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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: SEPTEMBER 2008

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in September but up substantially over the year. Overall, 21 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 23 states registered decreases, and 6 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 47 states and the District of Columbia and down in 3 states. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in September at 6.1 percent but was up from 4.7 percent a year earlier.

In September, nonfarm payroll employment rose in 9 states and fell in 41 states and the District of Columbia. The largest over-the-month gains in the level of employment occurred in Missouri (+3,800), Nebraska (+2,200), Wyoming (+1,800), West Virginia (+1,500), and Virginia (+1,300). Wyoming experienced the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.6 percent), followed by Nebraska and West Virginia (+0.2 percent each) and Arkansas, Missouri, and North Dakota (+0.1 percent each). The largest over-the-month employment level decreases occurred in Michigan (-28,300), Georgia (-22,300), Louisiana (-17,500), South Carolina (-14,800), and Arizona and Kentucky (-13,200 each). The District of Columbia (-1.2 percent) recorded the largest over-the-month percentage decrease in employment, followed by Louisiana (-0.9 percent), South Carolina (-0.8 percent), and Idaho, Kentucky, and Michigan (-0.7 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 24 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 26 states. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment occurred in Wyoming (+2.8 percent), Texas (+2.4 percent), the District of Columbia (+2.0 percent), and South Dakota (+1.6 percent). Rhode Island recorded the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment (-2.6 percent), followed by Arizona (-2.2 percent), Michigan (-1.8 percent), Georgia (-1.5 percent), Florida (-1.4 percent), and Idaho (-1.2 percent).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In September, the West and Midwest regions posted the highest jobless rates, 6.6 and 6.5 percent, respectively. The Northeast and South recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 5.7 and 5.9 percent,

respectively. No region registered a statistically significant unemployment rate change from the previous month. In contrast, all four regions reported significant jobless rate increases from September 2007: the West (+1.8 percentage points), South (+1.5 points), Northeast (+1.3 points), and Midwest (+1.2 points). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the Pacific and East North Central reported the highest unemployment rates in September, 7.2 and 7.0 percent, respectively. The West South Central again recorded the lowest jobless rate, 5.1 percent, followed closely by the Mountain and West North Central, at 5.2 percent each. No division reported a statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate change. Over the year, however, all nine divisions had significant rate increases: the East South Central, Pacific, and South Atlantic (+1.8 percentage points each); Mountain (+1.5 points); East North Central and New England (+1.3 points each); Middle Atlantic (+1.2 points); West North Central (+0.8 point); and West South Central (+0.7 point).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In September, Rhode Island and Michigan posted the highest jobless rates, 8.8 and 8.7 percent, respectively. Eight additional states recorded rates of 7.0 percent or more: Mississippi, 7.8 percent; California, 7.7 percent; Nevada and South Carolina, 7.3 percent each; Ohio and Tennessee, 7.2 percent each; Kentucky, 7.1 percent; and North Carolina, 7.0 percent. The District of Columbia also had a rate of 7.0 percent. South Dakota again registered the lowest unemployment rate, 3.2 percent, followed by Wyoming, at 3.3 percent, Nebraska and Utah, at 3.5 percent each, North Dakota, at 3.6 percent, and Oklahoma, at 3.8 percent. Overall, 11 states recorded significantly higher jobless rates than the U.S. figure of 6.1 percent, 23 states reported measurably lower rates, and 16 states and the District of Columbia had rates little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Six states reported statistically significant over-the-month jobless rate increases in September: Tennessee (+0.6 percentage point), Idaho (+0.4 point), Hawaii (+0.3 point), Montana and Nevada (+0.2 point each), and Texas (+0.1 point). Four states had statistically significant unemployment rate decreases between August and September: New Mexico and Wyoming (-0.6 percentage point each) and Iowa and Virginia (-0.3 point each). The remaining 40 states and the District of Columbia registered September 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.

Forty-five states and the District of Columbia had statistically significant jobless rate increases from September 2007. Rhode Island reported the largest rate increase (+3.7 percentage points) from a year earlier. The states with the next largest rate increases were Florida (+2.4 points); Idaho, Nevada, North Carolina, and Tennessee (+2.3 points each); Arizona and California (+2.1 points each); and Georgia (+2.0 points). Twenty-four other states and the District of Columbia posted over-the-year rate increases of 1.0 percentage point or more, and 12 additional states had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate increases from September 2007. Two states experienced statistically significant unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier—Arkansas (-0.6 percentage point) and Oklahoma (-0.5 point). The remaining three states recorded September 2008 jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table B.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between August and September 2008, 10 states and the District of Columbia registered statistically significant changes in employment, all of which were decreases. The statistically significant job losses

occurred in Michigan (-28,300), Georgia (-22,300), Louisiana (-17,500), South Carolina (-14,800), Arizona and Kentucky (-13,200 each), Washington (-12,900), Wisconsin (-12,400), the District of Columbia (-8,500), Oregon (-7,300), and Idaho (-4,900). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, eight states experienced statistically significant changes in employment. The largest statistically significant job gain occurred in Texas (+247,900), followed by Nebraska (+12,800) and Wyoming (+8,200). The statistically significant over-the-year decreases occurred in Florida (-115,500), Michigan (-77,900), Georgia (-61,100), Arizona (-59,200), and Rhode Island (-12,600). (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for September is scheduled to be issued on Wednesday, October 29. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on Friday, November 21.

Recent Tropical Storms

Hurricane Ike struck the east coast of Texas and portions of coastal Louisiana on September 13th in the midst of the establishment survey reference period. For the weather conditions to have affected payroll employment, people would have had to be off work for the entire pay period and not paid for the time missed. Therefore, it is unlikely the storm had substantial effects on the state employment estimates.

In the Current Population Survey of households, which provides inputs for the model-based estimation of labor force and unemployment for the areas included in this release, people who miss work for weather-related events are counted as employed whether or not they are paid for the time off.

Hurricane Katrina

For September, 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 September 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., September 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate ^p
United States ¹	6.1
Arkansas.....	4.9
California.....	7.7
Colorado.....	5.2
Delaware.....	4.8
Hawaii.....	4.5
Idaho.....	5.0
Illinois.....	6.9
Iowa.....	4.2
Kansas.....	4.8
Kentucky.....	7.1
Maryland.....	4.6
Massachusetts.....	5.3
Michigan.....	8.7
Mississippi.....	7.8
Montana.....	4.6
Nebraska.....	3.5
Nevada.....	7.3
New Hampshire.....	4.1
New Mexico.....	4.0
North Carolina.....	7.0
North Dakota.....	3.6
Ohio.....	7.2
Oklahoma.....	3.8
Rhode Island.....	8.8
South Carolina.....	7.3
South Dakota.....	3.2
Tennessee.....	7.2
Texas.....	5.1
Utah.....	3.5
Vermont.....	5.2
Virginia.....	4.3
West Virginia.....	4.5
Wisconsin.....	5.0
Wyoming.....	3.3

¹ Data are not preliminary.

^p = preliminary.

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

State	Rate		Over-the-year rate change ^p
	September 2007	September 2008 ^p	
Alabama.....	3.5	5.3	1.8
Alaska.....	6.3	6.8	.5
Arizona.....	3.8	5.9	2.1
Arkansas.....	5.5	4.9	-.6
California.....	5.6	7.7	2.1
Colorado.....	4.0	5.2	1.2
Connecticut.....	4.6	6.1	1.5
Delaware.....	3.3	4.8	1.5
District of Columbia.....	5.7	7.0	1.3
Florida.....	4.2	6.6	2.4
Georgia.....	4.5	6.5	2.0
Hawaii.....	2.8	4.5	1.7
Idaho.....	2.7	5.0	2.3
Illinois.....	5.2	6.9	1.7
Indiana.....	4.5	6.2	1.7
Iowa.....	3.8	4.2	.4
Kansas.....	4.0	4.8	.8
Kentucky.....	5.4	7.1	1.7
Louisiana.....	3.9	5.2	1.3
Maine.....	4.9	5.6	.7
Maryland.....	3.6	4.6	1.0
Massachusetts.....	4.4	5.3	.9
Michigan.....	7.3	8.7	1.4
Minnesota.....	4.6	5.9	1.3
Mississippi.....	6.3	7.8	1.5
Missouri.....	5.3	6.4	1.1
Montana.....	3.2	4.6	1.4
Nebraska.....	3.1	3.5	.4
Nevada.....	5.0	7.3	2.3
New Hampshire.....	3.4	4.1	.7
New Jersey.....	4.2	5.8	1.6
New Mexico.....	3.4	4.0	.6
New York.....	4.5	5.8	1.3
North Carolina.....	4.7	7.0	2.3
North Dakota.....	3.3	3.6	.3
Ohio.....	5.7	7.2	1.5
Oklahoma.....	4.3	3.8	-.5
Oregon.....	5.3	6.4	1.1
Pennsylvania.....	4.4	5.7	1.3
Rhode Island.....	5.1	8.8	3.7
South Carolina.....	5.9	7.3	1.4
South Dakota.....	2.9	3.2	.3
Tennessee.....	4.9	7.2	2.3
Texas.....	4.3	5.1	.8
Utah.....	2.8	3.5	.7
Vermont.....	3.9	5.2	1.3
Virginia.....	3.1	4.3	1.2
Washington.....	4.6	5.8	1.2

^p = preliminary.

Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from August 2008 to September 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	August 2008	September 2008 ^P	Over-the-month change ^P
Arizona.....	2,624,700	2,611,500	-13,200
District of Columbia.....	716,300	707,800	-8,500
Georgia.....	4,115,100	4,092,800	-22,300
Idaho.....	653,900	649,000	-4,900
Kentucky.....	1,877,400	1,864,200	-13,200
Louisiana.....	1,956,800	1,939,300	-17,500
Michigan.....	4,199,900	4,171,600	-28,300
Oregon.....	1,729,400	1,722,100	-7,300
South Carolina.....	1,960,800	1,946,000	-14,800
Washington.....	2,971,300	2,958,400	-12,900
Wisconsin.....	2,874,400	2,862,000	-12,400

^P = preliminary.

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

State	September 2007	September 2008 ^P	Over-the-year change ^P
Arizona.....	2,670,700	2,611,500	-59,200
Florida.....	8,014,500	7,899,000	-115,500
Georgia.....	4,153,900	4,092,800	-61,100
Michigan.....	4,249,500	4,171,600	-77,900
Nebraska.....	965,800	978,600	12,800
Rhode Island.....	490,800	478,200	-12,600
Texas.....	10,394,700	10,642,600	247,900
Wyoming.....	290,100	298,300	8,200

^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 to 4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry sector 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 LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. *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 were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), 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. The *labor force* is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The *unemployment rate* is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Method of estimation. Estimates for 48 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, New York City, and the balances of California and New York State 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) programs. Estimates for the state of California are derived by summing the estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California. Similarly, estimates for New York State are derived by summing the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York State. Estimates for all nine census divisions and the five additional substate areas contained in this release (the Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor and Detroit-Warren-Livonia metropolitan areas and the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett metropolitan divisions) and their respective

balances of state are based on a similar regression approach that does not incorporate CES or UI data. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions and then calculating the unemployment rate. Each month, census division estimates are controlled to national totals; state estimates are then controlled to their respective division totals. Substate and balance-of-state estimates for the five areas noted above are controlled to their respective state totals. Estimates for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the CPS. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation. In most years, historical data for the most recent five years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to or coincident with the release of January estimates.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of modeled estimates of employment and unemployment levels is performed within the modeling procedure. Series are decomposed into trend, seasonal, and irregular components 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.

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

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

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

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample surveys, 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. Unemployment rates are computed from unrounded data and thus may differ slightly from rates computed using the rounded data displayed in the tables.

Use of error measures. In 2005, the 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 statistical significance 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 changes are available online 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 current year 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 online 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 Internet 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 from the LAUS program, 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 Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

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Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008
Northeast	27,938.6	28,127.6	28,202.0	28,327.3	1,242.3	1,501.2	1,648.7	1,621.4	4.4	5.3	5.8	5.7
New England	7,650.1	7,686.7	7,674.1	7,691.1	337.1	415.1	440.7	436.9	4.4	5.4	5.7	5.7
Middle Atlantic	20,288.5	20,440.9	20,528.0	20,636.2	905.1	1,086.1	1,208.0	1,184.5	4.5	5.3	5.9	5.7
South	54,545.9	55,187.3	55,233.4	55,284.4	2,401.0	3,055.0	3,175.8	3,248.5	4.4	5.5	5.7	5.9
South Atlantic	29,311.0	29,774.4	29,730.0	29,709.1	1,250.3	1,721.9	1,801.0	1,810.5	4.3	5.8	6.1	6.1
East South Central	8,599.1	8,584.7	8,578.6	8,588.8	421.6	564.1	550.6	578.2	4.9	6.6	6.4	6.7
West South Central	16,635.7	16,828.2	16,924.8	16,986.5	729.2	769.0	824.2	859.8	4.4	4.6	4.9	5.1
Midwest	34,921.1	34,929.6	34,918.9	34,933.6	1,836.8	2,258.8	2,323.7	2,255.6	5.3	6.5	6.7	6.5
East North Central	24,009.5	24,001.6	23,987.5	23,981.0	1,357.8	1,695.2	1,736.9	1,681.9	5.7	7.1	7.2	7.0
West North Central	10,911.6	10,928.0	10,931.4	10,952.6	479.0	563.6	586.7	573.7	4.4	5.2	5.4	5.2
West	35,588.3	35,972.7	36,007.2	36,170.0	1,721.9	2,263.9	2,384.4	2,392.9	4.8	6.3	6.6	6.6
Mountain	10,967.5	11,137.3	11,139.9	11,195.7	402.0	545.9	582.8	584.2	3.7	4.9	5.2	5.2
Pacific	24,620.8	24,835.4	24,867.3	24,974.2	1,319.8	1,718.0	1,801.6	1,808.6	5.4	6.9	7.2	7.2

¹ 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 ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Northeast	28,118.2	28,539.8	27,832.1	28,201.1	1,215.5	1,612.2	1,182.9	1,551.2	4.3	5.6	4.3	5.5
New England	7,714.3	7,782.4	7,626.6	7,661.9	326.4	429.6	324.3	421.0	4.2	5.5	4.3	5.5
Middle Atlantic	20,403.9	20,757.4	20,205.5	20,539.2	889.2	1,182.6	858.6	1,130.2	4.4	5.7	4.2	5.5
South	54,387.7	55,471.1	54,561.3	55,250.4	2,399.9	3,229.9	2,369.7	3,208.0	4.4	5.8	4.3	5.8
South Atlantic	29,268.8	29,887.9	29,312.6	29,679.3	1,264.4	1,840.5	1,244.9	1,798.4	4.3	6.2	4.2	6.1
East South Central	8,565.7	8,608.8	8,602.8	8,586.6	413.0	553.5	405.1	561.5	4.8	6.4	4.7	6.5
West South Central	16,553.3	16,974.4	16,646.0	16,984.5	722.5	835.9	719.7	848.0	4.4	4.9	4.3	5.0
Midwest	34,966.1	35,157.7	34,893.0	34,872.4	1,771.4	2,264.4	1,727.3	2,129.9	5.1	6.4	5.0	6.1
East North Central	24,071.0	24,173.7	23,999.9	23,946.0	1,318.6	1,695.9	1,272.1	1,582.8	5.5	7.0	5.3	6.6
West North Central	10,895.0	10,984.0	10,893.1	10,926.4	452.8	568.5	455.2	547.0	4.2	5.2	4.2	5.0
West	35,531.3	36,218.7	35,627.2	36,185.2	1,677.5	2,372.3	1,650.2	2,309.9	4.7	6.5	4.6	6.4
Mountain	10,945.4	11,203.5	10,998.7	11,220.4	395.4	581.0	390.3	570.6	3.6	5.2	3.5	5.1
Pacific	24,586.0	25,015.2	24,628.5	24,964.7	1,282.2	1,791.3	1,259.9	1,739.3	5.2	7.2	5.1	7.0

¹ 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			
	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008P
Alabama	2,186.1	2,177.4	2,175.2	2,170.2	77.3	111.5	107.6	115.7	3.5	5.1	4.9	5.3
Alaska	353.2	359.2	360.9	360.4	22.3	24.6	24.8	24.6	6.3	6.8	6.9	6.8
Arizona	3,040.5	3,087.2	3,100.3	3,134.4	114.1	158.0	173.4	184.0	3.8	5.1	5.6	5.9
Arkansas	1,370.2	1,373.5	1,373.4	1,379.7	75.6	62.1	65.5	68.1	5.5	4.5	4.8	4.9
California	18,243.8	18,409.1	18,415.2	18,492.2	1,027.2	1,356.1	1,421.3	1,425.0	5.6	7.4	7.7	7.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,938.9	4,957.0	4,940.2	4,938.6	254.4	369.8	387.8	382.9	5.2	7.5	7.9	7.8
Colorado	2,724.4	2,763.6	2,745.0	2,749.2	108.3	144.6	147.6	142.2	4.0	5.2	5.4	5.2
Connecticut	1,872.1	1,889.9	1,890.4	1,898.7	86.8	109.8	122.5	116.4	4.6	5.8	6.5	6.1
Delaware	443.0	446.6	447.0	446.5	14.6	19.7	21.7	21.6	3.3	4.4	4.8	4.8
District of Columbia	325.6	330.0	332.4	332.4	18.5	22.2	22.9	23.2	5.7	6.7	6.9	7.0
Florida	9,173.4	9,341.5	9,326.0	9,337.7	387.2	578.6	613.2	613.4	4.2	6.2	6.6	6.6
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,194.0	1,218.2	1,205.5	1,213.3	45.6	63.4	67.0	69.1	3.8	5.2	5.6	5.7
Georgia	4,833.3	4,928.3	4,910.1	4,895.0	216.2	295.4	307.2	317.5	4.5	6.0	6.3	6.5
Hawaii	648.2	664.6	664.2	667.8	18.1	26.1	28.2	30.2	2.8	3.9	4.2	4.5
Idaho	757.1	753.1	754.8	759.3	20.2	30.9	34.4	37.7	2.7	4.1	4.6	5.0
Illinois	6,723.7	6,753.1	6,725.9	6,708.0	346.4	489.5	490.7	460.9	5.2	7.2	7.3	6.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,123.2	4,160.6	4,151.8	4,125.9	201.3	301.3	300.4	273.6	4.9	7.2	7.2	6.6
Indiana	3,206.5	3,236.6	3,250.0	3,254.5	143.2	203.0	207.6	202.2	4.5	6.3	6.4	6.2
Iowa	1,663.4	1,677.5	1,682.1	1,685.3	63.3	72.3	76.4	71.1	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.2
Kansas	1,480.8	1,489.7	1,493.6	1,501.4	59.9	67.9	70.1	72.6	4.0	4.6	4.7	4.8
Kentucky	2,043.2	2,037.1	2,039.9	2,047.6	110.4	137.3	139.1	145.8	5.4	6.7	6.8	7.1
Louisiana	2,002.2	2,010.2	2,048.9	2,053.2	78.0	79.4	96.2	106.1	3.9	4.0	4.7	5.2
Maine	704.5	712.0	711.0	711.7	34.3	38.9	39.4	39.8	4.9	5.5	5.5	5.6
Maryland	2,984.0	3,020.0	3,016.8	3,004.4	108.3	130.3	136.3	138.8	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.6
Massachusetts	3,405.7	3,417.8	3,412.9	3,414.2	148.5	171.8	178.9	182.6	4.4	5.0	5.2	5.3
Michigan	5,009.3	4,958.9	4,943.4	4,924.1	365.8	419.2	439.0	429.3	7.3	8.5	8.9	8.7
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,134.1	2,119.8	2,127.0	2,123.9	167.7	182.5	191.6	180.8	7.9	8.6	9.0	8.5
Minnesota	2,930.5	2,936.0	2,937.5	2,941.8	135.6	171.4	180.9	173.8	4.6	5.8	6.2	5.9
Mississippi	1,318.9	1,322.2	1,329.2	1,326.1	83.0	106.1	102.1	102.8	6.3	8.0	7.7	7.8
Missouri	3,038.8	3,016.8	3,007.6	3,010.1	160.9	193.4	200.5	194.0	5.3	6.4	6.7	6.4
Montana	501.9	504.6	505.4	507.6	15.9	20.3	22.1	23.4	3.2	4.0	4.4	4.6
Nebraska	987.3	992.2	996.3	999.7	30.9	33.3	34.7	35.3	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5
Nevada	1,344.0	1,400.1	1,404.5	1,410.0	67.1	92.7	99.1	102.3	5.0	6.6	7.1	7.3
New Hampshire	738.5	743.2	744.0	745.8	24.9	29.0	31.1	30.8	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.1
New Jersey	4,461.0	4,505.6	4,525.5	4,539.7	187.2	245.5	267.4	263.6	4.2	5.4	5.9	5.8
New Mexico	944.1	953.2	957.9	958.1	31.9	39.0	44.3	38.6	3.4	4.1	4.6	4.0
New York	9,521.2	9,566.6	9,587.7	9,654.4	432.4	498.7	551.7	561.6	4.5	5.2	5.8	5.8
New York City	3,854.0	3,863.6	3,893.0	3,915.7	194.5	193.7	226.1	228.9	5.0	5.0	5.8	5.8
North Carolina	4,528.9	4,603.1	4,568.6	4,579.3	214.0	304.7	314.3	318.3	4.7	6.6	6.9	7.0
North Dakota	366.8	372.7	372.3	374.3	12.0	13.2	13.3	13.5	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.6
Ohio	5,981.5	5,989.5	5,994.7	6,000.3	341.3	432.3	445.2	433.6	5.7	7.2	7.4	7.2
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,094.6	1,089.0	1,084.4	1,085.4	65.1	78.2	81.4	77.5	5.9	7.2	7.5	7.1
Oklahoma	1,734.1	1,736.7	1,745.1	1,757.3	74.6	71.7	69.9	66.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8
Oregon	1,932.9	1,950.9	1,952.7	1,962.5	103.1	115.3	126.3	126.5	5.3	5.9	6.5	6.4
Pennsylvania	6,284.1	6,364.4	6,403.4	6,443.9	276.0	340.9	372.2	367.2	4.4	5.4	5.8	5.7
Rhode Island	577.2	573.5	571.0	572.7	29.4	44.5	48.8	50.2	5.1	7.8	8.6	8.8
South Carolina	2,142.2	2,162.6	2,165.1	2,159.2	126.2	151.9	163.6	157.0	5.9	7.0	7.6	7.3
South Dakota	443.9	443.7	445.1	447.4	13.1	13.4	14.6	14.4	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.2
Tennessee	3,050.0	3,038.3	3,033.9	3,049.6	149.8	208.0	200.2	219.5	4.9	6.8	6.6	7.2
Texas	11,520.8	11,692.1	11,744.5	11,788.3	493.8	548.4	585.1	604.1	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.1
Utah	1,372.6	1,385.6	1,383.4	1,387.4	38.4	49.0	50.6	48.3	2.8	3.5	3.7	3.5
Vermont	352.6	352.7	351.1	353.3	13.6	16.9	17.3	18.3	3.9	4.8	4.9	5.2
Virginia	4,067.5	4,148.3	4,144.5	4,143.3	125.9	183.7	190.7	177.8	3.1	4.4	4.6	4.3
Washington	3,433.9	3,452.1	3,472.5	3,504.7	159.3	194.7	207.4	204.1	4.6	5.6	6.0	5.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,447.0	1,457.9	1,461.6	1,478.7	52.8	62.9	69.3	67.7	3.6	4.3	4.7	4.6
West Virginia	810.4	805.6	802.4	808.9	38.2	36.3	32.9	36.3	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.5
Wisconsin	3,089.8	3,069.2	3,075.3	3,090.0	150.4	150.9	156.4	153.5	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.0
Wyoming	288.4	291.3	292.6	293.5	8.3	10.4	11.5	9.7	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.3
Puerto Rico	1,367.2	1,366.9	1,371.3	1,370.2	150.2	154.9	162.1	160.4	11.0	11.3	11.8	11.7

P = preliminary.

¹ Metropolitan division.

² 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

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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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P
Alabama	2,183.4	2,186.0	2,187.4	2,169.0	86.1	116.0	77.0	114.7	3.9	5.3	3.5	5.3
Alaska	356.8	366.6	354.4	360.9	19.3	21.7	20.0	22.3	5.4	5.9	5.6	6.2
Arizona	3,020.9	3,105.8	3,047.4	3,142.5	118.9	181.2	119.7	190.9	3.9	5.8	3.9	6.1
Arkansas	1,367.7	1,380.2	1,373.2	1,381.6	73.9	63.0	69.8	62.9	5.4	4.6	5.1	4.6
California	18,242.9	18,530.5	18,262.0	18,480.1	1,002.6	1,420.3	985.5	1,383.7	5.5	7.7	5.4	7.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,939.4	4,958.3	4,953.1	4,944.3	262.2	402.6	257.6	386.4	5.3	8.1	5.2	7.8
Colorado	2,722.8	2,767.0	2,740.0	2,762.1	100.9	143.1	103.1	136.1	3.7	5.2	3.8	4.9
Connecticut	1,883.5	1,912.0	1,862.3	1,886.7	85.9	123.3	83.2	111.6	4.6	6.5	4.5	5.9
Delaware	442.0	449.7	438.9	441.9	14.1	22.0	14.0	20.9	3.2	4.9	3.2	4.7
District of Columbia	327.8	337.3	325.4	331.7	18.8	23.5	19.3	23.7	5.7	7.0	5.9	7.1
Florida	9,162.6	9,388.9	9,206.8	9,367.2	405.6	643.7	409.5	638.1	4.4	6.9	4.4	6.8
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,192.0	1,217.0	1,187.0	1,208.7	49.1	75.2	48.3	73.1	4.1	6.2	4.1	6.0
Georgia	4,802.9	4,918.3	4,826.8	4,881.4	216.7	311.5	218.9	320.7	4.5	6.3	4.5	6.6
Hawaii	641.7	663.6	645.0	663.6	17.5	28.6	19.0	31.5	2.7	4.3	3.0	4.7
Idaho	757.1	759.7	756.3	758.0	17.7	31.7	15.1	32.3	2.3	4.2	2.0	4.3
Illinois	6,717.4	6,761.4	6,715.5	6,691.6	350.4	490.0	328.8	436.7	5.2	7.2	4.9	6.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,119.5	4,157.7	4,106.8	4,104.1	206.3	296.6	196.4	260.7	5.0	7.1	4.8	6.4
Indiana	3,208.0	3,268.6	3,204.5	3,251.5	143.4	205.7	132.4	189.0	4.5	6.3	4.1	5.8
Iowa	1,652.4	1,683.6	1,665.0	1,684.3	58.8	71.2	59.2	65.4	3.6	4.2	3.6	3.9
Kansas	1,469.2	1,493.2	1,475.5	1,495.9	59.7	70.0	58.6	72.1	4.1	4.7	4.0	4.8
Kentucky	2,035.6	2,045.7	2,043.9	2,045.6	104.2	133.3	103.6	136.9	5.1	6.5	5.1	6.7
Louisiana	1,999.7	2,063.2	2,001.7	2,052.4	80.7	102.7	77.6	106.9	4.0	5.0	3.9	5.2
Maine	717.1	726.6	705.0	710.7	28.8	34.1	30.2	35.1	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.9
Maryland	2,985.1	3,038.9	2,979.0	2,992.5	105.9	135.7	102.7	133.6	3.5	4.5	3.4	4.5
Massachusetts	3,434.0	3,456.2	3,393.3	3,397.0	145.3	175.3	148.7	181.0	4.2	5.1	4.4	5.3
Michigan	5,032.7	4,983.8	5,008.6	4,917.9	349.7	421.0	348.0	406.1	6.9	8.4	6.9	8.3
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,152.4	2,153.5	2,138.1	2,121.8	168.6	190.2	166.4	175.5	7.8	8.8	7.8	8.3
Minnesota	2,942.4	2,960.9	2,936.3	2,942.2	124.1	170.8	133.4	168.6	4.2	5.8	4.5	5.7
Mississippi	1,304.6	1,327.1	1,314.9	1,319.1	79.8	102.2	79.8	97.9	6.1	7.7	6.1	7.4
Missouri	3,026.2	3,013.2	3,025.8	2,992.3	158.3	197.5	155.8	186.2	5.2	6.6	5.1	6.2
Montana	508.7	513.4	500.5	505.8	13.2	19.4	12.0	19.3	2.6	3.8	2.4	3.8
Nebraska	983.4	999.5	979.3	990.8	28.7	32.6	27.1	31.4	2.9	3.3	2.8	3.2
Nevada	1,335.8	1,407.2	1,346.3	1,411.8	64.8	97.6	66.8	102.2	4.9	6.9	5.0	7.2
New Hampshire	745.6	754.4	735.4	741.7	24.9	30.8	23.2	28.7	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.9
New Jersey	4,475.2	4,563.1	4,441.6	4,511.4	182.5	262.1	180.6	251.3	4.1	5.7	4.1	5.6
New Mexico	940.5	961.1	943.6	956.7	32.4	45.0	31.2	36.6	3.4	4.7	3.3	3.8
New York	9,599.0	9,705.2	9,481.9	9,598.8	431.6	542.6	423.4	542.2	4.5	5.6	4.5	5.6
New York City	3,861.3	3,917.3	3,841.6	3,897.0	205.3	229.8	193.8	224.1	5.3	5.9	5.0	5.7
North Carolina	4,525.2	4,592.1	4,529.0	4,573.6	210.6	312.0	198.0	300.3	4.7	6.8	4.4	6.6
North Dakota	373.1	381.3	367.7	374.5	11.0	12.4	9.3	10.7	3.0	3.2	2.5	2.8
Ohio	6,013.7	6,059.5	5,983.3	5,998.1	330.9	432.4	328.6	416.2	5.5	7.1	5.5	6.9
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,110.3	1,102.3	1,095.3	1,084.0	66.4	81.4	64.5	75.2	6.0	7.4	5.9	6.9
Oklahoma	1,722.9	1,745.5	1,729.0	1,752.5	72.1	66.5	70.3	61.8	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.5
Oregon	1,940.2	1,973.7	1,936.9	1,963.6	97.4	122.0	92.1	115.1	5.0	6.2	4.8	5.9
Pennsylvania	6,329.7	6,489.1	6,281.9	6,429.3	275.1	377.9	254.6	336.7	4.3	5.8	4.1	5.2
Rhode Island	578.8	578.3	577.4	572.4	29.9	51.0	26.4	47.3	5.2	8.8	4.6	8.3
South Carolina	2,145.9	2,184.6	2,137.9	2,152.9	127.0	168.2	127.1	157.9	5.9	7.7	5.9	7.3
South Dakota	448.3	452.2	443.4	446.4	12.1	14.0	11.8	12.8	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.9
Tennessee	3,042.0	3,050.0	3,056.6	3,053.0	142.9	202.0	144.6	212.0	4.7	6.6	4.7	6.9
Texas	11,463.0	11,785.4	11,542.1	11,798.0	495.8	603.7	502.0	616.4	4.3	5.1	4.3	5.2
Utah	1,369.5	1,393.3	1,376.0	1,390.1	40.4	53.3	35.8	45.4	3.0	3.8	2.6	3.3
Vermont	355.4	355.1	353.2	353.5	11.5	15.1	12.6	17.2	3.2	4.2	3.6	4.9
Virginia	4,065.6	4,170.0	4,058.4	4,130.1	128.5	193.0	123.2	173.3	3.2	4.6	3.0	4.2
Washington	3,404.4	3,480.8	3,430.2	3,496.7	145.4	198.8	143.3	186.8	4.3	5.7	4.2	5.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,432.8	1,458.8	1,440.4	1,468.7	48.3	66.0	54.1	69.6	3.4	4.5	3.8	4.7
West Virginia	811.7	808.0	810.4	808.2	37.1	30.9	32.3	30.0	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.7
Wisconsin	3,099.3	3,100.5	3,088.1	3,086.9	144.2	146.8	134.2	134.9	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.4
Wyoming	290.1	296.1	288.7	293.6	7.1	9.8	6.6	7.8	2.4	3.3	2.3	2.6
Puerto Rico	1,377.6	1,366.0	1,362.7	1,362.7	165.6	171.9	150.8	162.9	12.0	12.6	11.1	12.0

P = preliminary.

¹ Metropolitan division.

² 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

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 ^P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 ^P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 ^P
Alabama	2,009.6	2,014.4	2,013.6	2,011.1	113.6	113.7	113.5	112.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	317.0	319.4	319.4	319.0	17.2	16.4	16.6	17.0	13.2	12.6	12.7	13.1
Arizona	2,670.7	2,623.1	2,624.7	2,611.5	222.8	190.6	188.1	184.4	180.7	177.8	177.3	177.7
Arkansas	1,203.6	1,203.3	1,204.6	1,205.4	56.0	55.3	55.6	55.9	186.7	182.0	181.8	181.9
California	15,169.6	15,116.7	15,104.0	15,092.4	881.1	813.0	808.4	804.4	1,456.6	1,432.9	1,430.0	1,431.4
Colorado	2,343.2	2,365.1	2,367.9	2,368.6	167.9	164.6	164.1	162.8	146.5	142.8	143.5	142.6
Connecticut	1,701.7	1,704.7	1,704.7	1,702.4	68.8	67.8	68.0	67.7	191.3	189.2	189.2	188.5
Delaware ³	436.1	437.0	438.2	437.5	27.7	26.4	26.3	26.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	694.0	712.0	716.3	707.8	12.8	12.5	12.9	13.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida	8,014.5	7,935.5	7,909.9	7,899.0	580.7	513.6	512.1	508.8	383.9	364.4	362.6	361.7
Georgia	4,153.9	4,137.7	4,115.1	4,092.8	219.5	212.1	208.3	204.2	427.1	413.1	406.9	405.3
Hawaii ³	624.0	623.2	624.9	623.1	39.3	39.4	39.3	39.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	656.9	654.1	653.9	649.0	52.1	47.9	47.7	47.7	65.4	62.7	61.7	61.5
Illinois	5,985.6	5,979.6	5,974.4	5,970.7	268.7	261.0	262.0	258.7	671.8	669.4	668.7	668.6
Indiana	2,987.3	2,968.9	2,978.1	2,974.8	151.3	149.4	149.7	149.3	547.0	524.1	530.6	526.4
Iowa	1,519.7	1,524.4	1,526.3	1,525.9	72.6	72.2	72.3	72.4	230.3	228.0	227.9	227.9
Kansas	1,383.0	1,389.9	1,391.2	1,389.8	66.0	66.1	66.6	66.2	186.4	186.4	181.4	185.7
Kentucky	1,870.8	1,884.6	1,877.4	1,864.2	86.0	86.4	84.8	84.4	254.8	252.3	245.4	242.4
Louisiana	1,932.9	1,946.9	1,956.8	1,939.3	135.8	139.2	139.2	137.6	158.5	156.8	157.0	156.1
Maine	617.7	616.9	616.1	615.3	30.9	29.4	29.4	29.7	59.1	58.7	58.7	58.4
Maryland ³	2,611.0	2,639.5	2,640.6	2,639.6	190.5	189.2	188.4	187.4	131.0	127.4	127.8	127.5
Massachusetts	3,278.8	3,292.5	3,294.3	3,290.5	137.0	134.3	134.8	133.8	293.9	290.2	290.8	290.2
Michigan	4,249.5	4,216.5	4,199.9	4,171.6	164.8	149.2	149.1	148.8	610.6	595.2	574.7	568.2
Minnesota	2,771.8	2,770.7	2,766.3	2,764.0	119.5	113.5	113.6	112.6	340.0	334.5	331.9	331.6
Mississippi	1,154.0	1,151.7	1,149.1	1,146.5	58.3	57.9	57.9	57.4	169.3	162.5	162.8	162.7
Missouri	2,802.0	2,782.2	2,783.8	2,787.6	147.8	147.0	146.9	145.5	298.6	287.7	283.3	286.8
Montana	445.5	450.5	451.7	450.2	32.5	31.4	31.5	31.2	20.3	20.4	20.5	20.6
Nebraska ³	965.8	972.4	976.4	978.6	51.2	50.8	51.5	51.5	101.1	100.8	100.6	101.4
Nevada	1,286.5	1,282.5	1,284.4	1,280.2	131.5	120.1	119.9	117.7	50.4	50.5	50.4	50.1
New Hampshire	653.4	655.0	657.0	655.5	28.9	27.7	27.7	27.6	77.8	77.5	77.8	77.1
New Jersey	4,070.1	4,068.8	4,065.4	4,061.5	171.0	166.9	167.0	166.2	311.1	302.1	301.6	299.8
New Mexico	845.7	848.0	848.4	847.5	59.1	58.6	58.2	57.6	36.8	34.6	34.4	34.4
New York	8,752.3	8,778.1	8,775.7	8,773.2	353.8	348.6	349.8	350.2	550.4	536.0	534.4	532.8
North Carolina	4,164.3	4,160.2	4,168.2	4,160.8	254.8	253.2	254.5	254.2	535.6	518.5	517.4	513.9
North Dakota	358.5	362.8	362.6	362.9	19.5	19.5	19.7	19.6	25.9	25.8	25.7	25.8
Ohio	5,419.8	5,410.5	5,405.7	5,402.3	223.8	218.2	217.8	218.0	767.7	761.9	756.7	756.2
Oklahoma	1,573.0	1,582.4	1,587.0	1,585.1	71.8	74.2	74.0	75.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon	1,734.5	1,739.4	1,729.4	1,722.1	104.3	94.9	93.8	93.2	203.5	194.4	193.4	192.3
Pennsylvania	5,796.1	5,807.2	5,801.6	5,789.4	263.4	257.7	257.3	255.9	655.4	641.8	638.2	635.3
Rhode Island	490.8	480.8	479.5	478.2	21.5	20.9	21.0	20.8	50.7	48.0	47.6	47.4
South Carolina	1,958.7	1,960.2	1,960.8	1,946.0	128.9	112.0	111.4	111.2	249.3	243.6	243.6	241.4
South Dakota ³	408.1	414.3	415.4	414.7	23.5	23.8	23.9	23.8	41.7	43.1	43.5	43.5
Tennessee ³	2,804.4	2,787.9	2,785.6	2,780.5	138.6	137.1	138.0	137.4	377.8	369.1	369.4	367.8
Texas	10,394.7	10,639.6	10,646.6	10,642.6	649.2	673.0	671.9	670.2	934.3	927.7	930.5	927.9
Utah	1,257.0	1,257.0	1,258.4	1,255.8	104.6	90.8	90.7	90.5	128.1	127.6	127.3	126.4
Vermont	307.5	307.3	306.7	306.8	16.6	16.2	16.0	15.9	35.7	35.2	35.0	34.9
Virginia	3,766.7	3,782.7	3,781.5	3,782.8	238.1	235.7	234.6	233.3	276.7	275.0	273.3	273.8
Washington	2,945.2	2,968.8	2,971.3	2,958.4	209.1	202.9	200.5	197.7	295.1	299.1	298.5	296.8
West Virginia	757.2	759.2	757.5	759.0	38.2	37.4	37.6	37.7	58.4	57.4	57.3	56.8
Wisconsin	2,878.0	2,873.5	2,874.4	2,862.0	125.4	121.8	122.3	120.7	498.7	490.6	488.1	485.8
Wyoming	290.1	295.7	296.5	298.3	26.6	28.8	27.7	27.0	10.1	9.6	9.7	9.9

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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			
	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008P
Alabama	397.8	397.6	397.2	397.7	100.4	100.6	100.4	100.6	220.3	225.2	225.8	225.2
Alaska	63.9	64.6	64.3	63.9	14.8	15.0	14.6	14.5	25.0	25.3	25.5	25.7
Arizona	525.8	517.8	514.2	511.3	181.0	177.0	177.6	177.1	401.9	395.6	392.9	392.3
Arkansas	249.5	249.3	249.8	249.6	53.4	53.7	53.9	53.8	117.4	118.8	118.6	119.0
California	2,919.1	2,901.5	2,889.6	2,883.3	896.2	872.1	868.1	864.8	2,262.1	2,274.9	2,274.7	2,273.7
Colorado	431.9	435.1	435.5	434.1	159.0	158.1	157.6	157.8	351.6	354.7	354.4	355.1
Connecticut	311.9	310.8	310.8	310.3	144.3	143.6	143.1	142.9	205.6	205.5	205.4	204.4
Delaware ³	83.7	83.5	83.7	83.8	45.3	45.7	45.8	45.7	59.9	58.8	59.0	59.2
District of Columbia ³	27.5	27.9	27.9	27.8	28.7	28.0	28.3	28.0	154.1	156.4	157.7	156.8
Florida	1,607.5	1,597.7	1,587.5	1,578.8	539.7	532.9	531.4	529.1	1,319.4	1,300.5	1,284.8	1,278.9
Georgia	891.4	893.3	889.4	887.9	231.5	226.6	226.7	225.3	561.3	558.8	557.1	550.1
Hawaii ³	120.4	118.2	117.8	117.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	132.6	131.3	131.1	130.1	32.2	32.1	32.1	31.8	83.5	81.7	82.0	80.4
Illinois	1,215.2	1,219.5	1,216.4	1,212.9	402.5	398.1	398.3	396.0	870.5	876.9	876.6	877.6
Indiana	586.5	583.8	583.7	583.6	138.5	138.8	139.2	138.9	290.7	286.8	286.0	285.6
Iowa	308.9	309.6	310.1	310.3	103.1	103.8	104.0	103.6	121.4	120.3	120.5	120.6
Kansas	264.1	263.8	264.6	263.7	74.4	74.2	74.0	73.8	146.4	147.8	147.0	147.4
Kentucky	386.9	393.1	393.1	391.0	93.5	93.2	92.8	92.9	180.9	181.2	179.3	178.7
Louisiana	385.5	385.5	386.5	385.9	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.6	202.4	203.5	204.1	202.0
Maine	126.0	125.4	125.2	124.8	33.2	32.6	32.7	32.6	54.0	55.7	55.7	55.6
Maryland ³	476.9	477.3	478.3	478.4	156.4	155.3	155.4	155.7	397.0	404.9	405.5	406.8
Massachusetts	570.7	568.6	567.4	567.6	223.6	223.1	222.7	221.5	482.0	488.8	489.0	488.5
Michigan	785.8	780.0	779.4	777.9	210.0	207.0	206.9	205.1	569.9	571.0	568.7	565.2
Minnesota	529.9	528.4	531.4	532.1	179.0	182.5	182.5	181.5	329.4	326.0	322.2	321.7
Mississippi	227.1	228.1	227.9	227.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	95.7	95.0	96.2	96.5
Missouri	549.0	551.8	552.1	552.5	167.7	164.9	164.2	163.3	339.6	337.1	337.3	338.4
Montana	92.9	93.6	93.5	93.5	21.8	22.0	22.0	22.0	40.9	40.9	40.5	39.9
Nebraska ³	205.1	206.5	207.1	205.7	69.3	70.8	70.9	70.9	105.2	109.0	109.5	109.5
Nevada	233.1	235.6	236.2	236.5	64.0	62.2	62.2	61.9	156.7	153.0	153.5	152.4
New Hampshire	142.0	144.2	143.8	143.2	38.6	39.1	39.1	39.0	65.9	68.6	68.6	68.5
New Jersey	876.3	872.9	872.9	873.1	273.3	266.3	266.2	264.3	610.1	616.4	615.7	615.9
New Mexico	144.9	147.4	146.3	146.0	35.3	34.4	34.5	34.5	108.9	108.0	108.4	107.5
New York	1,527.7	1,526.7	1,526.1	1,523.2	731.5	725.0	723.0	720.5	1,139.0	1,140.0	1,137.4	1,140.6
North Carolina	780.1	776.6	776.2	775.8	211.6	211.9	211.7	211.2	504.3	503.0	500.1	499.5
North Dakota	76.4	77.6	77.5	78.0	20.0	19.9	20.0	19.9	29.6	30.2	30.3	30.3
Ohio	1,052.2	1,048.9	1,048.9	1,045.9	299.6	298.9	298.2	298.1	667.5	667.4	667.2	667.3
Oklahoma	289.3	289.7	290.7	290.4	83.9	84.2	84.6	84.8	182.0	181.2	180.8	181.3
Oregon	340.6	342.0	338.6	336.6	105.4	103.8	102.6	103.5	197.2	199.7	198.7	196.6
Pennsylvania	1,135.7	1,128.8	1,127.8	1,125.9	331.9	329.5	328.4	327.0	706.3	715.3	712.2	711.3
Rhode Island	79.7	77.3	77.1	76.8	34.5	33.4	32.9	33.1	55.0	54.2	53.9	53.8
South Carolina	377.1	375.7	375.3	372.6	107.2	107.9	108.0	108.3	227.6	227.9	224.6	223.8
South Dakota ³	81.9	81.9	81.6	82.1	31.1	31.7	31.7	31.8	28.1	28.4	28.7	29.0
Tennessee ³	611.7	612.1	612.0	608.7	144.2	141.7	142.0	141.7	324.5	318.0	316.5	317.8
Texas	2,113.7	2,147.5	2,152.2	2,149.5	643.5	654.3	656.0	653.8	1,299.7	1,357.9	1,358.0	1,359.1
Utah	247.5	249.4	250.0	250.2	74.7	74.0	73.7	73.2	161.2	163.2	162.8	162.5
Vermont	58.9	58.9	58.7	59.0	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	22.4	22.6	22.6	22.5
Virginia	670.1	667.3	666.4	667.2	193.4	191.8	192.2	191.4	645.9	653.3	653.5	652.6
Washington	553.7	556.1	556.2	554.9	154.1	152.5	152.4	151.4	346.6	351.9	352.4	352.5
West Virginia	143.1	141.7	140.7	140.5	29.8	29.6	29.4	29.3	60.9	61.7	61.0	61.1
Wisconsin	547.1	539.5	538.9	538.4	162.3	164.1	163.7	163.7	277.4	275.7	275.2	272.4
Wyoming	55.6	56.0	56.4	56.3	11.5	11.7	11.9	11.9	18.7	18.7	19.1	19.1

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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			
	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 ^P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 ^P	Sept. 2007	July 2008	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008 ^P
Alabama	209.7	209.5	210.1	209.7	174.1	173.9	174.6	174.6	377.2	383.6	382.4	380.8
Alaska	36.7	37.0	37.4	37.1	31.6	32.4	32.0	31.4	81.9	82.5	82.7	82.8
Arizona	305.9	315.1	316.3	316.2	273.7	272.8	273.1	270.8	428.3	427.6	438.0	434.5
Arkansas	154.8	157.4	158.2	158.3	99.9	101.0	100.8	100.9	211.1	210.2	210.1	210.3
California	1,674.9	1,718.1	1,721.0	1,723.0	1,553.1	1,564.3	1,562.8	1,564.2	2,504.1	2,533.0	2,533.7	2,530.3
Colorado	241.9	250.1	250.9	251.6	271.0	275.0	275.9	278.0	377.7	385.8	385.4	385.6
Connecticut	289.3	294.6	295.0	295.0	136.3	137.4	138.0	137.3	250.1	252.2	251.6	252.7
Delaware ³	58.3	60.2	60.1	60.4	40.2	40.3	40.4	40.2	61.2	61.8	62.1	62.2
District of Columbia ³	98.6	105.5	106.6	104.1	55.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	231.6	238.4	238.9	233.1
Florida	1,011.9	1,038.4	1,045.4	1,047.7	928.9	944.3	941.9	946.4	1,130.6	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,139.5
Georgia	460.1	463.1	466.8	469.8	398.3	401.1	397.4	394.8	676.9	681.9	676.5	669.0
Hawaii ³	73.0	74.3	74.5	74.6	109.2	107.8	107.8	107.3	123.4	124.9	126.4	125.1
Idaho	74.1	76.7	76.9	76.5	63.8	64.3	63.9	63.2	118.4	121.5	122.7	121.9
Illinois	781.8	790.6	790.8	791.5	530.7	530.1	529.5	529.9	855.8	848.1	846.8	852.8
Indiana	400.2	401.9	403.7	404.8	282.8	287.0	285.8	285.1	430.9	436.6	438.7	441.1
Iowa	203.2	206.4	207.0	206.3	136.4	138.7	138.6	138.8	250.5	252.2	252.9	253.2
Kansas	172.4	173.9	173.9	172.8	113.9	115.7	115.2	115.2	257.3	259.9	266.0	262.5
Kentucky	241.5	240.9	241.2	239.7	172.5	174.4	174.8	171.7	326.0	336.5	338.0	335.5
Louisiana	249.6	253.6	255.3	253.3	194.6	199.1	199.5	196.3	361.6	366.1	370.5	363.2
Maine	116.2	117.0	117.6	117.5	60.2	59.9	59.6	59.5	104.4	104.1	103.5	103.8
Maryland ³	376.1	384.2	385.1	386.4	234.9	239.8	239.9	239.9	479.2	491.0	489.6	486.1
Massachusetts	626.8	640.0	640.5	639.4	301.2	302.1	302.9	302.1	433.1	435.1	435.8	437.4
Michigan	599.1	606.0	606.8	609.1	404.4	402.6	404.2	405.5	654.4	658.5	663.4	645.4
Minnesota	431.2	439.0	438.3	440.4	248.4	248.7	247.8	247.1	414.3	418.4	419.9	418.8
Mississippi	126.7	128.6	129.2	128.7	125.9	125.7	124.9	123.9	244.1	246.5	243.4	241.8
Missouri	386.0	390.3	391.3	392.8	281.0	278.1	278.8	277.8	441.8	438.5	442.8	444.3
Montana	59.2	61.0	61.1	60.6	58.4	59.5	59.6	59.6	86.4	87.7	89.0	88.8
Nebraska ³	132.9	134.6	135.5	137.5	82.4	83.1	83.9	84.0	164.2	162.7	163.5	164.2
Nevada	92.9	95.6	95.7	96.2	336.1	337.0	337.7	337.4	157.2	163.7	163.9	163.3
New Hampshire	104.6	105.8	106.0	105.5	65.3	63.8	63.8	63.8	94.7	92.4	94.2	95.1
New Jersey	580.8	590.3	590.9	591.9	337.0	338.5	337.8	337.9	646.6	648.9	646.6	646.4
New Mexico	111.5	115.3	116.0	115.7	88.2	87.3	86.9	87.0	194.9	196.7	197.5	198.0
New York	1,607.1	1,629.1	1,632.2	1,635.7	700.0	710.1	711.1	709.3	1,508.2	1,519.9	1,519.8	1,518.9
North Carolina	517.8	534.3	536.0	537.6	395.4	401.7	403.2	403.4	700.6	698.4	708.0	704.1
North Dakota	51.1	51.7	51.6	51.4	32.8	33.1	33.6	33.6	75.5	76.6	75.8	75.6
Ohio	793.9	801.4	803.8	802.9	496.2	499.8	500.6	501.0	798.6	795.8	794.5	795.6
Oklahoma	193.7	196.9	196.8	196.6	141.2	142.4	143.5	142.6	319.0	318.4	318.6	315.0
Oregon	212.1	222.7	223.1	224.8	173.9	176.0	175.5	174.8	291.6	302.1	300.6	297.6
Pennsylvania	1,076.6	1,098.2	1,102.7	1,102.1	497.4	505.5	503.6	502.0	743.5	745.6	747.4	746.1
Rhode Island	99.9	99.8	100.2	99.9	51.2	50.6	50.3	50.5	64.5	63.3	63.3	63.2
South Carolina	204.1	209.9	209.6	210.0	219.5	228.5	227.5	224.2	337.7	347.2	353.0	347.7
South Dakota ³	60.5	62.1	62.5	63.0	42.4	43.0	42.9	42.8	76.0	77.5	77.8	76.1
Tennessee ³	352.6	358.2	358.3	358.7	277.0	274.0	270.9	271.3	425.0	425.8	426.3	424.4
Texas	1,261.8	1,295.8	1,298.3	1,300.6	984.1	1,022.5	1,024.4	1,026.0	1,725.5	1,761.3	1,751.9	1,751.3
Utah	141.2	146.4	146.9	147.9	113.0	115.7	115.3	115.2	207.2	209.8	212.0	210.9
Vermont	57.2	58.5	58.3	58.2	32.8	32.8	33.0	32.6	53.9	53.8	54.0	54.1
Virginia	419.7	431.1	431.7	430.8	346.1	344.9	345.2	345.9	688.9	694.0	698.5	699.3
Washington	349.9	352.8	354.7	355.6	282.8	289.1	289.3	288.1	537.0	544.5	547.3	540.5
West Virginia	114.7	116.7	116.6	116.6	71.8	72.8	71.5	73.0	144.8	144.7	145.8	145.5
Wisconsin	401.3	409.0	409.5	407.5	260.5	259.8	260.1	259.7	413.7	423.4	427.5	424.9
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	33.4	33.7	34.1	34.3	67.8	68.5	68.4	70.2

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

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

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

^P = preliminary.
^C = corrected.

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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	2,005.0	2,009.4	2,013.6	2,011.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.9	112.7	113.8	114.5	113.4	296.6	288.1	296.5	287.2
Alaska	340.2	341.7	332.2	333.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	15.5	21.1	20.6	20.2	20.0	20.6	19.8	15.7	15.4
Arizona	2,653.4	2,603.3	2,670.4	2,611.2	11.7	12.6	11.9	12.7	227.3	189.7	224.3	185.7	181.9	177.8	180.6	177.6
Arkansas	1,197.9	1,200.2	1,211.3	1,213.8	10.0	10.4	10.0	10.5	57.7	57.5	57.4	57.4	188.6	182.7	187.3	182.5
California	15,132.2	15,049.4	15,193.2	15,103.5	27.0	27.8	26.8	27.8	921.3	833.2	906.8	826.5	1,476.6	1,449.0	1,474.7	1,447.6
Colorado	2,350.6	2,378.3	2,352.2	2,376.3	26.2	29.2	25.7	29.1	176.7	171.1	173.1	167.8	147.0	143.7	147.1	142.9
Connecticut	1,689.8	1,692.9	1,704.0	1,703.9	.8	.8	.8	.8	72.8	72.1	71.8	70.6	191.5	188.8	190.8	188.1
Delaware	439.5	440.1	437.8	439.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	28.1	27.0	28.2	26.4	33.4	32.7	32.5	32.6
District of Columbia ..	696.3	717.9	690.7	704.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.2	13.3	13.0	13.2	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
Florida	7,992.9	7,879.7	7,984.7	7,865.0	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	591.0	513.5	584.1	508.9	385.3	382.0	383.7	361.7
Georgia	4,160.0	4,125.9	4,154.3	4,101.1	12.0	11.4	11.8	11.3	224.0	211.4	221.6	206.0	430.9	409.1	428.3	406.9
Hawaii	617.5	618.5	622.4	621.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	39.6	39.3	39.8	39.0	15.2	15.1	15.2	15.1
Idaho	666.4	659.3	667.5	658.6	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.0	56.5	51.6	54.7	50.6	66.5	62.4	66.0	61.8
Illinois	6,013.6	6,002.7	6,024.3	6,010.6	10.2	10.2	9.9	9.9	288.4	278.6	285.2	274.1	675.8	669.5	674.2	669.2
Indiana	2,992.3	2,972.9	3,021.1	3,001.9	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.2	159.1	156.6	157.3	154.3	552.2	533.8	549.8	528.3
Iowa	1,507.5	1,512.4	1,527.3	1,533.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	79.1	78.4	77.7	76.9	231.5	229.2	230.5	228.2
Kansas	1,367.9	1,374.5	1,391.0	1,393.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	69.1	69.0	68.3	67.8	186.7	181.8	186.6	185.7
Kentucky	1,871.5	1,878.6	1,877.9	1,872.1	22.2	22.5	22.2	22.6	88.9	87.6	88.7	86.6	253.0	246.1	255.6	243.3
Louisiana	1,924.6	1,943.3	1,933.1	1,938.8	51.5	51.9	51.7	52.1	136.6	139.1	135.8	138.1	158.8	157.0	159.4	156.5
Maine	629.5	627.1	628.8	626.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	33.3	31.9	32.8	31.3	60.5	59.7	59.5	58.8
Maryland	2,620.7	2,645.7	2,618.6	2,646.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	195.9	193.2	194.1	191.1	132.3	128.1	131.4	127.8
Massachusetts	3,283.2	3,289.3	3,299.9	3,308.5	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	146.7	143.2	144.8	139.9	295.5	291.6	294.6	290.2
Michigan	4,246.7	4,171.9	4,297.2	4,214.2	8.1	7.7	7.8	7.5	180.5	164.9	178.0	161.7	619.0	578.6	614.8	573.8
Minnesota	2,787.0	2,777.3	2,787.9	2,769.8	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	134.2	127.7	129.9	123.8	347.3	337.8	343.7	334.2
Mississippi	1,152.5	1,147.2	1,160.1	1,149.0	9.6	9.9	9.6	10.0	58.8	58.9	59.1	58.3	168.8	163.0	168.9	162.3
Missouri	2,788.9	2,769.0	2,817.4	2,801.8	6.3	5.2	6.3	5.2	154.8	152.8	151.9	149.8	298.6	283.2	299.0	287.2
Montana	455.4	457.9	450.5	456.6	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	35.6	34.1	34.6	33.4	20.8	20.3	20.7	20.7
Nebraska	967.3	973.7	969.2	978.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	54.7	54.4	53.6	53.9	101.5	100.9	101.2	101.2
Nevada	1,287.9	1,279.1	1,291.7	1,284.1	12.4	12.1	12.2	12.1	137.5	122.5	134.6	120.3	50.9	50.5	50.6	50.2
New Hampshire	653.5	660.8	659.7	661.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	30.8	29.8	30.3	29.0	78.3	78.3	78.2	77.5
New Jersey	4,079.4	4,064.9	4,073.3	4,060.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	179.3	174.5	177.4	172.4	312.6	301.8	312.3	300.9
New Mexico	844.3	849.2	850.4	854.3	19.8	20.2	19.4	20.5	60.5	60.5	60.0	59.2	37.8	35.5	37.7	35.2
New York	8,716.2	8,749.9	8,752.3	8,770.0	6.8	7.0	6.8	6.9	373.9	371.5	371.1	369.1	554.9	536.7	553.3	535.7
North Carolina	4,159.4	4,170.4	4,184.7	4,183.3	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	258.9	258.0	257.9	256.4	537.7	519.0	537.0	515.7
North Dakota	353.5	358.5	363.7	367.7	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.7	21.9	22.4	21.6	21.9	26.3	26.0	26.2	26.1
Ohio	5,435.8	5,414.1	5,449.6	5,430.0	12.1	12.5	12.0	12.4	239.7	232.5	236.7	229.8	775.6	759.0	771.7	758.1
Oklahoma	1,565.7	1,577.0	1,579.3	1,590.3	47.7	53.5	47.4	54.0	73.8	75.7	72.8	75.5	151.4	151.4	150.5	151.8
Oregon	1,733.7	1,727.3	1,742.4	1,729.6	9.7	8.8	9.6	8.7	110.7	99.3	109.2	98.1	207.8	197.4	206.9	195.8
Pennsylvania	5,778.5	5,775.2	5,816.2	5,810.2	22.1	22.4	21.8	22.2	279.1	274.3	276.2	268.5	661.0	642.2	657.3	637.6
Rhode Island	492.6	479.8	496.0	482.8	.3	.2	.3	.2	23.3	22.4	22.8	21.9	50.7	47.8	51.0	47.8
South Carolina	1,969.7	1,964.9	1,963.4	1,950.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	129.4	112.4	129.5	111.7	249.9	243.6	249.3	241.3
South Dakota	415.5	421.4	411.3	417.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	26.0	26.4	25.1	25.2	41.8	43.6	41.7	43.4
Tennessee	2,810.2	2,791.3	2,820.5	2,796.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	141.5	141.4	141.7	140.5	379.8	370.5	378.9	368.9
Texas	10,369.5	10,612.9	10,419.6	10,657.9	209.9	225.0	209.1	226.7	653.1	677.9	654.0	674.2	938.6	933.0	937.5	930.1
Utah	1,254.2	1,255.5	1,264.1	1,265.4	11.4	11.9	11.1	11.8	109.7	95.5	108.1	94.4	128.7	127.9	128.3	126.9
Vermont	302.3	302.1	310.0	309.4	.9	.9	.9	.9	18.6	17.9	18.0	17.3	36.1	35.3	35.8	35.0
Virginia	3,752.3	3,772.4	3,770.0	3,790.4	11.1	10.7	10.7	10.7	244.6	239.6	241.9	236.9	278.2	274.3	277.3	274.5
Washington	2,940.6	2,974.7	2,962.8	2,977.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	219.7	211.0	217.4	207.0	298.0	301.9	299.5	300.5
West Virginia	758.0	758.4	761.2	762.6	29.2	30.7	28.9	31.1	40.2	39.7	40.0	39.8	59.1	57.6	58.8	57.0
Wisconsin	2,904.0	2,887.3	2,902.7	2,878.4	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	136.7	132.7	133.6	128.2	508.5	497.0	502.4	489.8
Wyoming	295.3	303.4	295.0	303.7	27.7	29.3	27.5	29.6	29.0	30.0	28.1	28.9	10.2	9.8	10.1	10.0
Puerto Rico	1,017.0	990.9	1,022.1	995.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	65.2	67.5	65.9	67.2	106.1	101.3	105.8	101.0

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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	395.8	396.7	396.3	396.0	28.1	28.5	27.9	28.4	100.4	101.0	100.5	101.0	222.0	227.0	221.9	226.1
Alaska	69.2	69.4	66.9	66.6	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.0	15.7	15.2	15.1	14.8	26.6	27.3	26.1	26.9
Arizona	520.3	509.6	520.1	505.6	42.6	40.1	42.5	39.9	181.8	177.6	180.8	176.9	403.2	393.1	401.6	392.0
Arkansas	249.9	249.6	249.8	249.6	19.9	20.1	19.9	20.0	53.8	54.2	53.6	54.0	118.0	120.0	118.3	120.4
California	2,912.5	2,887.8	2,915.6	2,884.1	479.7	472.6	481.7	474.9	905.3	869.6	896.5	864.8	2,279.5	2,284.5	2,276.9	2,281.7
Colorado	431.5	436.0	430.4	433.2	76.7	76.8	76.2	76.6	160.1	158.8	158.8	157.9	356.6	362.2	355.3	359.6
Connecticut	306.6	305.0	310.1	308.2	38.6	38.9	38.8	38.7	145.9	144.2	144.2	142.8	208.0	207.3	207.6	206.6
Delaware	83.7	83.8	83.3	83.5	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.9	45.8	46.3	45.5	45.7	60.1	59.2	60.0	59.1
District of Columbia ..	27.3	27.6	27.4	27.7	22.2	21.1	21.3	21.0	28.8	28.5	28.7	28.0	154.9	157.9	153.7	156.7
Florida	1,593.8	1,575.3	1,593.1	1,564.2	161.6	155.8	160.3	157.0	540.2	531.8	537.4	528.4	1,319.1	1,280.5	1,314.5	1,275.2
Georgia	886.4	888.6	886.0	884.9	114.2	114.4	114.3	113.9	232.4	228.1	230.7	225.5	565.9	561.0	563.5	552.4
Hawaii	120.8	117.5	120.5	117.3	10.9	10.5	10.5	10.2	30.1	29.5	29.9	29.5	76.1	77.1	76.3	77.2
Idaho	133.7	132.3	133.3	131.0	11.0	11.3	10.9	11.3	32.8	32.6	32.4	32.0	86.4	84.6	85.6	82.4
Illinois	1,211.3	1,216.3	1,212.2	1,214.8	117.3	115.4	116.3	114.2	406.3	400.8	402.2	395.5	887.1	892.1	882.2	890.9
Indiana	587.5	583.8	585.7	582.4	40.8	40.8	40.2	40.5	139.9	140.5	138.7	139.2	295.6	291.2	295.4	290.4
Iowa	309.0	310.4	308.0	309.4	33.3	32.7	33.2	32.6	103.7	104.3	103.1	103.5	123.6	122.2	122.1	122.0
Kansas	264.7	264.2	264.1	263.1	41.0	40.6	40.5	40.5	74.9	74.3	74.4	73.7	147.1	148.7	147.4	148.4
Kentucky	385.2	392.6	385.6	390.0	30.3	29.8	30.1	29.6	93.8	93.3	93.3	93.0	182.5	181.0	182.2	180.2
Louisiana	383.2	385.3	383.1	383.9	27.4	26.6	26.4	26.5	97.2	96.9	96.7	97.1	203.1	203.9	202.2	202.2
Maine	129.4	127.9	126.7	125.5	11.3	11.0	11.1	10.8	33.8	33.3	33.2	32.7	55.6	57.2	54.6	56.1
Maryland	475.8	477.4	474.9	476.8	51.6	51.1	51.0	50.9	157.7	156.9	156.4	155.8	401.7	411.5	399.4	409.6
Massachusetts	570.2	567.0	569.9	566.1	88.9	89.4	88.7	89.0	227.7	225.8	224.0	221.9	491.4	496.6	486.1	493.3
Michigan	792.1	782.3	788.0	777.1	66.0	63.8	65.2	63.1	213.3	209.3	209.9	205.1	580.0	580.2	579.9	575.8
Minnesota	529.7	531.2	528.1	528.4	58.4	57.0	57.7	56.6	180.7	182.9	178.7	180.9	336.7	328.7	332.3	325.4
Mississippi	226.7	226.8	227.1	226.6	13.4	13.2	13.3	13.2	47.2	46.8	47.0	47.0	95.1	96.6	95.9	96.4
Missouri	546.2	550.7	548.1	551.6	63.6	63.1	63.7	62.6	169.4	165.3	168.4	163.7	343.2	340.9	340.8	341.1
Montana	93.3	94.8	93.1	93.8	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.8	22.1	22.3	21.8	22.0	42.6	42.0	41.4	41.1
Nebraska	205.0	206.5	204.7	204.3	19.7	18.8	19.5	18.7	69.7	71.2	69.2	70.5	106.1	110.1	105.6	109.5
Nevada	232.6	235.6	232.7	235.9	16.0	15.6	15.7	15.3	64.7	62.3	64.4	62.1	157.9	153.5	156.0	152.3
New Hampshire	143.0	144.5	141.8	142.9	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.1	39.0	39.5	38.6	39.0	67.4	70.1	66.8	69.4
New Jersey	872.6	868.4	873.6	871.3	99.2	99.4	97.7	98.3	277.9	268.4	273.7	264.0	620.2	624.5	615.8	622.3
New Mexico	145.0	147.0	144.7	146.4	16.5	16.9	17.3	16.8	35.4	34.7	35.2	34.5	110.4	109.3	109.2	108.4
New York	1,514.1	1,516.7	1,526.2	1,522.9	266.3	268.7	265.2	267.3	739.9	730.4	731.2	720.8	1,153.5	1,150.7	1,141.9	1,146.5
North Carolina	779.8	780.0	777.0	776.1	72.7	71.9	72.4	71.8	214.2	214.2	212.8	212.0	506.6	505.1	508.7	503.2
North Dakota	76.4	77.7	76.1	77.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	20.0	20.2	20.0	20.0	29.9	30.6	30.0	30.5
Ohio	1,051.3	1,048.9	1,047.8	1,043.1	88.4	86.3	87.2	85.8	302.4	300.6	299.7	298.5	677.4	677.9	675.4	675.6
Oklahoma	289.3	289.9	288.6	289.8	28.6	28.8	28.4	28.6	84.2	84.9	83.9	84.7	184.7	182.3	184.2	183.3
Oregon	341.7	339.8	343.4	339.4	36.7	35.7	36.6	35.5	107.9	104.0	106.3	104.3	201.9	202.7	201.0	200.1
Pennsylvania	1,126.5	1,119.1	1,130.4	1,122.3	107.3	106.0	107.2	105.5	335.8	331.6	331.5	327.1	715.6	721.7	710.9	716.0
Rhode Island	79.4	76.9	79.7	77.0	10.5	10.9	10.4	10.8	34.6	33.2	34.6	33.2	57.0	54.9	56.6	54.7
South Carolina	377.9	374.6	375.6	371.0	28.1	27.6	28.0	27.5	108.3	109.2	107.2	108.3	229.9	227.1	229.6	225.8
South Dakota	83.0	83.1	81.8	82.0	7.3	7.1	7.1	6.9	31.2	31.9	31.1	31.7	28.4	29.4	27.9	28.9
Tennessee	612.2	611.8	612.5	609.4	50.1	49.4	49.9	49.6	144.9	142.6	144.3	141.8	326.2	318.8	328.0	321.2
Texas	2,111.7	2,155.6	2,108.7	2,146.1	221.7	219.5	219.8	217.0	649.0	657.9	645.4	655.0	1,306.6	1,368.5	1,306.2	1,363.7
Utah	247.1	250.3	247.2	250.3	32.9	32.3	32.4	31.8	75.0	74.0	74.4	73.3	163.6	165.4	162.4	164.3
Vermont	58.7	58.7	58.6	58.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	13.3	13.3	13.2	13.1	23.0	23.2	22.7	22.8
Virginia	667.2	665.8	665.6	663.0	90.3	90.5	90.3	89.8	195.2	194.0	193.3	191.7	652.2	659.9	647.8	655.4
Washington	557.3	559.6	555.9	557.8	104.2	106.3	103.5	106.3	156.8	154.0	154.9	152.3	352.7	358.5	352.0	357.6
West Virginia	143.0	141.0	143.1	141.1	11.5	11.1	11.5	11.2	29.9	29.4	29.8	29.2	61.5	61.4	61.1	61.2
Wisconsin	547.7	540.2	547.1	538.2	50.8	50.1	50.3	49.7	164.2	165.1	162.3	163.6	285.2	281.9	282.2	277.4
Wyoming	56.9	58.0	56.0	57.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	11.7	12.0	11.6	11.9	19.7	20.3	19.2	19.5
Puerto Rico	181.9	173.6	181.0	170.5	22.6	21.8	22.3	21.6	48.7	47.1	48.4	46.3	106.4	101.5	106.4	100.9

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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	209.5	209.4	209.7	209.8	178.4	178.3	175.7	175.7	80.7	80.7	80.6	80.3	367.9	373.1	377.2	381.1
Alaska	36.9	37.4	36.5	37.0	39.4	39.0	35.8	35.2	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.7	77.5	78.8	82.8	83.8
Arizona	304.0	314.9	306.4	316.7	267.8	267.5	269.9	267.0	95.2	94.5	96.2	94.6	417.6	425.9	436.1	442.5
Arkansas	153.9	156.6	155.6	159.1	102.6	103.8	100.9	102.3	45.5	45.9	45.3	45.7	198.0	199.4	213.2	212.3
California	1,636.5	1,688.6	1,668.5	1,715.5	1,582.7	1,593.7	1,565.4	1,576.6	517.6	516.1	517.7	515.7	2,393.5	2,426.5	2,462.6	2,488.3
Colorado	240.3	249.5	241.4	250.9	282.6	287.3	271.6	277.4	93.7	95.6	93.2	94.4	359.2	368.1	379.4	386.5
Connecticut	281.3	287.2	288.3	294.3	145.5	147.0	139.1	139.8	65.0	65.1	64.1	63.8	233.8	236.5	248.4	250.2
Delaware	57.7	59.5	58.4	60.3	44.9	44.4	42.3	42.1	20.3	21.2	20.1	20.7	58.5	58.9	60.6	61.9
District of Columbia ..	91.1	99.5	97.0	102.7	54.7	56.1	55.5	56.4	62.5	65.3	62.5	65.7	239.9	247.0	229.9	231.4
Florida	1,004.0	1,040.2	1,012.9	1,047.9	917.0	931.3	908.7	922.9	342.2	340.1	343.0	342.0	1,132.2	1,142.8	1,140.6	1,150.4
Georgia	457.1	466.2	459.5	469.8	404.9	405.4	398.0	396.7	162.5	161.3	160.7	160.6	669.7	669.0	679.9	673.1
Hawaii	72.1	73.6	73.0	74.5	110.6	108.4	109.5	107.4	26.7	27.4	26.8	27.5	115.4	120.1	120.9	123.4
Idaho	73.8	75.8	74.4	76.7	68.4	68.4	66.2	65.5	20.1	20.5	19.6	20.2	112.2	114.7	119.5	122.1
Illinois	774.3	784.9	782.4	791.3	555.7	552.0	544.0	542.2	269.9	265.8	260.2	257.3	817.3	817.1	855.5	851.2
Indiana	388.7	391.3	403.4	406.2	296.0	296.8	288.4	290.2	112.8	113.7	111.9	112.0	412.4	417.2	443.0	451.2
Iowa	194.0	196.9	202.1	205.2	144.5	146.3	140.3	142.4	57.9	58.3	57.6	57.8	228.6	231.4	250.4	252.9
Kansas	170.7	172.1	173.4	173.4	118.0	117.8	116.1	116.1	52.6	51.8	52.7	52.0	233.9	244.6	258.4	262.8
Kentucky	241.0	240.6	241.5	239.8	179.0	180.1	175.3	174.4	76.3	76.2	76.3	75.6	319.3	328.8	327.1	337.0
Louisiana	248.7	252.5	249.8	253.1	196.8	201.5	195.0	196.8	69.4	69.1	69.3	69.2	351.9	359.5	363.7	363.3
Maine	115.2	116.3	116.0	117.3	75.8	75.2	67.4	66.7	20.4	20.5	20.0	20.1	91.4	91.4	104.7	104.1
Maryland	370.7	381.7	374.5	384.8	252.9	257.2	242.8	247.2	118.5	120.8	118.0	120.1	463.6	467.8	476.1	482.7
Massachusetts	610.7	623.2	622.9	636.2	330.9	330.7	314.2	314.4	124.5	123.5	119.6	118.7	395.0	396.7	433.4	437.2
Michigan	586.4	596.7	598.6	608.7	429.9	427.6	420.8	418.8	179.2	177.3	177.9	176.0	592.2	583.5	656.3	646.6
Minnesota	426.3	434.0	429.8	438.0	265.4	265.1	256.5	255.1	117.4	116.3	116.1	115.3	384.5	390.3	408.9	406.0
Mississippi	126.2	128.1	127.5	128.8	128.5	126.6	127.6	124.8	37.1	37.2	37.1	37.7	241.1	240.1	247.0	243.9
Missouri	382.7	389.0	386.6	393.4	297.0	292.4	288.6	284.5	121.4	120.1	120.5	118.6	405.7	406.3	443.5	444.1
Montana	58.0	59.9	59.2	60.7	65.1	66.0	61.3	62.5	17.1	18.0	17.1	18.0	84.5	^c 83.5	85.5	88.2
Nebraska	133.6	135.0	133.2	137.7	85.8	86.9	83.8	84.3	34.8	34.9	34.8	35.0	156.4	155.0	163.6	163.5
Nevada	92.3	95.3	92.9	96.1	339.6	340.8	339.1	339.8	37.3	37.8	37.3	37.8	146.7	153.1	156.2	162.2
New Hampshire	102.8	104.9	104.6	105.5	74.4	73.2	68.2	66.7	22.6	23.0	22.4	22.6	81.7	84.0	95.4	95.8
New Jersey	570.4	582.7	577.3	587.9	368.3	365.9	350.3	347.8	165.8	168.1	162.8	164.8	611.4	609.5	630.7	628.9
New Mexico	108.7	112.7	112.3	116.5	90.8	90.5	89.3	88.7	30.9	31.0	29.2	29.3	188.5	190.9	196.1	198.8
New York	1,540.3	1,578.0	1,597.8	1,622.8	747.2	758.7	718.1	727.2	361.7	367.0	362.3	365.9	1,457.6	1,464.5	1,478.4	1,484.9
North Carolina	516.3	534.1	518.6	538.5	411.3	419.2	402.7	410.3	184.1	184.5	182.3	182.9	670.7	677.4	708.2	709.4
North Dakota	51.0	51.6	51.2	51.4	34.0	34.7	33.8	34.2	15.0	15.3	15.1	15.4	66.1	66.7	76.9	77.2
Ohio	778.5	789.6	796.9	804.3	530.7	531.8	511.6	515.5	223.5	221.1	220.7	219.3	756.2	753.9	789.9	787.6
Oklahoma	193.6	195.3	195.1	197.1	144.4	146.4	143.2	144.1	63.4	63.6	63.3	63.4	304.6	305.2	321.9	318.0
Oregon	206.0	217.5	212.1	224.8	181.4	184.1	177.9	178.8	60.2	59.3	60.3	59.0	269.7	278.7	279.1	285.1
Pennsylvania	1,050.4	1,072.9	1,074.3	1,097.3	534.1	538.3	510.0	515.2	260.0	259.9	256.9	256.1	686.6	686.8	739.7	742.4
Rhode Island	95.5	96.0	99.3	99.5	56.5	55.8	54.4	53.5	23.6	22.5	23.0	21.8	61.2	59.2	63.9	62.4
South Carolina	202.4	207.4	203.7	209.5	229.7	237.1	221.3	226.0	73.6	75.5	73.8	74.1	335.9	346.0	340.8	350.9
South Dakota	59.9	61.8	60.5	62.8	48.7	49.1	44.5	44.9	16.1	15.9	15.9	15.9	73.1	73.1	75.7	75.6
Tennessee	351.0	357.4	354.0	360.1	288.0	281.1	281.8	276.1	102.7	102.9	102.8	102.8	413.8	415.4	426.6	426.1
Texas	1,260.6	1,293.2	1,270.0	1,304.2	1,006.2	1,042.2	990.5	1,030.1	357.1	362.5	354.5	360.0	1,655.0	1,677.6	1,723.9	1,750.8
Utah	137.4	143.6	142.4	148.7	115.4	118.1	113.4	116.0	37.0	36.8	36.1	35.9	199.7	199.7	208.3	212.0
Vermont	56.3	57.2	57.7	58.5	35.2	35.1	32.6	32.6	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	44.2	44.5	54.6	54.8
Virginia	401.8	411.4	422.4	433.0	365.6	367.2	352.2	353.1	186.5	188.6	185.1	187.8	659.6	670.4	683.4	694.5
Washington	342.2	347.2	349.0	354.5	295.1	302.2	292.4	298.5	107.3	108.5	106.2	107.5	498.9	517.1	523.7	527.1
West Virginia	113.1	115.0	115.0	116.3	75.1	74.9	74.1	75.2	55.3	56.1	55.6	56.3	140.1	141.5	143.3	144.2
Wisconsin	399.6	405.0	400.7	407.3	285.7	281.9	271.3	268.4	138.2	136.7	137.8	135.7	383.4	392.8	411.1	416.2
Wyoming	23.3	24.3	23.3	24.2	38.6	39.6	35.9	36.8	11.9	12.0	11.5	12.0	62.2	64.0	67.8	69.8
Puerto Rico	100.4	99.5	105.4	102.6	76.0	71.6	75.0	71.5	19.6	16.4	19.3	16.2	290.1	290.6	292.6	297.5

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

^P = preliminary.

^c = corrected.

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, September 2008

(U.S. rate = 6.1 percent)

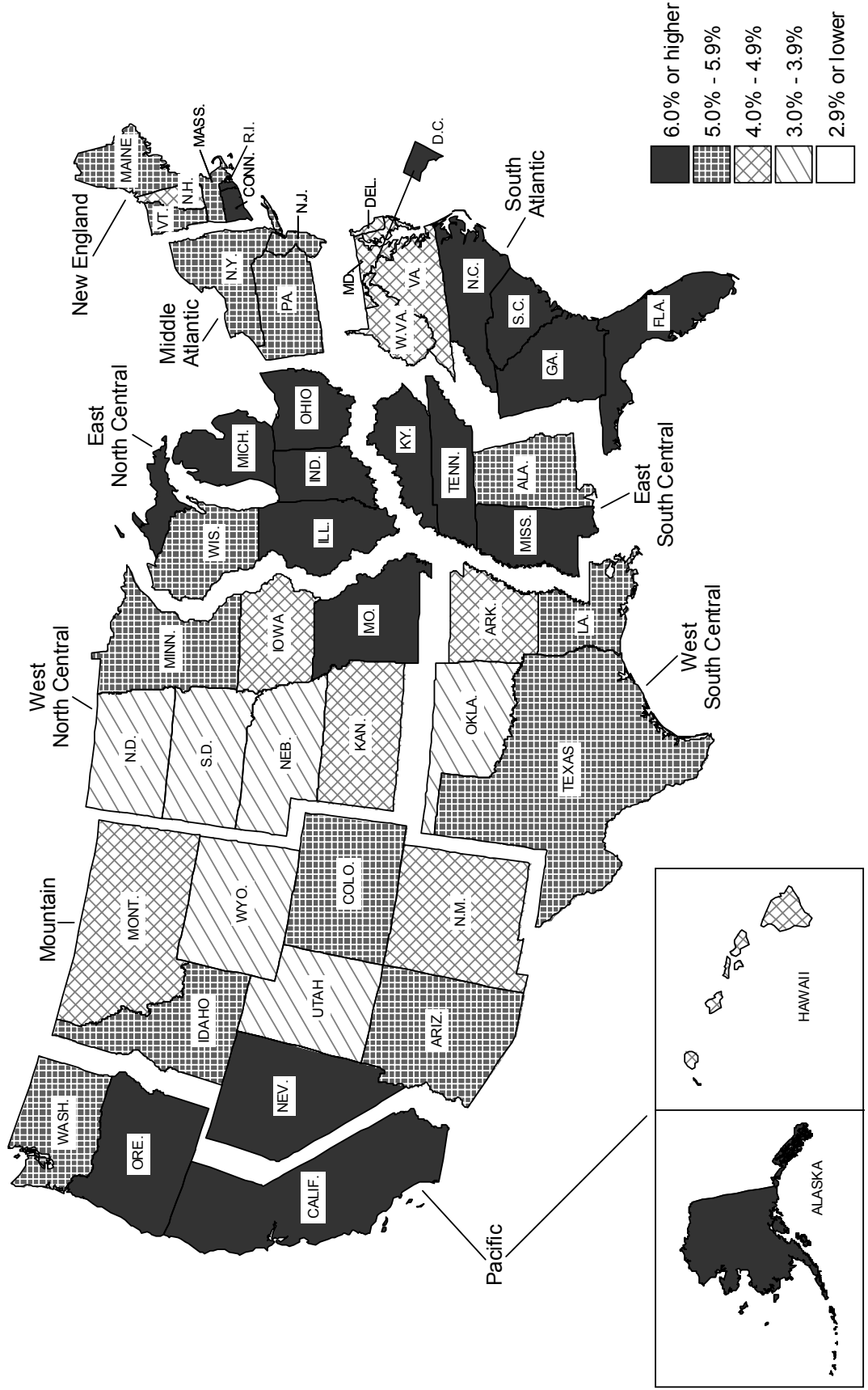


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, September 2007 – September 2008

