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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: OCTOBER 2004

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in October. All four regions and 48 states recorded changes of 0.3 percentage point or less in their jobless rates from September, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, unemployment rates declined in all four regions and in 42 states. The national unemployment rate was about unchanged at 5.5 percent in October. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 31 states and the District of Columbia over the month.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In October, the South and Northeast reported the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.9 and 5.0 percent, respectively. The Midwest and West had the highest rates, 5.6 and 5.5 percent, respectively. The last time that the Midwest had registered the highest rate prior to October was May 1990. All regions experienced over-the-year jobless rate declines, -0.9 percentage point in the West, -0.8 point each in the Northeast and South, and -0.3 point in the Midwest. (See table 1.)

The New England and South Atlantic divisions continued to report the lowest unemployment rates, 4.4 percent each in October, among the nine geographic divisions. The Mountain and West North Central divisions had the next lowest rates, 4.7 percent each. The East North Central and Pacific divisions recorded the highest jobless rates, 6.0 and 5.8 percent, respectively. October was the first month that the East North Central registered the highest divisional unemployment rate since June 1985. Over the month, unemployment rates showed little or no change in all nine divisions. Each division had an over-the-year jobless rate decline of at least 0.3 percentage point, with the largest decreases in the Pacific (-1.1 percentage points) and the New England and West South Central divisions (-1.0 point each).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Vermont reported the lowest unemployment rate in October, 3.1 percent, while nine other states also recorded rates below 4.0 percent. Among them was Nevada, which, at 3.6 percent, recorded a series low. (Virtually all regional and state series begin in 1978.) Alaska and Oregon again posted the highest state jobless rates, 7.2 percent each. The District of Columbia had an unemployment rate of 8.5 percent. Five additional states registered rates of 6.0 percent or more in October. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

From September, unemployment rates declined in 23 states, increased in 17 states and the District of Columbia, and were unchanged in 10 states. Rhode Island recorded the largest over-the-month unemploy-

ment rate decrease (-0.5 percentage point). No state had a jobless rate increase greater than 0.3 percentage point; the District of Columbia's rate rose by 0.5 point in October.

Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in 42 states, higher in 7 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 1 state. Washington again registered the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-1.9 percentage points), followed by North Carolina and Vermont (-1.6 points each) and Nevada (-1.5 points). Eleven additional states recorded rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more from last October, and another 20 states reported decreases of one-half point or more. No state posted an unemployment rate increase from October 2003 of more than 0.3 percentage point. The District of Columbia had a rate increase of 1.4 percentage points over the year.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From September to October, total nonfarm employment increased in 31 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 18 states, and remained unchanged in 1 state. The largest employment increases occurred in California (+43,500), Florida (+27,900), Texas (+23,600), Michigan (+14,800), and New York (+12,400). Nevada reported the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.8 percent), followed by Florida, Nebraska, and Washington (+0.4 percent each), and Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, and South Carolina (+0.3 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Ohio (-6,600), Oklahoma (-5,800), Indiana (-5,600), West Virginia (-4,600), and Montana (-4,400). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in Montana (-1.1 percent), West Virginia (-0.6 percent), Oklahoma and South Dakota (-0.4 percent each), and Arkansas (-0.3 percent). (See table 5.)

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 47 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 3 states. The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+144,700), California (+126,600), Texas (+121,000), Virginia (+80,200), and New Jersey (+67,700). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+4.9 percent), Idaho (+3.5 percent), Utah (+3.1 percent), Hawaii (+3.0 percent), and Arizona (+2.5 percent). The over-the-year employment decreases were registered in Michigan (-31,900, -0.7 percent), Ohio (-13,700, -0.3 percent), and Louisiana (-3,000, -0.2 percent).

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on December 1. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for November is scheduled for release on December 21.

Planned Changes in Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Beginning with the release of data for January 2005 in March, a redesigned method for producing labor force estimates for census regions, divisions, states, and selected substate areas will be implemented. The redesigned method encompasses a number of changes: (1) the implementation of improved time-series regression models for all states, the District of Columbia, New York City, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division (currently the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area), and the respective balances of New York and California; (2) the introduction of real-time benchmarking to national Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates of employment and unemployment; and (3) the introduction of time-series regression models for six additional substate areas and their respective balances of state. In addition, the estimates will reflect routine annual updates to population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Following an intensive period of research and testing, implementation of the redesigned method of model estimation will result in improved seasonal adjustment and provide quantitative error measures for both the seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted series. Real-time benchmarking to the national CPS estimates (on a not seasonally adjusted basis) will ensure that estimates of employment and unemployment for the states add to national totals. This also means that major economic events, such as the onset of recessions, will be reflected in the state estimates on a more timely basis. This, along with other improvements, will reduce end-of-year revisions.

All monthly historical data for 1978-2004 will be replaced with re-estimated series. In addition, estimates for 1976-77 will be added to the series. More information on the redesign is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lauschanges2005.htm>.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City 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 survey reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who have a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), have actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the survey reference week), and are currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Effective January 1996, estimates for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Effective January 1998, estimates for census regions and divisions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component states 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 with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and any revisions in the other data sources. In addition, data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the two large substate areas noted are adjusted annually to equal the CPS annual averages, usually effective with January estimates. The regional and state data will not sum to national totals obtained from the CPS, since the monthly state estimates are not based directly on the CPS.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of state (and Los Angeles-Long Beach and New York City) labor force levels are computed by aggregating independently seasonally adjusted employment and unemployment levels. Unemployment rates are then computed from these independently adjusted levels. Region and

division levels are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component states. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are usually made at the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with January estimates.

Employment—from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

Method of estimation. The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

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

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

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey and administrative data 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 special 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, in most instances, from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Measures of sampling error, in the form of standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Measures of nonsampling error for CPS data are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the 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>). Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment for over 330 metropolitan areas are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at (<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

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

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004 ^P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004 ^P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004 ^P
Northeast	27,370.4	27,565.1	27,559.5	27,563.2	1,574.3	1,460.9	1,402.1	1,372.8	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.0
New England	7,545.0	7,556.5	7,529.4	7,532.7	406.3	368.7	338.5	333.2	5.4	4.9	4.5	4.4
Middle Atlantic	19,825.3	20,008.6	20,030.0	20,030.5	1,168.0	1,092.2	1,063.6	1,039.7	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.2
South	51,436.8	51,842.8	51,881.8	52,000.3	2,924.8	2,583.1	2,551.6	2,552.8	5.7	5.0	4.9	4.9
South Atlantic	27,120.2	27,416.0	27,397.2	27,478.3	1,379.5	1,260.1	1,247.1	1,222.7	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.4
East South Central	8,352.7	8,410.6	8,412.8	8,412.9	501.7	453.9	445.7	444.7	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.3
West South Central	15,963.9	16,016.2	16,071.8	16,109.2	1,043.7	869.1	858.8	885.5	6.5	5.4	5.3	5.5
Midwest	34,402.0	34,466.7	34,500.0	34,582.9	2,039.8	1,925.2	1,918.2	1,937.6	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.6
East North Central	23,630.6	23,580.1	23,628.8	23,700.2	1,504.6	1,408.5	1,400.4	1,429.1	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.0
West North Central	10,771.4	10,886.6	10,871.3	10,882.7	535.2	516.8	517.9	508.5	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.7
West	33,348.3	33,754.9	33,813.5	33,902.9	2,150.9	1,888.7	1,897.3	1,856.1	6.4	5.6	5.6	5.5
Mountain	9,877.6	10,069.4	10,085.1	10,132.0	538.9	472.3	478.6	480.0	5.5	4.7	4.7	4.7
Pacific	23,470.7	23,685.5	23,728.4	23,771.0	1,612.0	1,416.3	1,418.7	1,376.2	6.9	6.0	6.0	5.8

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: 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. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, not seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Northeast	27,222.0	27,397.6	27,339.2	27,520.2	1,527.9	1,335.0	1,489.8	1,290.9	5.6	4.9	5.4	4.7
New England	7,512.4	7,493.2	7,538.1	7,525.2	391.4	320.3	374.8	305.3	5.2	4.3	5.0	4.1
Middle Atlantic	19,709.6	19,904.4	19,801.1	19,995.0	1,136.5	1,014.7	1,115.0	985.7	5.8	5.1	5.6	4.9
South	51,414.6	51,912.1	51,529.9	52,089.5	2,918.8	2,517.9	2,835.5	2,482.1	5.7	4.9	5.5	4.8
South Atlantic	27,139.1	27,445.1	27,177.3	27,531.4	1,400.5	1,248.1	1,359.4	1,207.8	5.2	4.5	5.0	4.4
East South Central	8,333.4	8,398.0	8,380.1	8,439.2	481.8	426.9	500.8	448.7	5.8	5.1	6.0	5.3
West South Central	15,942.1	16,068.9	15,972.5	16,118.9	1,036.4	842.9	975.3	825.6	6.5	5.2	6.1	5.1
Midwest	34,232.8	34,387.3	34,411.7	34,591.9	1,900.4	1,770.7	1,833.3	1,745.5	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.0
East North Central	23,534.9	23,557.4	23,639.8	23,713.2	1,399.7	1,289.3	1,353.6	1,288.3	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.4
West North Central	10,697.9	10,829.9	10,771.9	10,878.7	500.7	481.4	479.7	457.2	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.2
West	33,318.9	33,840.8	33,483.4	34,028.4	2,076.3	1,805.6	2,066.1	1,775.0	6.2	5.3	6.2	5.2
Mountain	9,920.3	10,133.2	9,914.7	10,163.3	538.8	465.2	511.2	452.7	5.4	4.6	5.2	4.5
Pacific	23,398.6	23,707.7	23,568.7	23,865.1	1,537.4	1,340.5	1,555.0	1,322.3	6.6	5.7	6.6	5.5

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P
Alabama	2,165.4	2,171.0	2,163.1	2,162.1	126.5	130.5	123.4	118.6	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.5
Alaska	334.6	345.8	347.4	347.1	27.0	26.3	26.5	25.0	8.1	7.6	7.6	7.2
Arizona	2,695.7	2,765.2	2,770.9	2,794.6	139.9	122.3	132.9	135.2	5.2	4.4	4.8	4.8
Arkansas	1,265.2	1,321.3	1,326.9	1,331.1	84.9	70.9	73.3	75.4	6.7	5.4	5.5	5.7
California	17,505.1	17,646.9	17,707.6	17,737.0	1,173.1	1,037.1	1,060.1	1,018.8	6.7	5.9	6.0	5.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,783.9	4,798.0	4,810.9	4,839.8	345.0	288.5	296.0	289.4	7.2	6.0	6.2	6.0
Colorado	2,487.5	2,521.6	2,531.9	2,543.8	146.9	127.6	123.1	126.1	5.9	5.1	4.9	5.0
Connecticut	1,799.3	1,788.3	1,791.0	1,788.3	98.5	83.0	84.0	82.5	5.5	4.6	4.7	4.6
Delaware	419.9	424.1	427.5	428.9	18.5	15.3	16.9	17.0	4.4	3.6	3.9	4.0
District of Columbia	302.4	301.0	305.0	306.3	21.5	22.6	24.3	25.9	7.1	7.5	8.0	8.5
Florida	8,194.7	8,400.6	8,408.2	8,438.8	402.1	387.7	392.7	375.7	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.5
Georgia	4,445.8	4,439.5	4,421.1	4,429.8	196.4	187.4	182.1	184.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2
Hawaii	625.3	630.9	630.5	632.1	27.9	18.0	19.6	20.6	4.5	2.9	3.1	3.3
Idaho	694.6	710.5	708.7	710.5	36.4	35.5	35.6	37.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.2
Illinois	6,353.6	6,388.3	6,427.0	6,441.7	429.5	391.7	383.2	393.4	6.8	6.1	6.0	6.1
Indiana	3,191.4	3,147.2	3,152.7	3,169.4	164.2	160.0	164.5	169.6	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.4
Iowa	1,608.4	1,632.6	1,630.0	1,635.1	74.3	74.3	76.5	79.1	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.8
Kansas	1,437.2	1,471.0	1,473.9	1,477.8	75.8	71.0	69.6	70.4	5.3	4.8	4.7	4.8
Kentucky	1,960.9	1,982.5	1,979.3	1,979.2	117.7	101.9	92.7	93.9	6.0	5.1	4.7	4.7
Louisiana	2,044.0	2,033.0	2,060.6	2,061.8	126.8	100.9	109.1	115.6	6.2	5.0	5.3	5.6
Maine	696.0	701.5	698.2	701.2	36.2	31.9	32.5	32.2	5.2	4.5	4.7	4.6
Maryland	2,908.7	2,948.5	2,957.5	2,954.6	130.8	125.8	120.5	115.5	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.9
Massachusetts	3,399.6	3,413.0	3,389.4	3,396.0	196.2	184.1	155.9	157.5	5.8	5.4	4.6	4.6
Michigan	5,076.3	5,053.0	5,063.9	5,081.5	387.2	338.2	343.5	336.8	7.6	6.7	6.8	6.6
Minnesota	2,928.3	2,969.4	2,962.0	2,961.5	149.8	142.6	135.7	127.4	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.3
Mississippi	1,315.5	1,325.9	1,327.6	1,325.9	79.0	78.6	80.5	82.9	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.3
Missouri	3,043.4	3,048.9	3,037.0	3,036.4	167.1	167.7	171.8	169.8	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.6
Montana	476.9	484.0	485.4	486.8	22.6	23.0	24.8	23.2	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.8
Nebraska	981.2	990.2	991.7	992.5	39.3	36.0	37.0	34.7	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.5
Nevada	1,147.7	1,185.9	1,184.7	1,184.8	58.1	47.1	46.6	42.1	5.1	4.0	3.9	3.6
New Hampshire	725.0	730.5	731.0	730.2	30.5	26.7	25.9	24.6	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.4
New Jersey	4,383.7	4,425.1	4,408.8	4,417.8	246.8	214.3	209.9	206.2	5.6	4.8	4.8	4.7
New Mexico	902.7	910.9	910.6	911.6	58.9	49.2	48.9	47.5	6.5	5.4	5.4	5.2
New York	9,300.3	9,308.4	9,326.3	9,313.8	591.8	525.7	515.3	485.8	6.4	5.6	5.5	5.2
New York City	3,664.6	3,688.4	3,718.6	3,698.6	303.1	248.6	257.0	225.2	8.3	6.7	6.9	6.1
North Carolina	4,262.8	4,183.6	4,159.4	4,173.7	272.8	208.2	200.7	201.2	6.4	5.0	4.8	4.8
North Dakota	347.1	350.6	351.3	354.4	13.4	11.5	12.6	13.1	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.7
Ohio	5,920.6	5,876.0	5,866.5	5,886.4	354.0	368.2	354.1	373.5	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.3
Oklahoma	1,696.4	1,698.8	1,705.4	1,710.5	96.8	70.0	75.1	75.9	5.7	4.1	4.4	4.4
Oregon	1,854.7	1,850.8	1,831.9	1,849.6	146.8	136.9	133.6	133.7	7.9	7.4	7.3	7.2
Pennsylvania	6,141.4	6,275.0	6,295.0	6,298.9	329.4	352.3	338.4	347.6	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.5
Rhode Island	574.2	568.9	567.2	565.5	28.5	31.2	28.3	25.4	5.0	5.5	5.0	4.5
South Carolina	2,019.9	2,068.9	2,082.1	2,081.6	142.6	132.6	142.6	134.5	7.1	6.4	6.8	6.5
South Dakota	425.6	424.0	425.3	425.0	15.4	13.7	14.7	13.9	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.3
Tennessee	2,910.8	2,931.1	2,942.9	2,945.7	178.5	142.8	149.2	149.3	6.1	4.9	5.1	5.1
Texas	10,958.3	10,963.2	10,978.8	11,005.9	735.1	627.3	601.3	618.5	6.7	5.7	5.5	5.6
Utah	1,191.2	1,211.4	1,212.7	1,219.5	64.1	57.2	56.0	58.1	5.4	4.7	4.6	4.8
Vermont	351.0	354.3	352.6	351.6	16.5	11.8	11.8	11.0	4.7	3.3	3.3	3.1
Virginia	3,783.3	3,846.1	3,833.3	3,859.8	148.8	136.7	126.8	127.2	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.3
Washington	3,151.0	3,211.1	3,211.1	3,205.1	237.3	198.1	179.0	178.2	7.5	6.2	5.6	5.6
West Virginia	782.8	803.7	803.2	804.9	46.1	43.9	40.6	41.3	5.9	5.5	5.1	5.1
Wisconsin	3,088.7	3,115.6	3,118.7	3,121.1	169.6	150.3	155.1	155.8	5.5	4.8	5.0	5.0
Wyoming	281.1	279.9	280.3	280.3	12.1	10.4	10.9	10.8	4.3	3.7	3.9	3.8
Puerto Rico	1,397.7	1,391.2	1,432.6	1,428.2	162.1	149.6	135.0	144.1	11.6	10.8	9.4	10.1

P = preliminary.

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

Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Alabama	2,158.9	2,161.1	2,177.7	2,174.3	127.2	124.0	134.5	125.5	5.9	5.7	6.2	5.8
Alaska	335.2	348.7	333.8	346.0	23.3	23.3	24.4	22.9	6.9	6.7	7.3	6.6
Arizona	2,709.8	2,782.7	2,703.6	2,797.2	154.9	139.4	139.8	132.4	5.7	5.0	5.2	4.7
Arkansas	1,261.8	1,322.2	1,254.2	1,315.4	74.5	66.3	68.7	61.6	5.9	5.0	5.5	4.7
California	17,474.3	17,712.1	17,581.8	17,815.1	1,124.4	1,014.0	1,146.7	993.6	6.4	5.7	6.5	5.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,804.6	4,835.2	4,812.3	4,866.5	351.4	304.4	344.9	291.1	7.3	6.3	7.2	6.0
Colorado	2,515.5	2,562.0	2,504.6	2,560.4	144.1	118.8	138.7	118.8	5.7	4.6	5.5	4.6
Connecticut	1,784.7	1,776.1	1,797.6	1,786.3	89.1	74.2	90.6	75.4	5.0	4.2	5.0	4.2
Delaware	414.1	422.6	417.8	426.6	18.3	16.5	16.5	15.2	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.6
District of Columbia	300.8	303.1	302.9	305.7	20.0	23.7	21.2	25.6	6.7	7.8	7.0	8.4
Florida	8,241.0	8,452.7	8,231.5	8,467.5	437.2	413.1	408.1	380.2	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.5
Georgia	4,442.6	4,428.3	4,465.3	4,455.3	206.4	189.2	199.2	188.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.2
Hawaii	619.9	626.3	623.6	631.0	29.0	20.3	27.9	20.7	4.7	3.2	4.5	3.3
Idaho	695.0	710.4	693.8	709.5	29.5	28.9	29.8	30.6	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.3
Illinois	6,324.5	6,407.5	6,347.2	6,435.0	411.4	363.7	388.0	356.5	6.5	5.7	6.1	5.5
Indiana	3,189.3	3,151.9	3,199.3	3,176.3	153.6	150.9	152.6	157.4	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0
Iowa	1,596.0	1,625.2	1,607.8	1,632.6	65.5	68.8	62.6	67.8	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.2
Kansas	1,424.4	1,460.8	1,437.3	1,475.2	72.1	64.9	74.3	69.2	5.1	4.4	5.2	4.7
Kentucky	1,951.7	1,968.9	1,953.5	1,970.4	112.0	85.7	111.5	89.3	5.7	4.4	5.7	4.5
Louisiana	2,031.7	2,052.2	2,044.4	2,063.7	125.6	103.5	120.6	109.5	6.2	5.0	5.9	5.3
Maine	699.8	701.8	699.7	705.6	32.4	28.9	33.6	29.9	4.6	4.1	4.8	4.2
Maryland	2,903.6	2,955.7	2,913.9	2,958.5	126.7	116.2	126.1	111.8	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.8
Massachusetts	3,386.3	3,371.0	3,393.2	3,387.4	199.3	157.0	182.9	145.7	5.9	4.7	5.4	4.3
Michigan	5,042.0	5,044.6	5,084.0	5,093.0	352.0	314.7	350.7	305.6	7.0	6.2	6.9	6.0
Minnesota	2,926.0	2,964.3	2,940.0	2,972.2	142.9	129.9	133.5	112.7	4.9	4.4	4.5	3.8
Mississippi	1,299.9	1,312.7	1,318.0	1,328.9	73.7	74.3	82.4	86.9	5.7	5.7	6.3	6.5
Missouri	3,009.7	3,021.2	3,036.3	3,030.4	161.4	163.3	151.2	155.4	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.1
Montana	475.4	483.4	473.9	483.9	18.9	20.8	20.0	20.8	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3
Nebraska	968.8	981.3	979.1	990.0	36.1	33.0	35.9	31.2	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.1
Nevada	1,151.6	1,187.7	1,154.1	1,189.2	60.2	45.9	56.2	40.3	5.2	3.9	4.9	3.4
New Hampshire	715.5	724.0	722.2	727.8	29.0	24.0	28.0	22.2	4.1	3.3	3.9	3.0
New Jersey	4,349.2	4,377.3	4,377.3	4,410.0	247.3	203.2	237.4	196.4	5.7	4.6	5.4	4.5
New Mexico	899.1	909.4	905.1	914.8	58.9	48.7	57.4	46.7	6.5	5.4	6.3	5.1
New York	9,233.2	9,257.0	9,287.2	9,301.3	581.8	499.5	574.2	467.7	6.3	5.4	6.2	5.0
New York City	3,644.5	3,689.8	3,663.9	3,699.2	306.5	252.9	306.5	229.8	8.4	6.9	8.4	6.2
North Carolina	4,259.9	4,170.6	4,282.1	4,198.2	255.5	184.2	262.9	194.0	6.0	4.4	6.1	4.6
North Dakota	348.7	352.9	345.1	352.3	9.8	9.3	8.6	8.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.5
Ohio	5,905.2	5,851.2	5,929.8	5,899.4	338.6	333.3	322.6	342.3	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.8
Oklahoma	1,695.5	1,705.4	1,706.5	1,721.6	94.1	71.8	95.5	75.6	5.6	4.2	5.6	4.4
Oregon	1,852.4	1,835.9	1,852.7	1,843.4	138.0	120.0	132.1	117.9	7.4	6.5	7.1	6.4
Pennsylvania	6,127.1	6,270.1	6,136.6	6,283.7	307.4	312.0	303.5	321.5	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.1
Rhode Island	573.8	567.0	575.1	566.6	26.3	26.0	26.1	22.7	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.0
South Carolina	2,017.3	2,084.3	2,017.4	2,077.5	137.7	140.1	143.6	135.4	6.8	6.7	7.1	6.5
South Dakota	424.3	424.2	426.3	426.0	12.9	12.1	13.6	12.3	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.9
Tennessee	2,922.9	2,955.3	2,930.9	2,965.6	168.9	142.8	172.4	147.0	5.8	4.8	5.9	5.0
Texas	10,953.1	10,989.2	10,967.4	11,018.2	742.1	601.3	690.4	578.9	6.8	5.5	6.3	5.3
Utah	1,193.5	1,217.0	1,197.7	1,226.6	62.1	53.5	58.7	53.6	5.2	4.4	4.9	4.4
Vermont	352.3	353.3	350.3	351.6	15.3	10.2	13.6	9.4	4.3	2.9	3.9	2.7
Virginia	3,774.9	3,825.5	3,767.4	3,843.0	157.4	130.1	141.8	121.6	4.2	3.4	3.8	3.2
Washington	3,116.8	3,184.7	3,176.7	3,229.5	222.8	162.9	223.8	167.1	7.2	5.1	7.0	5.2
West Virginia	785.0	802.3	779.0	799.1	41.2	35.0	40.1	35.3	5.2	4.4	5.1	4.4
Wisconsin	3,073.8	3,102.2	3,079.6	3,109.5	144.1	126.7	139.6	126.5	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.1
Wyoming	280.3	280.5	281.9	281.6	10.2	9.2	10.6	9.4	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.4
Puerto Rico	1,361.0	1,420.2	1,381.7	1,413.4	166.2	138.5	161.4	143.3	12.2	9.8	11.7	10.1

P = preliminary.

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Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P
Alabama	1,873.7	1,888.1	1,883.8	1,888.0	99.1	101.9	101.4	105.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	299.7	302.6	303.5	303.3	16.8	17.5	17.8	18.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,303.4	2,350.9	2,354.6	2,361.0	179.7	192.4	194.0	195.3	172.0	171.2	171.4	171.7
Arkansas	1,146.6	1,155.9	1,156.1	1,153.2	50.4	50.9	51.1	50.8	205.5	203.8	203.4	203.0
California	14,450.1	14,524.9	14,533.2	14,576.7	792.5	819.7	825.2	827.3	1,529.7	1,530.6	1,528.5	1,530.0
Colorado	2,154.2	2,176.0	2,180.0	2,185.5	150.1	146.5	147.9	150.9	154.3	154.4	155.0	154.0
Connecticut	1,638.4	1,642.7	1,643.9	1,643.8	62.0	62.6	62.5	62.5	196.9	195.6	195.5	196.4
Delaware ³	416.2	420.0	423.4	423.9	24.8	25.3	25.6	26.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	664.5	674.9	669.2	670.7	12.6	13.5	13.0	12.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,331.3	7,451.9	7,448.1	7,476.0	454.3	465.6	463.4	465.7	387.7	384.0	383.5	385.1
Georgia	3,879.8	3,899.0	3,900.5	3,911.6	202.5	198.5	201.8	203.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	572.3	583.3	588.1	589.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	571.4	588.1	591.4	591.2	36.3	40.4	40.8	41.5	60.8	60.8	61.0	61.0
Illinois	5,821.7	5,823.4	5,825.7	5,827.8	279.1	276.7	278.5	281.6	710.2	705.9	705.3	703.0
Indiana	2,900.8	2,916.0	2,916.3	2,910.7	146.1	151.9	152.2	153.1	568.9	569.5	568.9	568.6
Iowa	1,446.7	1,450.7	1,451.6	1,454.9	65.8	66.9	67.6	67.9	219.8	220.9	220.7	221.1
Kansas	1,311.1	1,321.1	1,334.3	1,336.4	62.0	63.5	63.7	64.0	170.3	170.9	171.8	172.6
Kentucky	1,785.2	1,797.1	1,792.0	1,798.1	84.2	88.1	88.4	89.3	266.2	262.9	263.6	263.3
Louisiana	1,905.9	1,909.3	1,903.6	1,902.9	119.3	115.6	114.5	116.7	155.2	153.7	154.3	153.4
Maine	607.2	614.8	612.3	613.2	30.8	32.0	32.2	32.3	63.4	60.9	61.0	60.8
Maryland ³	2,486.3	2,534.6	2,534.7	2,534.9	169.0	177.6	177.5	177.4	145.3	144.6	144.3	144.3
Massachusetts	3,176.9	3,176.9	3,175.9	3,179.8	137.7	138.6	137.7	138.3	321.5	324.4	323.9	323.4
Michigan	4,404.6	4,369.7	4,357.9	4,372.7	190.6	190.2	190.0	190.3	712.8	706.7	702.8	705.9
Minnesota	2,659.0	2,677.6	2,676.0	2,683.7	127.7	130.4	130.7	130.4	343.3	348.5	349.7	352.4
Mississippi	1,119.6	1,123.9	1,127.8	1,128.0	51.7	50.4	51.3	51.6	176.1	180.5	179.5	178.5
Missouri	2,679.1	2,708.4	2,716.2	2,712.9	131.8	133.4	135.5	136.1	311.6	316.2	316.0	314.5
Montana	398.1	407.8	408.4	404.0	22.4	24.6	24.9	25.2	17.9	19.0	18.5	17.9
Nebraska	906.9	906.6	909.8	913.3	46.5	47.6	47.6	47.2	101.5	101.5	101.7	101.0
Nevada	1,102.0	1,140.3	1,147.1	1,156.3	103.9	113.1	114.4	116.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	621.0	628.0	631.0	629.8	29.3	30.4	30.5	30.6	79.3	78.3	78.3	77.8
New Jersey	3,998.3	4,049.4	4,060.0	4,066.0	159.4	164.7	164.4	167.1	349.5	345.9	344.9	343.7
New Mexico	778.1	793.1	793.7	794.1	47.2	49.8	50.3	50.4	35.8	35.6	35.3	36.0
New York	8,406.8	8,453.8	8,452.1	8,464.5	318.7	324.9	325.4	327.0	606.6	593.1	590.9	590.1
North Carolina	3,814.9	3,864.9	3,862.1	3,867.4	211.3	219.6	218.4	221.0	590.8	581.8	579.5	576.5
North Dakota	334.3	334.4	335.9	335.7	16.5	16.1	16.8	16.7	22.9	24.0	23.2	23.1
Ohio	5,377.0	5,366.4	5,369.9	5,363.3	229.6	228.5	231.8	233.3	830.9	824.3	824.3	825.1
Oklahoma	1,446.0	1,460.8	1,465.4	1,459.6	61.5	63.9	63.8	63.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,565.2	1,599.8	1,602.3	1,599.1	77.6	81.2	81.9	81.5	196.4	199.2	199.2	200.9
Pennsylvania	5,591.4	5,642.5	5,646.6	5,652.7	244.9	252.2	252.3	253.1	705.2	693.4	691.4	690.0
Rhode Island	484.8	489.2	489.6	489.1	21.8	22.4	22.5	22.5	58.2	57.9	58.0	57.9
South Carolina	1,816.0	1,835.6	1,833.0	1,837.6	111.6	112.7	111.2	111.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	378.9	381.4	382.9	381.5	19.8	19.1	19.7	19.7	37.2	38.5	38.3	37.7
Tennessee	2,673.6	2,690.1	2,691.9	2,689.1	116.2	116.9	117.5	117.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,369.8	9,461.2	9,467.2	9,490.8	547.4	552.2	554.2	555.6	892.7	885.5	883.8	881.7
Utah	1,078.2	1,106.6	1,109.3	1,112.0	67.3	71.7	71.7	72.5	110.6	112.5	113.0	113.7
Vermont	299.1	301.3	302.2	301.7	15.5	15.7	15.6	15.6	37.0	37.2	37.5	37.3
Virginia	3,510.6	3,591.9	3,590.8	3,590.8	222.4	231.6	233.8	234.0	298.4	295.0	295.6	294.9
Washington	2,670.6	2,714.7	2,721.7	2,732.2	157.6	165.1	165.0	166.1	262.2	260.4	259.5	260.4
West Virginia	724.1	736.2	739.9	735.3	32.5	33.9	34.3	34.4	64.4	63.6	63.3	63.6
Wisconsin	2,783.5	2,841.5	2,837.9	2,841.2	122.5	125.5	124.2	125.2	502.4	517.1	516.4	518.7
Wyoming	251.9	255.7	256.2	256.8	19.9	19.5	19.3	19.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P
Alabama	373.0	379.2	377.2	375.7	96.9	96.3	95.9	96.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	61.4	62.0	62.4	62.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	22.8	22.8	22.8	22.9
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	159.8	161.7	161.5	162.4	324.1	330.8	328.8	330.6
Arkansas	242.1	241.0	242.3	241.6	50.5	51.2	51.4	51.6	102.3	104.6	104.0	103.5
California	2,748.8	2,743.1	2,745.9	2,755.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,131.7	2,171.1	2,188.2	2,204.5
Colorado	403.0	406.5	406.8	408.3	156.4	155.3	156.8	156.8	287.3	300.5	302.8	302.8
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	143.4	143.6	143.3	143.1	194.7	194.2	194.8	193.1
Delaware ³	78.4	78.6	79.2	79.6	45.3	45.7	46.5	46.8	59.4	60.5	60.9	61.5
District of Columbia ³	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	141.5	145.6	146.2	146.6
Florida	1,465.8	1,472.8	1,470.4	1,472.7	488.1	498.4	495.8	494.9	1,273.9	1,313.8	1,318.7	1,328.0
Georgia	822.6	829.1	825.3	824.1	217.0	218.9	218.4	219.7	499.4	504.4	505.6	509.1
Hawaii ³	109.3	112.3	114.0	115.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	70.7	75.1	76.0	75.9
Illinois	1,187.7	1,186.9	1,188.3	1,188.9	406.0	405.1	407.2	407.7	768.8	771.0	770.1	768.4
Indiana	570.9	570.5	567.7	566.0	140.9	141.1	141.6	141.4	258.2	260.0	259.9	259.6
Iowa	303.2	301.7	301.2	302.4	96.0	100.6	100.7	101.0	105.1	105.3	104.7	104.6
Kansas	261.7	261.3	261.6	261.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	372.6	371.0	372.0	373.0	86.0	86.9	87.3	87.4	154.1	153.9	153.4	154.2
Louisiana	380.9	383.3	382.3	382.3	100.5	100.9	101.2	100.8	177.7	178.1	177.7	176.1
Maine	123.8	125.8	125.7	126.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.5	51.4	52.2	52.6
Maryland ³	461.6	464.7	467.5	464.8	156.0	158.4	159.7	159.3	361.5	374.9	374.1	373.3
Massachusetts	573.2	567.4	567.3	567.8	222.0	222.4	221.8	221.0	435.5	432.2	431.2	434.7
Michigan	813.8	799.8	796.8	791.3	218.5	214.3	214.0	214.8	585.4	592.8	590.4	591.4
Minnesota	519.9	523.0	525.6	525.8	177.5	177.0	177.3	176.7	297.8	299.2	297.6	298.0
Mississippi	219.6	217.3	219.1	218.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	533.4	533.0	534.8	535.8	162.8	164.3	165.7	165.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.4	85.4	84.8	85.0	20.3	20.9	21.1	20.8	33.0	33.7	34.2	33.6
Nebraska	193.6	194.6	194.5	197.6	61.9	62.6	63.1	63.4	92.6	92.4	92.1	93.9
Nevada	197.8	200.4	202.3	205.8	59.1	61.5	61.4	61.5	123.2	130.9	131.8	134.7
New Hampshire	139.8	141.9	142.7	141.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	881.7	876.3	882.1	884.9	278.1	286.8	287.4	287.7	575.8	588.0	588.5	587.3
New Mexico	135.4	138.2	138.4	138.2	34.2	34.6	34.7	34.9	88.3	90.2	90.4	90.7
New York	1,475.4	1,474.9	1,476.4	1,478.8	697.3	701.7	703.5	702.9	1,043.2	1,058.5	1,060.8	1,066.4
North Carolina	720.6	728.6	725.6	724.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	426.3	443.9	446.6	446.8
North Dakota	72.3	72.4	72.8	72.4	18.6	18.5	18.6	18.7	23.7	23.8	24.0	23.9
Ohio	1,043.6	1,037.8	1,038.9	1,035.4	312.8	313.9	314.5	314.4	605.6	606.4	606.8	605.0
Oklahoma	277.8	277.0	277.6	276.1	84.1	84.4	84.4	83.6	155.6	159.2	158.3	157.8
Oregon	313.9	317.7	317.8	319.9	99.0	98.8	99.3	98.0	172.6	178.6	179.0	178.7
Pennsylvania	1,114.7	1,121.9	1,124.2	1,129.1	338.2	340.4	340.5	339.9	595.8	607.2	607.4	611.2
Rhode Island	80.9	81.6	81.2	81.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	49.1	48.7	48.8	49.2
South Carolina	346.8	350.1	350.1	351.4	90.3	93.4	92.4	91.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	77.0	78.2	78.0	77.5	27.3	27.7	28.0	28.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	583.0	587.2	587.2	588.3	138.9	140.1	139.1	139.5	286.9	287.5	287.2	286.0
Texas	1,928.1	1,954.0	1,951.4	1,954.8	586.9	589.3	590.1	590.4	1,048.9	1,063.1	1,067.3	1,071.0
Utah	214.2	218.9	219.6	220.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	134.0	141.0	141.1	142.8
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.2	20.7	20.7	20.7
Virginia	636.5	652.1	648.8	650.6	189.3	192.5	194.6	195.0	552.4	581.9	581.4	585.5
Washington	512.6	521.1	522.7	525.7	153.7	156.8	156.9	157.6	294.8	304.6	305.5	304.8
West Virginia	136.5	137.5	138.4	138.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.4	57.1	57.0	57.1
Wisconsin	542.0	550.6	552.9	551.7	159.0	161.2	161.5	161.8	245.8	263.2	263.3	265.7
Wyoming	48.2	49.3	49.4	49.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.7	15.4	15.3	15.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	155.3	156.0	157.3	156.1	360.1	360.8	361.5	360.1
Alaska	33.1	34.9	35.0	34.9	29.8	30.2	30.1	81.4	80.9	81.9	81.0	81.0
Arizona	251.3	258.9	261.0	261.9	232.5	236.6	238.0	239.7	394.2	405.6	405.9	405.8
Arkansas	140.9	145.2	144.7	144.9	88.7	92.0	90.6	90.4	198.5	198.7	200.4	199.5
California	1,546.8	1,563.8	1,563.3	1,568.0	1,404.0	1,418.9	1,414.6	1,421.9	2,409.6	2,391.2	2,390.1	2,379.8
Colorado	215.8	219.0	218.5	218.9	247.1	250.4	251.3	253.6	357.3	359.6	358.8	357.5
Connecticut	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	243.1	245.2	242.1	241.3
Delaware ³	49.8	51.6	51.6	51.5	38.9	39.7	39.8	39.7	58.9	57.7	59.2	59.8
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	49.5	50.3	50.5	50.7	230.7	236.4	229.9	230.9
Florida	891.2	910.9	914.3	915.0	811.8	828.6	826.4	831.4	1,061.5	1,077.5	1,078.5	1,081.3
Georgia	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	357.3	354.1	357.6	358.9	635.3	646.9	645.5	643.8
Hawaii ³	66.4	68.1	68.4	68.2	100.3	103.4	104.0	105.1	119.7	120.9	121.5	120.8
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	54.2	56.5	55.8	55.1	112.7	113.4	114.4	115.0
Illinois	723.2	729.0	730.4	731.3	502.3	511.7	511.2	510.7	850.3	853.9	847.4	847.1
Indiana	362.4	371.4	367.3	366.7	274.4	274.5	275.5	273.2	425.7	421.6	428.9	427.8
Iowa	190.0	194.0	193.6	193.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	245.9	243.9	244.4	243.8
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	108.8	112.8	112.2	112.7	249.9	250.3	261.4	260.8
Kentucky	229.2	229.7	230.9	232.4	158.3	165.6	164.9	167.5	307.2	310.2	302.7	302.2
Louisiana	247.6	247.9	247.1	247.3	198.9	199.3	199.5	199.3	379.0	383.5	379.9	379.6
Maine	107.3	108.7	108.5	109.1	58.7	59.4	59.1	59.7	103.2	105.2	103.9	103.9
Maryland ³	340.1	349.0	349.1	350.5	222.3	236.4	234.3	232.5	459.9	464.3	459.9	460.3
Massachusetts	576.0	579.6	580.4	580.1	290.5	293.0	295.8	298.2	410.4	412.6	409.1	408.9
Michigan	552.4	548.2	547.2	553.4	398.4	407.4	399.4	400.2	682.5	661.0	667.8	676.3
Minnesota	368.7	375.5	372.1	375.7	236.3	240.7	240.0	240.3	400.8	397.9	396.6	398.6
Mississippi	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	123.7	123.0	125.4	125.2	244.5	244.1	245.1	244.7
Missouri	353.5	371.6	363.1	363.9	263.5	267.0	266.6	267.9	429.1	419.8	430.8	427.0
Montana	53.7	53.3	54.3	54.5	51.6	53.5	52.0	51.3	85.4	86.0	87.6	85.0
Nebraska	113.5	111.0	112.4	113.2	78.1	78.9	78.8	78.0	161.5	160.2	162.8	161.6
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	306.7	313.6	313.2	313.2	135.5	138.3	141.1	141.4
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	63.3	66.4	65.6	65.0	91.3	90.6	92.7	92.7
New Jersey	542.5	556.5	556.7	557.9	324.7	328.7	329.1	329.3	629.4	644.2	647.7	648.4
New Mexico	100.3	104.0	103.7	103.7	80.9	83.9	82.8	82.5	197.2	198.3	199.7	199.3
New York	1,507.0	1,530.4	1,526.5	1,530.0	646.9	659.5	658.9	658.6	1,483.7	1,472.7	1,477.7	1,479.8
North Carolina	430.2	453.9	450.4	448.2	336.3	342.1	342.8	343.1	656.9	654.3	654.1	660.9
North Dakota	47.4	47.9	47.8	47.8	30.2	30.4	30.3	30.1	76.4	74.7	75.6	76.2
Ohio	732.1	731.7	736.5	737.3	488.3	485.2	486.3	483.4	799.4	803.8	795.9	796.4
Oklahoma	174.7	177.8	177.2	177.4	126.5	126.8	126.4	126.1	289.6	293.2	298.6	296.2
Oregon	186.5	194.9	197.0	195.1	152.4	157.3	155.7	154.9	267.6	271.1	271.9	269.6
Pennsylvania	978.1	993.2	993.0	994.0	470.7	484.7	486.5	484.8	742.8	744.7	746.0	745.9
Rhode Island	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	50.2	51.2	51.4	51.0	66.6	66.5	66.5	66.7
South Carolina	180.8	190.7	192.2	193.4	197.3	192.5	196.0	203.7	331.6	335.1	335.4	336.8
South Dakota	55.4	55.8	55.9	55.7	40.1	39.5	39.7	40.0	74.4	74.5	75.3	74.5
Tennessee	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	247.4	254.3	253.6	253.2	411.5	414.0	414.0	411.0
Texas	1,125.7	1,157.8	1,159.7	1,161.2	858.7	872.3	871.4	873.0	1,643.7	1,652.9	1,650.8	1,661.3
Utah	120.9	120.1	124.1	124.9	99.1	102.7	102.5	101.8	197.1	200.3	200.1	199.4
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	52.3	51.8	52.1	52.3
Virginia	369.3	377.9	371.0	368.7	309.4	311.9	309.1	309.1	640.7	651.6	659.1	657.4
Washington	313.2	320.5	321.1	322.2	250.5	252.6	254.4	255.4	525.0	525.5	528.3	532.2
West Virginia	107.5	108.6	109.6	108.2	66.0	68.8	69.5	68.3	140.8	143.9	145.2	143.0
Wisconsin	371.6	379.6	380.0	377.3	245.9	256.5	251.5	252.5	409.8	405.8	405.3	405.8
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	30.4	31.0	31.0	30.8	63.8	64.2	64.6	64.5

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

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

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.
P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	September		October		September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Alabama	1,880.9	1,888.1	1,882.3	1,896.9	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	100.6	102.7	100.1	106.3	290.6	290.3	289.8	291.4
Alaska	313.4	317.5	301.0	304.7	10.2	10.6	10.3	10.5	20.2	21.2	18.5	19.7	13.7	13.6	10.5	10.5
Arizona	2,295.8	2,352.7	2,319.5	2,377.8	7.9	8.5	7.9	8.6	180.6	196.2	182.4	198.0	172.7	171.7	172.4	172.0
Arkansas	1,154.6	1,163.0	1,154.4	1,161.0	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	52.3	52.3	51.1	51.5	205.4	203.7	205.8	203.3
California	14,425.6	14,542.3	14,506.1	14,634.2	22.8	22.8	23.0	22.4	813.7	851.0	812.6	847.3	1,544.2	1,545.0	1,531.2	1,531.7
Colorado	2,155.9	2,181.7	2,156.9	2,188.3	13.5	15.0	13.4	15.1	153.5	152.0	153.2	154.0	154.5	154.8	154.7	154.4
Connecticut	1,643.6	1,647.2	1,648.5	1,653.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	65.0	65.5	64.1	64.6	197.1	195.7	196.9	196.3
Delaware	418.6	425.2	417.9	425.7	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	25.2	26.2	25.3	26.5	36.1	34.7	36.3	34.4
District of Columbia	663.8	670.7	667.7	674.1	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	13.0	13.3	13.2	13.2	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5
Florida	7,298.7	7,429.3	7,331.1	7,476.5	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.2	452.3	464.4	457.1	468.8	385.3	383.1	387.6	385.1
Georgia	3,882.4	3,913.4	3,893.3	3,925.7	12.4	12.3	10.7	12.2	198.9	202.7	202.3	203.5	446.5	447.2	446.6	444.8
Hawaii	564.5	581.6	570.9	588.2	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	28.4	29.5	28.6	29.8	14.8	15.5	14.9	15.5
Idaho	582.6	600.3	579.7	599.6	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.5	39.6	43.9	38.8	43.9	62.1	62.0	61.7	61.9
Illinois	5,849.3	5,858.3	5,868.6	5,876.2	9.7	10.1	9.7	9.6	294.7	296.0	292.2	295.0	712.7	707.1	711.6	704.5
Indiana	2,928.6	2,942.8	2,934.1	2,944.0	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.1	151.3	158.6	151.7	158.9	572.0	571.4	570.2	569.9
Iowa	1,450.7	1,459.0	1,461.1	1,469.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	70.4	72.5	70.0	72.1	220.2	221.1	220.3	221.6
Kansas	1,310.3	1,335.0	1,319.8	1,345.4	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.5	64.4	65.7	63.5	65.6	171.1	172.8	171.2	173.5
Kentucky	1,791.9	1,802.8	1,798.0	1,810.7	18.9	19.4	18.8	19.1	86.3	91.3	86.6	91.7	266.2	263.7	266.4	263.4
Louisiana	1,905.8	1,907.4	1,918.4	1,915.5	47.1	47.8	47.7	48.0	119.6	115.7	120.9	118.4	155.6	155.1	156.8	155.0
Maine	617.8	624.0	615.9	621.8	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.5	32.5	34.3	32.4	33.9	63.8	61.2	63.7	61.0
Maryland	2,493.5	2,543.8	2,507.4	2,556.4	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	172.6	181.7	173.0	181.4	145.8	144.7	145.5	144.5
Massachusetts	3,196.7	3,189.6	3,205.6	3,208.4	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	143.1	144.3	143.6	144.2	322.0	324.5	322.0	323.9
Michigan	4,437.2	4,388.7	4,461.1	4,429.7	8.4	7.8	8.4	7.8	202.9	201.9	201.8	201.5	720.9	706.6	714.9	708.0
Minnesota	2,664.6	2,683.3	2,683.2	2,707.9	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.8	139.4	143.3	138.2	140.9	345.8	352.2	343.5	352.5
Mississippi	1,117.8	1,129.3	1,124.9	1,133.4	8.7	9.4	8.9	9.1	51.7	52.1	52.4	52.3	176.2	179.6	177.1	179.4
Missouri	2,695.9	2,732.4	2,707.3	2,741.8	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.4	139.2	142.4	136.6	140.8	311.5	316.2	313.3	316.2
Montana	407.1	414.9	403.6	409.5	6.0	7.1	6.2	6.9	25.8	27.1	24.5	27.3	18.8	18.9	18.7	18.7
Nebraska	904.9	910.4	911.4	918.2	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	48.3	49.6	48.3	48.9	101.5	101.7	101.6	101.1
Nevada	1,103.2	1,154.4	1,109.5	1,163.9	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	104.7	116.6	105.5	118.1	43.8	45.8	44.2	46.1
New Hampshire	622.2	633.7	624.3	633.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	30.7	31.9	30.3	31.6	79.5	78.2	79.2	77.8
New Jersey	3,986.9	4,053.6	4,014.8	4,082.9	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	165.7	169.9	164.0	171.6	350.6	345.6	351.0	345.2
New Mexico	781.8	798.6	782.5	798.4	14.4	15.2	14.2	15.2	48.1	51.3	48.3	51.4	37.3	37.0	36.6	36.8
New York	8,388.2	8,443.4	8,474.7	8,532.6	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	336.1	343.8	334.9	343.1	611.6	596.3	611.5	594.9
North Carolina	3,824.9	3,875.6	3,852.1	3,905.0	7.9	7.1	7.8	7.0	214.3	221.1	212.8	222.5	596.0	581.8	593.4	579.0
North Dakota	338.5	340.0	340.0	341.4	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.6	18.8	19.0	18.3	18.5	23.5	23.7	23.7	23.8
Ohio	5,408.1	5,391.1	5,424.4	5,409.9	11.8	11.9	11.8	12.0	244.3	245.8	242.6	246.4	836.3	825.5	831.2	825.3
Oklahoma	1,444.8	1,469.2	1,455.6	1,469.8	29.2	31.7	29.4	31.3	63.2	64.9	62.1	63.7	141.8	142.1	142.7	142.5
Oregon	1,568.6	1,607.9	1,587.0	1,621.6	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	82.3	86.6	81.7	85.6	199.3	203.8	199.8	204.4
Pennsylvania	5,617.0	5,664.1	5,637.2	5,697.9	18.3	18.5	18.4	18.4	258.6	265.6	256.2	264.4	711.0	694.9	707.5	692.2
Rhode Island	489.6	493.5	491.4	495.7	.2	.2	.2	.2	22.8	23.8	22.8	23.6	58.8	58.5	58.8	58.5
South Carolina	1,824.9	1,844.5	1,830.3	1,852.9	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.4	112.4	112.4	112.6	112.5	274.5	270.0	275.4	269.9
South Dakota	380.9	384.5	381.7	384.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	20.8	21.1	21.0	20.9	37.5	38.0	37.6	37.9
Tennessee	2,689.1	2,706.3	2,687.5	2,702.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	119.0	120.4	117.9	119.3	413.2	414.1	414.0	414.0
Texas	9,382.9	9,489.9	9,398.8	9,520.2	148.3	149.8	147.7	149.3	554.0	557.8	548.6	556.7	896.5	885.2	894.5	883.5
Utah	1,083.0	1,115.7	1,085.5	1,119.7	6.8	7.3	6.7	7.2	71.0	75.9	70.4	75.6	112.1	114.7	112.1	115.2
Vermont	301.4	303.3	303.1	305.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	16.9	16.9	16.6	16.7	36.7	37.3	37.2	37.5
Virginia	3,517.1	3,598.6	3,532.3	3,612.9	10.1	10.7	10.1	10.6	223.7	237.8	224.9	236.7	302.5	296.5	299.2	295.6
Washington	2,680.6	2,737.8	2,692.8	2,754.4	9.1	8.8	9.2	8.8	165.4	174.5	165.2	173.7	267.8	264.7	265.9	264.1
West Virginia	730.5	740.4	729.6	741.0	21.7	23.2	21.0	23.3	35.2	36.4	34.8	36.7	64.5	63.6	64.6	63.8
Wisconsin	2,798.3	2,854.7	2,809.9	2,867.9	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	132.1	133.4	130.5	133.1	507.2	520.1	503.4	519.8
Wyoming	257.4	261.7	254.5	259.3	18.9	20.8	19.0	21.0	22.2	21.1	21.3	21.2	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.7
Puerto Rico	997.0	1,007.8	1,003.0	1,011.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	69.7	66.4	69.1	66.2	116.3	114.3	116.5	113.9

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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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Alabama	372.4	375.4	375.3	378.0	31.1	29.9	31.4	29.7	97.0	96.0	96.7	96.1	187.2	189.6	188.3	191.7
Alaska	63.7	65.2	61.2	62.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.0	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.5	23.6	23.6	23.1	23.2
Arizona	440.8	445.2	447.3	451.5	48.6	45.5	48.6	45.7	159.9	161.7	160.2	162.9	324.4	330.2	326.2	332.9
Arkansas	240.9	242.0	242.5	242.0	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.2	50.6	51.7	50.4	51.5	105.1	106.3	104.1	105.3
California	2,731.6	2,745.9	2,755.4	2,761.9	461.2	451.2	464.6	462.6	894.5	902.4	895.6	903.3	2,131.4	2,196.1	2,140.3	2,213.5
Colorado	404.2	406.9	404.1	409.4	83.9	80.1	84.4	81.1	154.4	154.8	155.1	155.5	290.4	305.2	288.2	303.7
Connecticut	304.6	305.4	304.9	305.7	39.1	39.0	38.8	38.6	143.3	143.2	143.1	142.8	198.1	196.4	196.5	194.9
Delaware	78.8	79.4	78.6	79.8	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.5	45.3	46.4	44.9	46.4	59.4	61.5	59.5	61.6
District of Columbia	27.7	28.0	27.8	28.2	24.7	24.6	24.1	24.3	30.7	30.8	31.0	30.8	141.3	146.2	142.3	147.4
Florida	1,454.2	1,460.4	1,460.5	1,467.3	172.6	168.2	172.9	169.5	487.8	494.7	486.8	493.6	1,289.5	1,315.8	1,274.8	1,329.1
Georgia	823.6	822.1	826.3	827.8	125.2	125.5	126.9	125.5	219.3	219.8	217.9	220.7	500.1	508.3	502.2	511.9
Hawaii	107.8	112.8	108.4	114.0	9.9	11.1	9.9	10.9	28.7	29.0	28.5	28.9	70.5	70.6	70.2	70.7
Idaho	116.2	118.7	116.2	118.7	9.2	9.3	9.1	9.2	27.4	27.9	27.2	27.8	72.3	77.3	71.9	77.2
Illinois	1,184.9	1,185.9	1,192.1	1,193.3	133.6	130.3	133.4	130.3	404.9	407.0	405.2	407.0	779.1	780.9	780.4	780.7
Indiana	573.4	568.4	574.0	569.1	40.8	40.3	40.7	40.4	141.2	141.3	140.6	141.1	259.5	263.1	261.6	263.1
Iowa	303.4	302.3	304.8	303.9	33.5	32.5	33.6	32.7	95.5	100.5	95.7	100.8	106.4	105.9	106.5	106.0
Kansas	262.0	261.4	262.7	262.6	46.0	46.6	46.1	46.5	70.4	71.0	70.5	71.2	124.5	126.9	125.0	127.3
Kentucky	371.6	371.5	373.3	373.7	29.8	30.2	30.3	30.2	86.6	87.8	86.4	87.8	156.1	155.1	156.4	156.5
Louisiana	378.6	381.7	382.2	383.6	28.8	28.6	28.9	28.6	101.7	101.3	100.6	100.9	178.5	177.9	178.8	177.2
Maine	124.6	126.8	125.2	127.8	11.1	11.2	10.9	11.2	34.8	35.0	34.8	34.6	51.4	52.3	51.3	52.4
Maryland	462.9	467.9	465.7	468.9	49.5	50.3	49.2	50.1	156.4	159.9	156.2	159.5	363.9	374.8	365.1	377.0
Massachusetts	572.5	565.7	576.2	570.9	89.9	87.0	90.1	86.6	222.3	222.0	222.1	221.1	439.0	435.4	437.0	436.3
Michigan	816.0	798.8	822.7	800.3	70.1	65.9	70.4	65.4	219.7	214.4	218.0	214.1	595.1	598.9	589.1	595.5
Minnesota	519.6	524.1	521.7	527.5	61.5	61.8	62.7	62.2	176.5	177.4	177.3	176.5	297.4	299.1	300.7	301.0
Mississippi	218.4	217.9	220.8	219.4	14.9	14.4	14.8	14.4	46.4	46.6	46.4	46.2	81.3	82.6	81.6	84.0
Missouri	532.0	534.1	535.7	538.1	65.7	65.1	64.9	63.9	162.5	165.8	163.2	166.0	305.8	313.1	305.2	313.1
Montana	85.1	85.5	84.9	85.5	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.6	20.5	21.1	20.3	20.8	33.0	34.6	33.4	34.0
Nebraska	194.9	194.8	193.8	197.8	21.3	21.0	21.2	21.3	61.6	62.8	61.7	63.2	92.4	92.4	93.4	94.8
Nevada	197.3	204.4	199.7	207.8	15.5	15.6	15.4	15.5	59.4	61.9	59.6	62.0	124.2	133.3	124.1	135.6
New Hampshire	139.3	141.7	140.5	142.4	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.7	37.2	38.8	37.1	38.7	54.6	54.7	54.2	54.6
New Jersey	875.4	878.7	884.5	887.8	101.8	101.8	101.1	100.4	277.5	286.9	278.2	287.9	580.2	592.3	578.7	590.3
New Mexico	135.7	136.2	135.7	138.5	15.8	14.1	15.6	14.0	34.2	34.8	34.1	34.8	88.5	91.1	88.6	91.0
New York	1,471.9	1,476.1	1,485.0	1,488.3	272.8	274.5	275.2	274.9	697.0	703.7	697.8	703.5	1,046.5	1,064.2	1,048.2	1,071.5
North Carolina	725.5	728.6	725.7	729.9	76.1	75.0	76.1	75.1	192.8	199.8	192.7	198.4	427.5	446.4	427.9	448.5
North Dakota	71.7	72.4	72.5	72.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	18.5	18.6	18.5	18.6	24.0	24.2	24.1	24.3
Ohio	1,043.6	1,036.1	1,049.9	1,041.7	96.3	94.6	95.9	94.3	313.3	315.0	312.6	314.1	611.0	612.2	611.7	611.2
Oklahoma	275.2	275.6	278.2	276.5	31.4	31.7	30.7	31.7	84.1	84.2	84.3	83.9	157.2	160.8	157.0	159.3
Oregon	317.9	320.7	317.3	323.4	33.4	32.8	33.3	33.0	99.1	100.0	100.2	99.2	172.0	181.0	174.8	181.2
Pennsylvania	1,112.5	1,122.0	1,122.4	1,136.9	122.6	121.3	122.0	120.7	338.0	339.9	336.6	338.3	602.9	611.8	600.6	616.2
Rhode Island	81.4	81.7	82.1	82.5	10.9	10.6	10.7	10.6	33.8	33.2	33.7	33.2	51.0	50.3	50.6	50.6
South Carolina	347.2	350.7	347.9	352.6	26.4	25.2	26.5	25.6	91.4	92.2	90.3	91.6	190.8	191.0	191.1	190.7
South Dakota	76.7	77.9	77.5	78.0	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.7	27.3	28.0	27.1	28.0	23.4	23.7	23.7	24.1
Tennessee	582.1	588.2	586.7	592.1	51.2	50.4	51.5	50.6	139.9	140.4	139.5	140.1	292.0	291.0	289.6	288.6
Texas	1,924.4	1,949.1	1,932.6	1,959.5	232.6	231.1	232.3	231.8	588.5	591.7	587.4	590.9	1,049.3	1,070.2	1,052.1	1,074.2
Utah	213.8	219.4	215.1	221.2	30.0	30.4	30.1	30.7	64.4	65.5	64.6	65.3	134.3	142.7	134.6	143.5
Vermont	57.8	57.8	58.5	58.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.5	13.3	13.1	13.2	13.1	20.7	21.0	20.5	21.0
Virginia	634.3	649.2	642.3	656.5	100.0	99.8	100.6	98.9	188.5	194.5	188.6	194.3	552.7	583.7	555.5	588.8
Washington	515.2	527.9	516.2	529.4	92.4	97.9	92.5	97.4	155.3	158.3	154.3	158.1	297.3	308.7	297.7	307.8
West Virginia	136.2	138.1	136.7	138.9	12.7	12.2	12.5	12.1	31.2	31.7	31.1	31.5	56.7	56.9	56.5	57.1
Wisconsin	541.3	552.0	546.7	556.4	48.9	47.6	49.2	47.7	159.0	161.6	158.9	161.7	252.4	269.3	248.8	268.9
Wyoming	49.4	50.1	48.4	49.4	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	10.4	10.8	10.3	10.7	16.2	15.6	15.8	15.5
Puerto Rico	177.3	180.9	179.5	182.5	21.3	23.5	21.0	23.3	41.5	41.6	41.7	41.6	95.7	92.3	95.9	92.1

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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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Alabama	187.5	188.8	187.7	189.9	157.1	158.1	153.8	154.8	83.8	83.3	83.1	83.0	361.0	361.4	363.5	363.4
Alaska	33.0	34.9	33.3	35.1	33.3	33.7	28.6	28.9	11.4	10.7	11.3	10.8	82.7	82.2	82.8	82.4
Arizona	249.1	260.7	251.5	262.1	227.5	234.0	230.7	237.8	85.8	88.2	85.8	88.1	398.5	410.8	406.5	418.2
Arkansas	141.4	145.4	142.0	146.0	90.1	91.7	88.5	90.2	40.7	40.9	40.4	40.6	200.8	201.6	202.3	203.3
California	1,535.4	1,558.6	1,558.5	1,580.1	1,417.4	1,428.0	1,399.6	1,417.5	505.1	501.4	505.0	503.2	2,368.3	2,339.9	2,420.3	2,390.7
Colorado	213.5	218.6	216.6	219.8	246.9	249.3	237.1	243.4	85.1	87.3	85.3	86.8	356.0	357.7	364.8	365.1
Connecticut	261.5	264.1	266.6	269.6	128.6	134.0	126.7	131.6	61.9	62.2	62.2	62.8	243.6	240.9	247.9	246.0
Delaware	49.9	51.6	50.1	51.8	40.6	41.3	38.7	39.5	18.4	18.6	18.3	18.3	57.6	58.1	59.0	59.9
District of Columbia	88.4	88.7	90.9	90.5	49.2	50.9	50.3	51.5	55.6	55.5	55.7	55.7	230.7	230.2	229.8	230.0
Florida	892.0	914.8	895.2	919.1	792.5	810.9	796.0	815.6	315.4	321.9	317.1	325.7	1,069.7	1,087.8	1,075.7	1,095.5
Georgia	389.8	397.6	390.9	400.2	355.7	359.0	354.5	356.2	177.0	176.2	176.2	175.4	633.9	642.7	638.8	647.5
Hawaii	65.9	67.8	66.5	68.3	99.9	103.8	100.0	104.8	24.3	24.5	24.2	24.4	114.3	117.0	119.7	120.9
Idaho	63.6	65.7	64.2	66.4	56.6	58.0	53.4	54.3	18.4	18.7	18.2	18.5	113.0	114.2	114.9	117.2
Illinois	721.7	728.7	725.5	733.6	513.3	522.1	506.1	514.7	251.9	249.4	251.1	249.2	842.8	840.8	861.3	858.3
Indiana	366.0	369.1	366.9	371.2	278.7	280.0	277.4	275.9	105.5	106.6	105.2	106.6	432.9	436.9	438.5	440.7
Iowa	188.9	192.0	194.4	197.7	129.6	129.9	127.0	127.2	56.5	57.5	56.2	57.2	244.2	242.7	250.5	248.3
Kansas	156.2	158.8	157.9	159.6	110.5	114.3	109.9	113.9	52.5	53.6	52.1	53.5	246.1	257.4	254.3	265.2
Kentucky	228.1	231.2	230.6	233.8	160.4	168.4	159.1	168.3	77.8	79.1	78.2	79.4	310.1	305.1	311.9	306.8
Louisiana	246.5	247.8	249.1	248.7	199.2	200.7	199.1	199.5	70.6	71.1	70.8	71.4	379.6	379.7	383.5	384.2
Maine	107.3	108.9	108.2	110.0	65.3	66.5	59.1	60.1	21.6	21.6	21.4	21.4	102.7	103.8	106.2	106.9
Maryland	338.4	348.0	342.8	353.2	227.0	237.9	220.9	230.8	116.7	117.8	116.5	117.7	460.3	460.8	472.5	473.3
Massachusetts	573.0	575.8	584.4	588.5	300.2	305.9	293.8	301.2	116.3	117.0	116.7	117.4	416.5	410.2	417.8	416.4
Michigan	542.8	543.4	556.8	557.9	410.5	409.3	401.6	403.1	170.5	174.8	171.6	176.1	680.3	666.9	705.8	700.0
Minnesota	365.3	368.9	372.2	379.3	244.8	248.7	235.7	239.8	119.7	118.1	119.2	118.3	388.9	383.8	406.4	404.1
Mississippi	114.8	119.1	115.8	119.9	123.3	125.6	123.3	124.8	36.9	36.6	36.8	36.7	245.2	245.4	247.0	247.2
Missouri	354.3	365.9	359.9	370.5	270.9	273.4	267.1	271.6	117.1	119.8	117.9	119.9	432.1	432.1	438.9	437.3
Montana	52.9	53.9	53.8	54.6	54.9	54.8	50.8	50.5	16.1	16.3	15.9	16.3	86.4	88.0	87.7	87.3
Nebraska	111.6	112.0	113.1	112.8	79.1	80.0	79.0	79.1	34.7	34.1	34.9	34.8	158.1	160.7	162.9	163.1
Nevada	76.1	80.1	76.8	80.2	307.6	314.8	306.4	312.9	30.8	32.3	30.6	32.2	135.0	140.5	138.4	144.4
New Hampshire	93.1	95.7	94.0	96.2	66.1	68.4	63.4	65.1	19.8	19.6	19.5	19.2	89.4	92.1	93.6	95.0
New Jersey	538.4	552.8	544.8	560.2	333.6	341.4	322.0	326.6	152.9	155.0	153.4	156.5	609.2	627.5	635.5	654.7
New Mexico	100.1	104.2	101.3	104.7	82.6	84.3	80.8	82.4	28.3	28.6	28.2	28.4	196.8	199.8	199.1	201.2
New York	1,492.4	1,516.7	1,524.4	1,548.1	661.4	674.3	651.0	662.7	346.7	349.2	349.7	352.9	1,446.0	1,438.9	1,491.3	1,487.0
North Carolina	428.7	447.9	435.6	453.5	341.8	349.5	340.3	347.1	162.1	161.2	162.7	161.8	652.2	657.2	677.1	682.2
North Dakota	47.6	47.6	47.6	47.9	30.6	30.6	30.4	30.3	15.6	15.5	15.3	15.6	77.0	77.1	78.5	78.4
Ohio	729.9	735.0	740.2	745.5	505.2	501.7	490.3	484.2	225.8	226.7	226.4	226.3	790.6	786.6	811.8	808.9
Oklahoma	174.1	177.7	175.8	178.5	127.1	129.1	127.4	127.2	72.9	73.6	73.3	73.7	288.6	297.8	294.7	301.5
Oregon	186.4	194.9	188.7	197.4	156.1	159.7	152.4	154.9	56.5	58.1	56.4	57.9	255.8	260.5	272.7	274.8
Pennsylvania	976.3	991.2	990.5	1,005.9	482.4	496.0	468.3	482.1	258.6	263.5	259.3	264.1	735.8	739.4	755.4	758.7
Rhode Island	89.5	92.5	91.6	94.1	52.6	53.5	50.4	51.2	22.9	23.5	22.9	23.5	65.7	65.7	67.6	67.7
South Carolina	181.4	193.6	183.5	196.4	199.4	203.9	196.1	202.3	64.7	64.7	65.3	64.6	331.7	336.3	336.8	342.3
South Dakota	55.5	55.7	55.5	55.8	42.0	41.8	40.0	40.2	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.3	73.8	74.3	75.4	75.5
Tennessee	316.2	321.2	316.7	321.5	253.2	259.0	248.2	254.1	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.4	414.5	413.8	415.6	414.9
Texas	1,129.8	1,164.1	1,131.3	1,166.7	864.2	878.0	852.1	866.0	357.3	359.0	354.1	357.4	1,638.0	1,653.9	1,666.1	1,684.2
Utah	120.0	124.6	121.9	125.9	100.8	103.3	98.1	100.8	32.6	32.8	32.6	32.7	197.2	199.1	199.3	201.6
Vermont	53.0	54.1	53.5	54.7	32.6	32.8	31.5	31.8	10.2	10.3	10.0	10.1	52.7	52.3	54.7	54.7
Virginia	372.5	372.2	374.0	373.6	316.0	316.0	306.8	306.5	181.1	185.8	180.7	185.0	635.7	652.4	649.6	666.4
Washington	311.7	320.0	315.0	323.9	259.6	263.3	249.2	254.1	100.2	102.0	99.3	101.5	506.6	511.7	528.3	535.6
West Virginia	108.2	109.2	108.4	109.1	68.6	70.3	66.4	68.8	55.7	55.5	55.4	55.2	139.8	143.3	142.2	144.5
Wisconsin	369.9	379.4	374.3	380.2	255.9	259.5	245.0	251.5	130.4	129.6	130.6	130.0	397.1	398.0	418.3	414.4
Wyoming	20.8	22.0	21.1	22.1	33.5	34.0	29.8	30.2	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	62.9	64.0	65.1	65.8
Puerto Rico	91.0	91.6	91.8	92.0	67.9	69.5	68.4	69.4	16.3	15.9	16.3	16.0	298.8	310.6	301.6	313.4

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from

2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

Chart1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted October 2004

(U.S. rate = 5.5 percent)

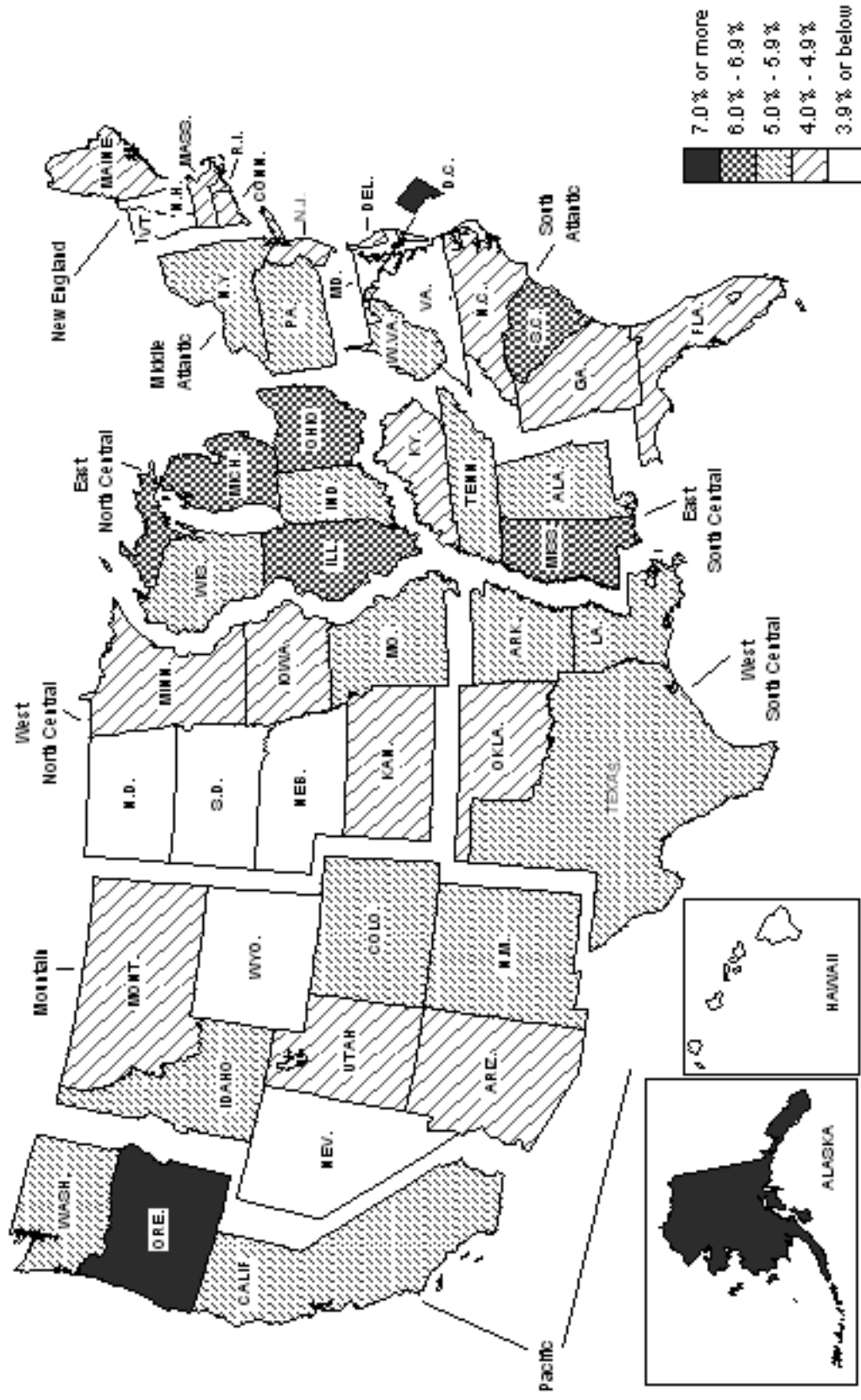


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, October 2003 – October 2004

