.6	308.9	301.1	311.5	266.8	270.1	272.9	275.9	96.4	95.3	98.6	97.5	409.8	432.0	425.6	446.6
Arkansas .....	150.8	155.1	153.0	156.5	94.0	95.1	94.9	96.9	44.8	44.8	44.9	45.1	208.1	211.6	213.6	215.5
California .....	1,626.1	1,672.6	1,657.7	1,703.1	1,496.8	1,520.5	1,514.2	1,538.0	500.0	507.4	507.2	513.4	2,475.1	2,525.1	2,498.8	2,549.5
Colorado .....	233.7	242.7	236.8	245.7	263.4	273.7	264.7	273.7	91.4	94.1	91.9	93.7	360.3	372.3	374.7	385.4
Connecticut .....	282.1	289.7	286.6	294.2	125.4	127.9	125.2	128.0	63.4	63.4	63.2	63.2	247.5	251.9	252.4	256.7
Delaware .....	57.0	59.0	57.1	59.4	36.8	36.3	37.0	36.3	20.3	20.5	20.1	20.3	59.6	59.9	61.1	60.9
District of Columbia ..	97.3	99.9	101.6	104.6	51.5	52.5	52.8	53.5	61.0	63.1	61.6	63.6	228.0	231.3	228.9	230.7
Florida .....	986.9	1,021.5	997.9	1,029.8	912.2	923.4	934.6	946.7	338.6	341.8	342.3	344.0	1,123.8	1,146.0	1,135.1	1,157.4
Georgia .....	445.9	461.5	450.0	463.3	378.2	386.8	383.7	391.9	158.1	159.7	158.6	160.4	670.6	682.2	679.5	689.9
Hawaii .....	71.1	73.1	72.7	74.1	108.4	108.3	109.6	108.9	25.8	26.5	26.2	26.7	119.9	121.1	124.2	124.9
Idaho .....	71.7	74.1	72.5	75.0	58.7	61.3	59.4	61.5	18.7	19.2	18.9	19.4	113.1	117.6	116.8	120.3
Illinois .....	765.9	782.8	773.8	787.8	500.7	500.3	499.2	501.1	255.3	258.1	255.4	257.5	835.0	839.9	856.8	862.3
Indiana .....	389.2	404.7	391.4	406.7	268.1	269.3	268.1	270.5	109.5	110.9	109.6	111.6	428.0	432.4	440.6	446.1
Iowa .....	201.2	203.9	204.1	206.2	127.9	128.6	127.9	128.6	56.6	57.3	56.4	57.4	247.6	250.4	253.7	256.7
Kansas .....	167.6	170.2	168.8	171.1	108.3	110.7	109.8	110.9	50.8	51.5	51.3	51.6	251.2	254.6	260.1	264.3
Kentucky .....	238.8	240.4	239.5	241.0	160.9	167.3	161.7	167.1	74.6	76.4	74.6	76.2	317.8	326.4	322.0	330.9
Louisiana .....	241.2	250.3	243.1	252.0	186.4	195.3	188.7	196.1	67.1	68.4	67.8	68.3	348.7	361.1	357.2	367.0
Maine .....	114.2	115.1	116.5	117.7	50.3	50.5	50.3	50.6	19.4	19.5	19.3	19.4	103.7	103.4	106.3	106.2
Maryland .....	367.6	377.7	370.1	380.7	216.7	221.0	214.7	221.0	116.2	116.9	116.2	117.7	467.4	473.6	478.5	486.1
Massachusetts .....	612.0	626.2	623.1	638.6	276.2	278.3	276.0	278.2	115.9	115.7	116.4	116.0	429.9	434.0	439.7	444.7
Michigan .....	584.9	596.8	591.3	602.7	377.5	377.8	377.2	377.2	172.8	172.5	173.7	173.4	660.2	651.7	677.9	673.3
Minnesota .....	418.0	431.2	421.1	434.4	232.1	235.4	231.9	234.2	115.1	112.7	114.8	113.6	414.2	418.4	420.5	424.7
Mississippi .....	124.5	127.0	125.1	128.0	120.4	123.6	121.9	124.7	36.8	37.5	37.1	37.8	240.8	246.2	244.6	248.1
Missouri .....	376.3	383.2	381.2	387.3	257.7	261.3	260.1	262.8	118.6	118.0	119.0	118.0	436.6	439.1	446.4	450.0
Montana .....	58.2	59.9	58.7	60.2	53.7	55.3	54.0	56.0	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	85.7	84.1	88.0	86.7
Nebraska .....	130.3	132.7	131.9	134.2	77.7	79.4	77.8	78.5	34.2	34.2	34.3	34.6	163.0	164.1	163.9	164.8
Nevada .....	89.7	93.9	91.2	94.8	332.7	336.7	335.7	336.7	35.2	35.9	35.3	36.2	151.4	155.8	157.9	162.0
New Hampshire .....	101.0	104.3	102.5	105.9	59.2	59.4	59.1	59.1	21.3	21.9	21.4	22.0	92.1	94.8	96.4	97.4
New Jersey .....	571.6	584.3	575.6	587.4	313.2	316.4	312.8	315.9	159.5	162.5	159.6	162.9	645.2	647.8	656.6	657.9
New Mexico .....	110.1	113.2	110.9	114.0	84.9	85.1	85.3	85.5	28.3	28.3	28.7	28.8	190.6	191.9	196.0	197.6
New York .....	1,571.8	1,611.0	1,605.0	1,644.9	640.9	655.7	649.8	664.4	356.0	361.5	357.7	362.7	1,489.5	1,500.8	1,509.0	1,521.3
North Carolina .....	499.0	520.7	505.3	523.5	367.0	378.1	370.8	380.4	174.5	182.5	175.9	183.3	693.8	708.6	700.5	714.5
North Dakota .....	50.0	51.3	50.1	51.5	30.7	32.1	31.1	32.0	15.0	15.3	15.0	15.4	76.5	76.8	77.8	78.0
Ohio .....	779.9	795.6	785.2	800.8	468.3	464.2	466.4	463.1	219.3	218.0	219.4	218.0	793.8	791.0	807.7	807.1
Oklahoma .....	186.8	194.8	188.6	195.6	131.6	136.4	134.2	137.6	61.5	62.6	62.1	63.1	319.8	316.9	326.4	324.6
Oregon .....	206.3	215.4	211.3	218.8	161.5	168.2	163.2	169.5	58.5	58.4	59.6	58.9	286.6	294.0	292.1	299.0
Pennsylvania .....	1,052.3	1,073.9	1,076.0	1,096.5	463.0	470.6	464.8	470.5	252.5	253.8	252.8	254.0	742.0	741.7	761.3	761.4
Rhode Island .....	96.9	98.5	100.1	101.9	45.5	46.0	46.0	46.0	22.6	22.6	22.7	22.7	65.2	65.0	65.4	65.1
South Carolina .....	196.0	205.0	198.1	205.9	199.8	204.1	203.0	205.3	73.4	72.4	73.8	72.8	336.0	340.5	339.2	345.4
South Dakota .....	58.9	60.9	59.1	61.1	39.0	38.9	39.1	39.3	15.6	15.9	15.6	15.7	74.2	74.9	75.8	76.2
Tennessee .....	342.7	351.7	345.7	354.5	258.9	263.5	260.5	265.4	101.7	101.6	102.3	102.3	418.1	421.8	422.5	426.3
Texas .....	1,221.9	1,269.5	1,237.0	1,273.9	919.8	967.5	937.3	982.1	344.8	351.8	348.5	354.0	1,716.3	1,730.1	1,748.1	1,761.7
Utah .....	137.7	143.8	139.1	145.1	109.9	113.4	111.2	114.8	34.4	35.5	34.8	35.7	206.0	208.5	208.0	211.0
Vermont .....	55.3	56.7	56.3	57.6	34.6	34.7	34.8	34.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7	54.8	54.8	56.4	56.5
Virginia .....	412.0	422.4	414.9	426.2	322.3	327.3	323.9	329.0	182.1	184.8	182.7	185.3	679.1	687.2	687.8	697.5
Washington .....	338.9	351.0	344.7	354.9	262.9	274.5	266.7	276.8	102.1	104.3	103.8	104.9	530.7	537.9	537.6	545.0
West Virginia .....	111.3	114.0	112.7	115.4	67.0	68.6	66.9	68.8	55.2	55.2	55.4	55.3	142.4	142.7	145.8	145.7
Wisconsin .....	393.1	400.6	395.4	404.5	242.9	240.8	242.8	239.7	135.1	134.9	135.5	135.5	410.2	414.3	416.8	424.5
Wyoming .....	22.7	23.4	22.9	23.9	30.5	31.0	31.0	31.4	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.7	66.1	66.8	66.9	68.5
Puerto Rico .....	102.0	101.7	104.7	105.1	71.9	73.2	71.8	73.3	18.1	17.6	18.1	18.3	294.7	291.8	295.2	293.5

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

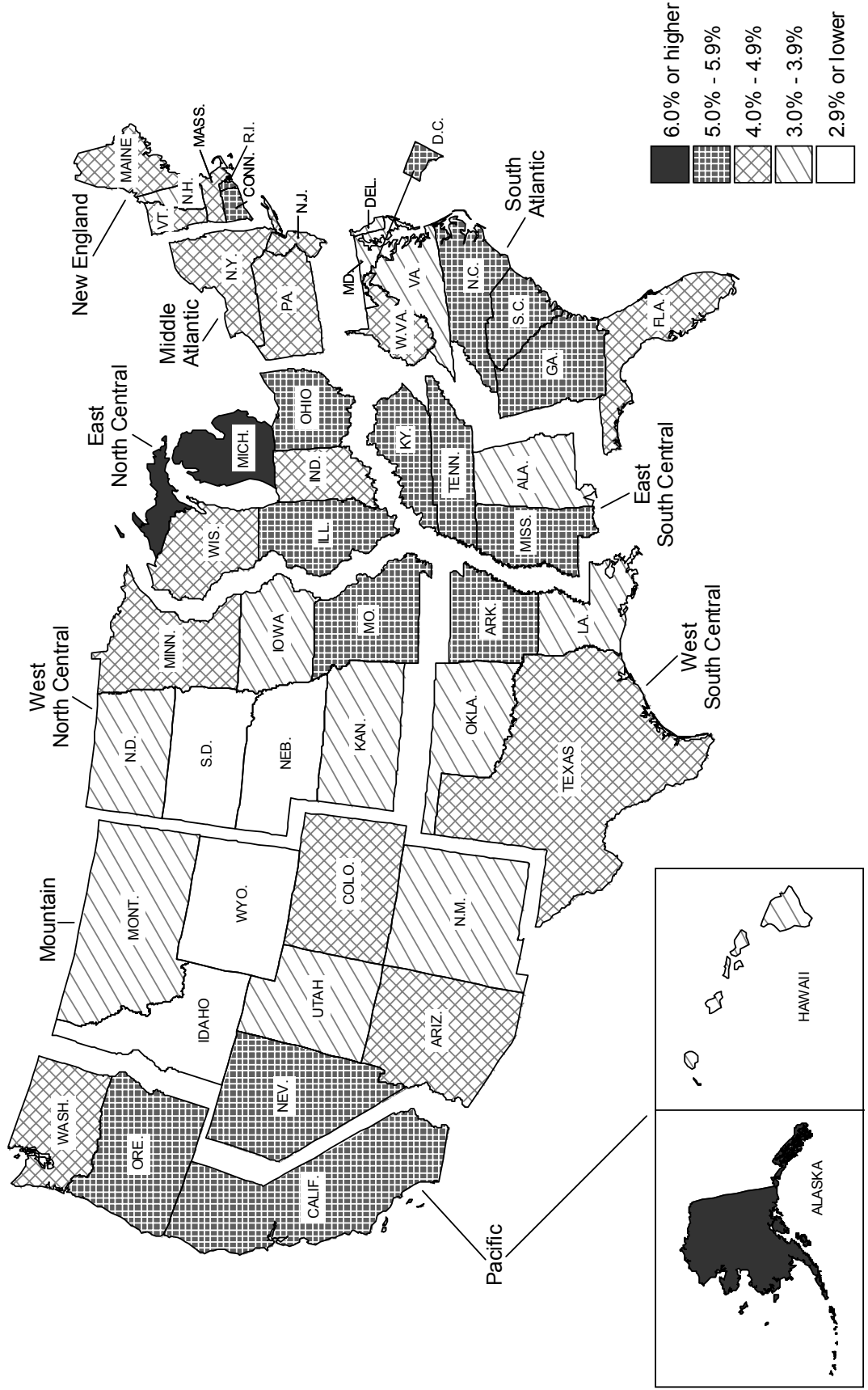
<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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, February 2008

(U.S. rate = 4.8 percent)



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

