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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: FEBRUARY 2004

In February, 266 metropolitan areas recorded lower unemployment rates than a year earlier, 48 areas had higher rates, and 17 areas had rates that were unchanged, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Seven metropolitan areas posted unemployment rates below 3.0 percent, with five of these located in the South and the other two in the Midwest. Thirteen areas had jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent; nine of these were located in California and three were along the Mexican border in other states. The national unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, not seasonally adjusted, in February.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Sixty-six metropolitan areas reported jobless rates of at least 7.0 percent, down from 85 areas in February 2003, while 58 areas recorded rates below 4.0 percent in February, up from 36 areas a year earlier. Once again, the lowest unemployment rates were posted in areas with large state universities: Bryan-College Station, Texas, 2.0 percent, and Columbia, Mo., and Gainesville, Fla., 2.3 percent each. Five areas in California reported the highest jobless rates: Merced (18.0 percent), Visalia-Tulare-Porterville (17.6 percent), Yuba City, (16.4 percent), Salinas (15.4 percent), and Fresno (15.2 percent). (See table 1 and the map.)

In February, San Jose, Calif., continued to record the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-2.0 percentage points), followed closely by Fresno, Calif. (-1.9 points), and Bremerton, Wash. (-1.8 points). Among the 46 areas with rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more from last February, 21 were located in the South and 14 were located in the West. Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va., again registered the largest over-the-year jobless rate increase (+2.6 percentage points), due in part to manufacturing layoffs. The next largest rate increase was reported in Decatur, Ala. (+1.2 percentage points). Three additional areas had rate increases of 1.0 percentage point.

Of the 51 metropolitan areas with a 1990 Census population of 1 million or more, 44 areas reported lower jobless rates than in February 2003, 5 recorded higher rates, and 2 had no change. San Jose, Calif., once again registered the largest over-the-year rate decrease (-2.0 percentage points). Seven additional large areas, four of which were in the West, experienced rate declines of at least 1.0 percentage point. The largest over-the-year rate increase occurred in Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y. (+0.8 percentage point). Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va., continued to report the lowest jobless rate among the large areas, 3.2 percent, again followed by Orange County, Calif., 3.5 percent. Three additional large areas had rates below 4.0 percent in

February. New York, N.Y., and Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., continued to post the highest unemployment rates, 7.8 percent each. Three other areas had rates of at least 7.0 percent.

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the 274 metropolitan areas for which February nonfarm payroll data were available, 180 reported increases in employment, 85 recorded decreases, and 9 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment increases were posted in Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+54,900), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (+37,200), Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+35,600), Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+22,200), Orlando, Fla. (+17,400), and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla. (+16,200). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment were reported in Bloomington, Ind., and Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+4.4 percent each), La Crosse, Wis.-Minn. (+4.2 percent), McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas (+4.1 percent), and Benton Harbor, Mich., and Green Bay, Wis. (+4.0 percent each).

The largest over-the-year employment decreases were reported in Detroit, Mich. (-43,100), Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-23,300), San Jose, Calif. (-21,300), Denver, Colo. (-20,000), San Francisco, Calif. (-18,500), and Oakland, Calif. (-15,700). The largest over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were reported in Enid, Okla. (-3.9 percent), Columbia, S.C. (-3.7 percent), Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va. (-3.6 percent), Lawton, Okla. (-3.0 percent), and Omaha, Neb.-Iowa, Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Mich., San Jose, Calif., Toledo, Ohio, and Tulsa, Okla. (-2.5 percent each).

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 24 of the 39 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2003. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment in these metropolitan areas were posted in Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+4.4 percent), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (+2.3 percent), Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+2.1 percent), Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+2.0 percent), and Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind., and Orlando, Fla. (+1.9 percent each). Among the largest areas, San Jose, Calif., had the largest over-the-year percentage decline in employment (-2.5 percent), followed by Detroit, Mich. (-2.1 percent), San Francisco, Calif. (-1.9 percent), Denver, Colo. (-1.8 percent), Oakland, Calif. (-1.5 percent), and Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-1.2 percent).

Employment growth was most widespread in education and health services, with 221 of 274 metropolitan areas experiencing over-the-year employment gains in this industry sector. Growth also was prevalent in leisure and hospitality, financial activities, construction, and professional and business services. Manufacturing remained the weakest industry, with 199 metropolitan areas experiencing employment losses over the year. Employment losses also were pronounced in the government sector, where 134 areas saw decreases in over-the-year employment.

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for March 2004 is scheduled to be issued on April 23. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for March 2004 is scheduled to be issued on April 28.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (table 1) for 337 metropolitan areas, including those in Puerto Rico. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (table 2) are provided for over 270 of these areas. State estimates were previously published in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*, and are republished in this release for ease of reference. 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. For all other substate areas, estimates are prepared through indirect estimation procedures. Employment estimates, which are based largely on “place of work” estimates from the CES program, are adjusted to refer to place of residence as used in the CPS. Unemployment estimates are aggregates of persons previously employed in industries covered by state unemployment (UI) laws and entrants to the labor force data from the CPS. The substate estimates of employment and unemployment which geographically exhaust the entire state, are adjusted proportionally to ensure that they add to the independently estimated state totals. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

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. All other substate estimates are adjusted to add to the revised (benchmarked) state 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. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for the approximately 10 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 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.

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 are also 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 the standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Error measures cannot be computed for substate areas because of the special estimation processes used. 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>).

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, dated June 30, 1996. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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).

Estimates of unadjusted and seasonally adjusted labor force and unemployment data for states, census regions and divisions, and two areas are available in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force 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://stats.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://stats.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 state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
District of Columbia	296.6	298.5	299.4	302.0	20.6	19.7	21.8	20.0	6.9	6.6	7.3	6.6
Washington	2,801.5	2,872.0	2,815.9	2,880.0	102.8	94.3	108.3	91.1	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.2
Florida	8,000.9	8,163.9	8,024.2	8,198.7	443.9	378.7	413.0	365.4	5.5	4.6	5.1	4.5
Daytona Beach	214.7	221.3	216.9	223.9	11.9	10.6	11.1	10.1	5.5	4.8	5.1	4.5
Fort Lauderdale	862.7	881.1	865.5	885.7	51.9	43.0	48.7	41.9	6.0	4.9	5.6	4.7
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	213.2	219.7	214.4	220.8	9.3	7.6	8.6	7.2	4.4	3.4	4.0	3.3
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie	141.5	146.5	141.7	146.8	8.9	7.9	7.9	7.5	6.3	5.4	5.5	5.1
Fort Walton Beach	87.3	89.6	87.6	90.3	3.1	2.6	2.8	2.4	3.6	2.9	3.2	2.6
Gainesville	110.2	114.6	111.9	115.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3
Jacksonville	575.6	592.8	576.3	595.2	31.0	29.3	28.9	28.8	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.8
Lakeland-Winter Haven	215.1	219.2	214.4	219.3	12.3	10.9	11.4	10.7	5.7	5.0	5.3	4.9
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	221.3	225.2	221.1	226.0	12.6	10.0	11.6	9.5	5.7	4.4	5.2	4.2
Miami	1,092.5	1,094.8	1,095.9	1,102.2	85.7	71.1	81.1	70.0	7.8	6.5	7.4	6.3
Naples	119.4	125.6	120.3	126.4	4.9	4.1	4.5	3.8	4.1	3.3	3.8	3.0
Ocala	103.3	106.9	103.4	106.5	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.6	4.1
Orlando	950.6	970.7	952.3	973.9	50.7	43.9	47.4	42.0	5.3	4.5	5.0	4.3
Panama City	69.9	70.4	69.7	70.8	5.5	4.3	4.5	3.7	7.9	6.2	6.5	5.2
Pensacola	175.7	180.4	176.6	180.7	8.3	7.0	7.8	6.8	4.7	3.9	4.4	3.7
Punta Gorda	53.3	53.4	53.3	53.8	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	5.0	4.2	4.3	3.8
Sarasota-Bradenton	297.1	309.7	297.4	309.2	11.1	10.3	9.9	9.6	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.1
Tallahassee	152.4	154.2	154.4	156.5	5.8	4.7	5.3	4.7	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.0
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,300.0	1,320.8	1,305.5	1,326.7	63.3	52.9	58.8	51.0	4.9	4.0	4.5	3.8
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	577.1	586.3	577.3	587.6	32.2	28.1	30.2	27.3	5.6	4.8	5.2	4.6
Georgia	4,314.0	4,369.0	4,344.2	4,373.8	204.7	178.7	209.3	167.1	4.7	4.1	4.8	3.8
Albany	55.8	57.1	56.1	56.8	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.2	4.9	4.1	5.0	3.9
Athens	78.2	78.1	79.1	78.4	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.5
Atlanta	2,378.5	2,424.1	2,398.4	2,430.6	118.0	102.8	120.4	95.3	5.0	4.2	5.0	3.9
Augusta-Aiken	211.0	219.2	211.9	219.3	10.6	9.9	10.5	9.6	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.4
Columbus	127.3	130.8	127.4	131.1	6.7	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.3	4.9	5.3	4.5
Macon	157.8	162.3	158.0	162.5	6.3	5.7	6.4	5.6	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.4
Savannah	143.5	149.4	144.3	150.0	5.1	5.1	5.4	4.8	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.2
Hawaii	608.7	628.2	606.9	622.5	22.5	23.7	21.4	24.0	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8
Honolulu	430.6	442.9	430.2	440.4	14.6	15.4	13.7	15.7	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.6
Idaho	679.5	687.4	681.3	692.2	47.2	41.5	46.8	42.2	6.9	6.0	6.9	6.1
Boise City	245.2	248.7	246.1	250.4	14.7	13.2	15.0	13.0	6.0	5.3	6.1	5.2
Pocatello	40.5	40.2	41.1	41.1	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.3	6.3	5.5	6.3	5.5
Illinois	6,249.6	6,314.5	6,255.3	6,334.7	454.9	439.2	452.7	430.2	7.3	7.0	7.2	6.8
Bloomington-Normal	92.7	93.9	93.6	95.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
Champaign-Urbana	97.3	99.3	99.8	101.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5
Chicago	4,181.1	4,226.1	4,188.9	4,242.1	307.1	295.1	307.0	288.5	7.3	7.0	7.3	6.8
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	187.1	187.5	185.9	187.1	12.3	11.9	11.0	10.5	6.6	6.4	5.9	5.6
Decatur	55.7	55.7	55.5	55.6	4.7	4.0	4.6	3.8	8.4	7.2	8.3	6.8
Kankakee	51.9	52.7	52.2	53.1	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.6	8.8	9.4	8.8	8.8
Peoria-Pekin	178.1	178.9	178.1	179.4	11.6	10.3	11.3	10.1	6.5	5.7	6.3	5.6
Rockford	194.7	195.3	194.4	195.1	17.4	17.5	17.7	17.0	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.7
Springfield	103.4	105.4	103.2	105.4	5.8	6.3	5.9	6.2	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.9
Indiana	3,138.3	3,163.3	3,140.2	3,149.3	172.5	178.0	175.7	185.2	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.9
Bloomington	63.5	67.8	65.8	68.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.5
Elkhart-Goshen	96.3	97.9	96.4	97.0	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.5
Evansville-Henderson	164.5	163.2	164.3	162.2	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.4	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5
Fort Wayne	267.4	266.0	266.8	264.0	14.5	16.0	14.9	16.8	5.4	6.0	5.6	6.4
Gary	299.8	303.9	300.9	301.9	18.1	19.7	18.4	20.6	6.0	6.5	6.1	6.8
Indianapolis	889.7	902.1	889.6	898.4	43.2	45.4	43.7	47.3	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.3
Kokomo	50.4	50.5	50.2	50.0	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.1
Lafayette	91.5	93.3	93.9	93.5	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.9
Muncie	59.8	59.4	60.2	59.2	4.0	3.7	4.1	3.8	6.7	6.2	6.7	6.4
South Bend	134.6	136.8	135.3	136.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3
Terre Haute	71.1	74.2	71.0	73.8	4.4	5.1	4.5	5.5	6.1	6.9	6.4	7.4
Iowa	1,625.9	1,612.5	1,622.3	1,620.3	84.2	82.7	84.2	81.0	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.0
Cedar Rapids	118.2	116.0	118.0	117.1	6.5	5.6	6.3	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.4	4.9
Des Moines	273.1	273.3	272.0	274.5	11.9	11.2	12.1	11.3	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.1
Dubuque	50.4	51.1	50.5	51.2	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1
Iowa City	76.3	73.0	75.0	73.4	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.3	3.7	3.2	3.6
Sioux City	63.9	63.1	63.5	63.1	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.4	5.0	5.8	4.9	5.4
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	71.5	71.8	71.6	72.1	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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(Numbers in thousands)

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Oklahoma	1,673.3	1,676.2	1,681.7	1,688.4	94.1	93.0	97.6	92.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.5
Enid	26.1	26.0	26.2	25.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4
Lawton	42.4	42.1	42.7	42.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5
Oklahoma City	562.5	569.9	567.7	578.2	27.5	26.8	28.8	26.9	4.9	4.7	5.1	4.7
Tulsa	423.6	421.5	424.4	422.9	27.5	27.8	28.4	27.2	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.4
Oregon	1,838.0	1,851.1	1,842.7	1,857.4	166.2	164.5	169.3	156.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	8.4
Corvallis	41.4	41.1	41.3	41.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.3
Eugene-Springfield	171.0	172.4	171.6	171.7	13.5	13.9	14.2	13.4	7.9	8.1	8.3	7.8
Medford-Ashland	95.5	98.3	96.3	98.8	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.0	8.7	8.3	8.8	8.1
Portland-Vancouver	1,097.0	1,088.4	1,097.1	1,094.6	97.4	88.1	99.8	85.5	8.9	8.1	9.1	7.8
Salem	174.9	177.2	176.7	179.1	15.0	16.0	15.3	15.3	8.6	9.0	8.6	8.5
Pennsylvania	6,173.9	6,146.8	6,154.9	6,156.7	410.1	373.1	417.9	369.8	6.6	6.1	6.8	6.0
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	332.3	330.8	331.1	331.9	21.9	20.7	23.5	20.5	6.6	6.3	7.1	6.2
Altoona	65.4	65.3	65.0	65.3	4.4	3.9	4.4	3.8	6.8	6.0	6.7	5.8
Erie	140.3	140.6	140.9	141.6	11.6	10.7	12.0	10.6	8.3	7.6	8.5	7.5
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	359.5	360.4	358.6	361.8	15.7	14.6	16.6	14.8	4.4	4.0	4.6	4.1
Johnstown	103.8	102.8	103.7	103.0	9.3	8.3	9.7	8.4	9.0	8.0	9.3	8.1
Lancaster	254.8	255.4	252.3	255.9	12.0	10.9	12.8	11.0	4.7	4.3	5.1	4.3
Philadelphia	2,609.4	2,611.8	2,616.4	2,619.5	159.1	149.6	161.5	148.0	6.1	5.7	6.2	5.7
Pittsburgh	1,191.1	1,177.1	1,183.1	1,171.5	81.0	72.5	81.0	71.0	6.8	6.2	6.8	6.1
Reading	186.2	183.7	183.8	183.6	14.3	11.3	14.4	11.5	7.7	6.2	7.8	6.2
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre—Hazleton	310.4	307.8	310.6	309.4	23.5	21.8	23.5	21.2	7.6	7.1	7.6	6.9
Sharon	58.6	57.0	58.7	57.3	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4
State College	65.8	66.2	69.7	70.1	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9
Williamsport	57.2	57.2	57.0	57.6	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.3	7.5	7.5	7.9	7.4
York	198.2	198.4	197.3	199.0	11.5	10.5	11.8	10.4	5.8	5.3	6.0	5.2
Rhode Island	566.4	565.4	570.0	563.8	36.1	34.9	37.2	35.0	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.2
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	640.7	641.8	643.7	640.3	43.6	43.0	44.3	42.4	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.6
South Carolina	1,941.9	2,001.9	1,961.9	2,016.5	135.3	133.8	134.6	133.8	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.6
Charleston-North Charleston	280.6	295.5	285.9	299.5	12.7	12.8	12.7	13.3	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.4
Columbia	284.0	287.8	285.8	289.0	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
Florence	63.0	65.6	63.3	66.3	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.9	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.8
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	487.8	510.6	493.3	514.2	29.9	29.2	30.2	31.0	6.1	5.7	6.1	6.0
Myrtle Beach	99.6	108.7	101.4	110.0	8.4	8.2	7.3	7.1	8.4	7.6	7.2	6.5
Sumter	45.0	44.5	45.3	44.7	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.1	7.8	7.3	7.9	7.0
South Dakota	412.8	412.2	413.7	413.8	16.9	15.4	16.4	15.6	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.8
Rapid City	49.0	48.9	49.6	49.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.6
Sioux Falls	110.8	110.5	110.7	110.8	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2
Tennessee	2,876.5	2,893.5	2,883.1	2,914.5	170.1	162.0	163.7	154.4	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.3
Chattanooga	236.5	238.8	237.8	240.6	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.6
Clarksville-Hopkinsville	90.7	92.2	91.1	92.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.1	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.5
Jackson	58.3	58.3	58.4	59.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.9	5.7	5.2	5.6	4.9
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	230.4	230.0	231.0	231.5	13.8	13.8	13.8	12.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.6
Knoxville	372.0	378.0	373.1	380.4	17.2	16.8	16.6	16.0	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.2
Memphis	572.6	577.9	575.2	582.0	33.9	34.2	31.8	32.2	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.5
Nashville	674.1	681.5	677.7	687.5	28.8	27.7	27.9	26.8	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9
Texas	10,733.5	10,879.2	10,743.2	10,855.2	756.6	727.0	731.3	664.0	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.1
Abilene	59.6	61.8	59.9	61.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	3.9
Amarillo	115.5	119.1	116.1	119.2	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.4
Austin-San Marcos	760.1	764.3	759.5	764.9	45.8	40.4	44.2	36.6	6.0	5.3	5.8	4.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.2	182.7	179.4	181.4	17.0	17.0	16.2	15.8	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.7
Brazoria	112.7	113.9	113.0	113.4	9.2	10.0	9.3	9.1	8.2	8.7	8.3	8.0
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	142.9	146.5	141.6	144.4	15.9	18.2	15.2	16.0	11.1	12.4	10.7	11.1
Bryan-College Station	79.0	81.1	83.0	85.4	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.0
Corpus Christi	178.6	181.5	180.1	180.6	11.6	12.0	11.6	10.9	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.0
Dallas	2,010.3	2,020.8	2,007.9	2,016.7	152.8	136.6	148.2	126.0	7.6	6.8	7.4	6.2
El Paso	295.8	301.5	295.5	298.9	30.3	28.5	28.7	26.4	10.3	9.5	9.7	8.8
Fort Worth-Arlington	946.7	954.6	946.4	954.2	63.2	59.1	61.3	54.6	6.7	6.2	6.5	5.7
Galveston-Texas City	123.1	125.7	123.1	125.6	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.4	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.5
Houston	2,279.0	2,316.4	2,287.9	2,310.0	152.6	156.4	150.6	143.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.2
Killeen-Temple	121.9	122.9	122.3	122.7	7.3	6.5	7.0	5.8	6.0	5.3	5.8	4.7
Laredo	83.7	86.0	83.3	85.9	6.9	6.5	6.7	6.1	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.1
Longview-Marshall	104.9	107.5	104.3	106.3	7.4	6.7	7.1	6.0	7.1	6.2	6.8	5.7
Lubbock	128.0	129.9	128.9	129.8	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	232.5	242.2	231.7	239.4	36.7	35.5	34.5	31.6	15.8	14.7	14.9	13.2
Odessa-Midland	123.8	126.8	124.8	126.9	7.7	7.2	7.5	6.5	6.2	5.6	6.0	5.2
San Angelo	50.3	51.6	50.6	52.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.3
San Antonio	805.3	824.0	811.3	825.7	45.8	46.3	43.6	42.4	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.1
Sherman-Denison	51.0	52.0	51.0	51.8	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.5	6.8	7.6	6.7	6.7
Texarkana	56.8	58.2	56.9	58.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.8	5.8	5.4	5.6	4.8

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Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Texas—Continued												
Tyler	95.8	97.9	95.1	97.3	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.2	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.3
Victoria	44.5	45.2	44.7	45.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.1	5.5	5.0	5.4	4.6
Waco	103.0	105.5	103.4	105.7	5.2	5.3	5.0	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.4
Wichita Falls	65.1	65.0	64.4	64.7	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.2
Utah	1,168.9	1,194.3	1,167.5	1,190.4	73.2	62.1	74.8	62.3	6.3	5.2	6.4	5.2
Provo-Orem	180.1	183.8	179.9	183.5	9.7	7.9	9.9	8.1	5.4	4.3	5.5	4.4
Salt Lake City-Ogden	735.8	748.8	735.5	746.5	45.8	39.0	47.0	39.2	6.2	5.2	6.4	5.3
Vermont	348.6	351.0	349.9	352.8	18.6	16.9	19.2	16.5	5.3	4.8	5.5	4.7
Burlington	104.3	106.8	105.3	108.2	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.6	4.1	3.5
Virginia	3,711.2	3,795.4	3,723.6	3,795.7	160.6	148.2	159.9	136.4	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.6
Charlottesville	77.3	78.1	78.3	78.3	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.7
Danville	57.2	57.7	57.4	57.3	4.0	4.9	4.3	4.6	7.0	8.5	7.5	8.1
Lynchburg	103.9	103.8	104.3	103.5	5.4	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.7
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	775.1	794.2	779.3	796.2	35.1	35.4	34.4	32.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.1
Richmond-Petersburg	535.9	536.6	538.3	537.5	23.5	21.9	23.1	20.4	4.4	4.1	4.3	3.8
Roanoke	128.2	128.7	128.3	128.3	4.8	4.3	4.8	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.2
Washington	3,131.2	3,152.2	3,124.5	3,165.7	250.8	225.9	252.7	216.6	8.0	7.2	8.1	6.8
Bellingham	89.4	90.8	89.2	90.6	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.0	6.5	5.8	6.4	5.5
Bremerton	102.6	103.7	102.2	103.8	7.2	5.7	7.4	5.6	7.1	5.5	7.2	5.4
Olympia	110.7	112.9	110.9	113.6	6.6	6.0	6.6	5.8	6.0	5.3	5.9	5.1
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco	100.6	103.1	101.3	103.2	9.6	9.5	9.0	8.1	9.5	9.3	8.9	7.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,403.9	1,409.6	1,398.0	1,415.7	97.9	88.0	100.2	86.1	7.0	6.2	7.2	6.1
Spokane	219.3	222.2	218.5	223.1	17.1	15.8	17.1	15.3	7.8	7.1	7.8	6.9
Tacoma	354.6	361.8	353.8	363.2	28.1	25.7	28.4	25.1	7.9	7.1	8.0	6.9
Yakima	106.6	108.3	106.7	108.4	14.2	14.2	13.5	12.7	13.3	13.1	12.6	11.8
West Virginia	782.9	785.5	780.4	787.1	55.6	47.7	57.6	50.6	7.1	6.1	7.4	6.4
Charleston	126.0	126.3	125.9	126.3	6.8	5.9	7.2	6.3	5.4	4.7	5.7	5.0
Huntington-Ashland	133.0	133.9	133.4	134.2	9.1	8.3	9.3	8.5	6.9	6.2	7.0	6.4
Parkersburg-Marietta	76.7	75.9	75.9	75.6	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.0	6.9	6.7	7.1	6.7
Wheeling	72.2	71.8	72.2	71.6	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.5	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.3
Wisconsin	3,025.8	3,082.2	3,043.5	3,100.4	202.2	184.0	212.7	199.7	6.7	6.0	7.0	6.4
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	234.8	235.5	234.6	236.2	14.0	12.3	14.5	13.4	5.9	5.2	6.2	5.7
Eau Claire	84.7	87.4	87.3	89.9	5.8	5.1	6.1	5.4	6.9	5.9	7.0	6.1
Green Bay	143.5	150.8	143.3	150.5	8.5	7.6	9.0	8.3	6.0	5.0	6.3	5.5
Janesville-Beloit	77.5	79.4	78.1	79.7	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.0	7.7	7.0	8.1	7.5
Kenosha	84.0	84.8	85.2	85.1	5.5	5.0	5.7	5.4	6.5	5.9	6.7	6.3
La Crosse	73.0	75.6	73.0	76.8	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.0	5.7	5.0	5.9	5.2
Madison	278.7	289.5	281.9	290.8	9.1	8.7	9.4	9.5	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.3
Milwaukee-Waukesha	814.6	817.6	819.7	827.4	53.4	48.8	54.9	52.1	6.6	6.0	6.7	6.3
Racine	93.9	93.9	94.3	93.8	8.5	7.4	8.8	7.8	9.1	7.9	9.3	8.4
Sheboygan	63.8	65.7	63.7	65.7	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.4	5.5	4.7	6.0	5.1
Wausau	76.0	78.1	76.2	78.4	4.1	3.9	4.9	4.5	5.5	5.0	6.4	5.8
Wyoming	268.5	272.8	271.1	274.0	14.8	13.4	15.0	12.6	5.5	4.9	5.5	4.6
Casper	35.5	36.4	35.9	36.9	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.7	5.7	4.9	5.4	4.6
Cheyenne	43.3	43.7	43.6	43.6	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.6
Puerto Rico	1,374.9	1,386.1	1,384.0	1,383.2	156.5	156.7	173.4	149.2	11.4	11.3	12.5	10.8
Aguadilla	49.4	50.8	49.6	50.5	7.9	7.3	8.3	6.9	16.0	14.4	16.8	13.6
Arecibo	56.7	56.9	56.7	56.7	8.8	7.6	9.0	7.2	15.5	13.3	15.9	12.7
Caguas	122.6	127.3	122.4	126.5	13.5	14.2	14.5	12.9	11.0	11.1	11.8	10.2
Mayaguez	89.8	88.9	89.8	88.5	12.8	11.7	13.7	11.0	14.2	13.1	15.3	12.4
Ponce	107.6	106.4	108.4	105.9	16.1	15.0	17.9	14.1	14.9	14.1	16.5	13.4
San Juan-Bayamon	779.1	779.9	783.8	780.0	67.5	72.2	76.8	69.6	8.7	9.3	9.8	8.9

¹ Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

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. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	January		February		Change February 2003 to February 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,857.0	1,863.6	1,863.9	1,864.9	1.0	0.1
Birmingham	468.8	472.0	470.5	471.8	1.3	.3
Huntsville	185.5	188.5	186.5	188.8	2.3	1.2
Mobile	221.0	223.5	221.6	223.3	1.7	.8
Montgomery	161.6	163.3	162.1	163.1	1.0	.6
Tuscaloosa	82.6	80.9	83.2	81.2	-2.0	-2.4
Alaska	279.0	284.7	285.3	288.8	3.5	1.2
Anchorage	137.6	140.3	138.2	140.8	2.6	1.9
Arizona	2,253.0	2,304.2	2,279.4	2,328.6	49.2	2.2
Phoenix-Mesa	1,587.2	1,629.0	1,606.3	1,643.5	37.2	2.3
Tucson	343.6	347.1	346.7	352.4	5.7	1.6
Arkansas	1,128.7	1,130.8	1,133.1	1,136.7	3.6	.3
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	167.9	172.4	169.3	173.9	4.6	2.7
Fort Smith	98.9	98.8	98.6	98.7	.1	.1
Little Rock-North Little Rock	312.9	315.0	313.8	314.8	1.0	.3
Pine Bluff	35.0	35.8	35.3	36.1	.8	2.3
California	14,238.8	14,294.0	14,302.1	14,362.5	60.4	.4
Bakersfield	204.9	206.4	205.2	206.7	1.5	.7
Fresno	306.7	309.5	308.8	312.3	3.5	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach	3,964.8	3,958.0	3,982.4	3,979.4	-3.0	-1.1
Modesto	147.8	148.8	148.5	149.6	1.1	.7
Oakland	1,024.5	1,011.4	1,028.6	1,012.9	-15.7	-1.5
Orange County	1,401.1	1,418.4	1,406.9	1,421.1	14.2	1.0
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,074.0	1,094.7	1,077.0	1,099.2	22.2	2.1
Sacramento	742.4	750.2	743.4	749.4	6.0	.8
Salinas	126.4	126.8	127.9	128.0	.1	.1
San Diego	1,221.4	1,231.3	1,228.0	1,238.5	10.5	.9
San Francisco	955.2	935.5	957.3	938.8	-18.5	-1.9
San Jose	859.0	831.5	858.0	836.7	-21.3	-2.5
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	161.7	164.8	164.0	166.5	2.5	1.5
Santa Rosa	179.9	176.3	180.2	176.6	-3.6	-2.0
Stockton-Lodi	194.2	193.7	194.8	195.1	.3	.2
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	178.3	179.5	179.8	180.7	.9	.5
Ventura	279.7	280.4	280.1	281.9	1.8	.6
Colorado	2,129.6	2,111.6	2,133.6	2,116.6	-17.0	-.8
Boulder-Longmont	155.8	154.8	155.9	154.7	-1.2	-.8
Colorado Springs	233.7	233.9	233.8	233.9	.1	.0
Denver	1,135.4	1,118.3	1,134.5	1,114.5	-20.0	-1.8
Connecticut	1,630.9	1,616.7	1,626.0	1,617.0	-9.0	-.6
Bridgeport	183.3	182.3	183.2	181.9	-1.3	-.7
Danbury	87.3	87.6	87.1	87.5	.4	.5
Hartford	594.8	589.4	592.1	587.7	-4.4	-.7
New Haven-Meriden	254.5	252.5	255.6	253.8	-1.8	-.7
New London-Norwich	142.4	142.0	141.2	141.6	.4	.3
Stamford-Norwalk	193.2	194.2	191.8	192.3	.5	.3
Waterbury	82.1	81.8	81.6	81.9	.3	.4
Delaware	403.1	406.0	400.4	404.6	4.2	1.0
Dover	56.9	57.4	56.7	57.6	.9	1.6
Wilmington-Newark	312.2	314.6	311.2	314.6	3.4	1.1
District of Columbia	656.9	658.5	659.0	662.9	3.9	.6
Washington PMSA	2,776.8	2,823.6	2,775.8	2,830.7	54.9	2.0
Florida	7,187.8	7,322.9	7,243.5	7,385.3	141.8	2.0
Daytona Beach	168.9	173.5	171.5	176.1	4.6	2.7
Fort Lauderdale	711.6	726.8	716.1	732.2	16.1	2.2
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	187.8	193.0	189.4	194.2	4.8	2.5
Gainesville	121.3	125.1	123.3	126.2	2.9	2.4
Jacksonville	550.8	563.3	553.1	566.3	13.2	2.4
Lakeland-Winter Haven	186.3	189.4	186.2	190.3	4.1	2.2
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	190.7	194.5	191.4	195.6	4.2	2.2
Miami	999.5	1,003.9	1,006.6	1,011.1	4.5	.4
Orlando	911.7	927.6	915.8	933.2	17.4	1.9
Pensacola	154.3	157.9	155.3	158.6	3.3	2.1
Sarasota-Bradenton	278.2	287.9	280.1	288.8	8.7	3.1
Tallahassee	156.3	157.1	158.6	159.6	1.0	.6
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,205.4	1,221.0	1,213.7	1,229.9	16.2	1.3
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	526.8	533.4	528.9	535.5	6.6	1.2

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	January		February		Change February 2003 to February 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Georgia	3,814.1	3,844.3	3,827.6	3,848.3	20.7	0.5
Albany	55.9	57.1	55.8	56.8	1.0	1.8
Athens	73.6	73.1	74.6	73.5	-1.1	-1.5
Atlanta	2,129.1	2,151.5	2,139.8	2,154.8	15.0	.7
Augusta-Aiken	198.5	202.0	198.8	201.8	3.0	1.5
Columbus	115.2	117.1	115.0	117.4	2.4	2.1
Macon	147.6	150.4	147.4	150.2	2.8	1.9
Savannah	136.7	140.2	136.7	140.5	3.8	2.8
Hawaii	559.6	571.6	564.5	574.7	10.2	1.8
Honolulu	414.3	422.2	418.8	424.8	6.0	1.4
Idaho	555.3	561.0	556.5	565.8	9.3	1.7
Boise City	224.2	228.3	224.8	230.2	5.4	2.4
Illinois	5,713.0	5,688.7	5,712.1	5,692.2	-19.9	-.3
Bloomington-Normal	90.0	89.8	90.7	90.7	.0	.0
Champaign-Urbana	101.0	101.4	103.5	103.6	.1	.1
Chicago	4,011.4	3,998.2	4,007.9	3,996.5	-11.4	-.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	174.6	174.4	174.8	174.5	-.3	-.2
Decatur	53.4	53.3	53.1	53.1	.0	.0
Kankakee	42.1	41.9	42.4	42.4	.0	.0
Peoria-Pekin	164.5	163.9	164.7	163.7	-1.0	-.6
Rockford	168.7	166.3	167.8	166.0	-1.8	-1.1
Springfield	108.2	108.1	108.0	108.0	.0	.0
Indiana	2,850.2	2,865.6	2,849.4	2,872.8	23.4	.8
Bloomington	65.2	69.5	67.8	70.8	3.0	4.4
Elkhart-Goshen	117.2	119.4	117.4	119.6	2.2	1.9
Evansville-Henderson	160.2	158.5	160.2	158.4	-1.8	-1.1
Fort Wayne	263.0	259.4	262.1	258.8	-3.3	-1.3
Gary	255.9	256.7	255.8	256.4	.6	.2
Indianapolis	871.0	878.9	870.2	879.7	9.5	1.1
Kokomo	49.1	49.1	49.1	49.2	.1	.2
Lafayette	92.3	93.9	95.0	94.7	-.3	-.3
Muncie	55.2	54.8	55.6	55.0	-.6	-1.1
South Bend	129.2	130.9	129.6	131.4	1.8	1.4
Terre Haute	66.5	68.8	66.4	68.4	2.0	3.0
Iowa	1,411.9	1,419.7	1,411.4	1,420.3	8.9	.6
Cedar Rapids	115.9	114.6	115.5	115.3	-.2	-.2
Des Moines	280.3	282.8	279.0	283.0	4.0	1.4
Dubuque	50.4	51.8	50.5	51.6	1.1	2.2
Iowa City	74.9	72.0	73.9	72.1	-1.8	-2.4
Sioux City	61.8	60.8	61.3	60.8	-.5	-.8
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	71.8	72.5	71.9	72.8	.9	1.3
Kansas	1,300.0	1,299.8	1,300.8	1,296.3	-4.5	-.3
Lawrence	50.2	50.7	50.7	50.3	-.4	-.8
Topeka	99.3	99.2	98.5	98.8	.3	.3
Wichita	274.4	272.4	276.0	272.5	-3.5	-1.3
Kentucky	1,755.6	1,766.2	1,753.3	1,766.7	13.4	.8
Lexington	271.6	273.0	271.7	273.9	2.2	.8
Louisville	552.5	555.9	552.4	553.8	1.4	.3
Owensboro	42.7	43.2	42.4	42.9	.5	1.2
Louisiana	1,886.0	1,894.1	1,896.2	1,902.6	6.4	.3
Alexandria	55.7	56.2	55.9	56.8	.9	1.6
Baton Rouge	300.1	307.3	304.3	310.1	5.8	1.9
Houma	83.4	83.6	83.8	83.2	-.6	-.7
Lafayette	168.3	167.0	169.0	168.7	-.3	-.2
Lake Charles	86.7	84.2	86.5	84.9	-1.6	-1.8
Monroe	73.5	73.2	73.6	73.5	-.1	-.1
New Orleans	610.6	609.2	613.2	610.0	-3.2	-.5
Shreveport-Bossier City	170.0	170.6	169.9	171.9	2.0	1.2
Maine	584.0	587.2	585.1	588.8	3.7	.6
Lewiston-Auburn	46.1	46.0	45.9	46.0	.1	.2
Portland	153.5	154.8	152.9	153.5	.6	.4

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	January		February		Change February 2003 to February 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Maryland	2,429.3	2,442.6	2,426.9	2,453.2	26.3	1.1
Baltimore PMSA	1,225.9	1,227.8	1,223.0	1,228.3	5.3	.4
Baltimore City	381.2	381.4	381.8	382.9	1.1	.3
Suburban Maryland-D.C.	918.1	927.6	917.2	931.3	14.1	1.5
Massachusetts	3,151.6	3,108.9	3,137.0	3,105.5	-31.5	-1.0
Barnstable-Yarmouth	59.0	60.2	58.6	59.4	.8	1.4
Boston	1,924.3	1,888.1	1,911.2	1,887.9	-23.3	-1.2
Brockton	96.5	98.9	96.5	98.2	1.7	1.8
Fitchburg-Leominster	51.3	50.8	50.7	50.5	-.2	-.4
Lawrence	153.1	150.4	152.0	149.8	-2.2	-1.4
Lowell	120.2	121.7	119.7	120.9	1.2	1.0
New Bedford	63.6	63.6	63.0	62.9	-.1	-.2
Pittsfield	41.1	41.4	40.9	41.2	.3	.7
Springfield	249.7	249.4	250.2	250.5	.3	.1
Worcester	228.6	227.3	227.0	227.0	.0	.0
Michigan	4,354.0	4,296.2	4,357.4	4,310.1	-47.3	-1.1
Ann Arbor	285.1	285.9	287.6	287.2	-.4	-.1
Benton Harbor	64.7	67.9	64.9	67.5	2.6	4.0
Detroit	2,044.7	1,995.2	2,045.9	2,002.8	-43.1	-2.1
Flint	158.9	155.8	159.3	156.7	-2.6	-1.6
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	556.3	551.1	556.2	553.3	-2.9	-.5
Jackson	61.0	60.8	61.3	61.5	.2	.3
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	208.1	205.9	207.8	206.7	-1.1	-.5
Lansing-East Lansing	236.4	234.7	238.4	235.5	-2.9	-1.2
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	169.6	164.7	169.0	164.7	-4.3	-2.5
Minnesota	2,594.7	2,603.4	2,596.6	2,611.2	14.6	.6
Duluth-Superior	113.3	113.4	114.7	114.3	-.4	-.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,691.1	1,701.5	1,693.7	1,703.8	10.1	.6
Rochester	87.8	88.1	87.3	87.7	.4	.5
St. Cloud	92.9	93.1	92.7	94.0	1.3	1.4
Mississippi	1,107.2	1,109.8	1,108.7	1,113.3	4.6	.4
Jackson	227.7	232.6	228.4	232.5	4.1	1.8
Missouri	2,640.4	2,642.3	2,643.1	2,634.9	-8.2	-.3
Kansas City	928.3	934.6	928.6	930.4	1.8	.2
St. Louis	1,276.9	1,280.0	1,275.6	1,272.3	-3.3	-.3
Springfield	166.5	168.6	168.4	168.9	.5	.3
Montana	386.4	390.9	388.7	393.4	4.7	1.2
Billings	67.5	68.9	67.9	69.6	1.7	2.5
Missoula	50.8	51.9	51.0	52.2	1.2	2.4
Nebraska	891.9	888.9	892.0	888.9	-3.1	-.3
Lincoln	157.3	154.0	158.6	154.9	-3.7	-2.3
Omaha	424.3	415.1	424.0	413.2	-10.8	-2.5
Nevada	1,053.5	1,099.0	1,062.9	1,106.8	43.9	4.1
Las Vegas	797.8	833.9	803.2	838.8	35.6	4.4
Reno	192.3	199.5	194.6	201.4	6.8	3.5
New Hampshire	603.6	608.1	602.6	610.2	7.6	1.3
Manchester	107.3	109.7	107.1	109.3	2.2	2.1
Nashua	94.4	94.2	94.0	93.8	-.2	-.2
Portsmouth-Rochester	119.5	120.5	121.1	121.8	.7	.6
New Jersey	3,908.0	3,941.2	3,898.5	3,944.5	46.0	1.2
Atlantic-Cape May	177.6	182.7	177.4	183.0	5.6	3.2
Bergen-Passaic	644.9	645.3	644.0	646.2	2.2	.3
Camden	508.3	517.1	506.0	516.3	10.3	2.0
Jersey City	248.3	247.4	248.7	247.5	-1.2	-.5
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	632.5	634.7	631.9	636.1	4.2	.7
Monmouth-Ocean	393.3	401.8	390.9	401.4	10.5	2.7
Newark	998.8	1,001.6	995.4	1,004.4	9.0	.9
Trenton	223.1	225.8	223.0	226.3	3.3	1.5
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	59.4	60.5	59.1	60.7	1.6	2.7

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	January		February		Change February 2003 to February 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
New Mexico	759.5	766.9	765.2	773.9	8.7	1.1
Albuquerque	353.3	355.9	356.1	359.7	3.6	1.0
Las Cruces	60.3	61.4	60.8	62.7	1.9	3.1
Santa Fe	76.9	78.1	77.6	79.2	1.6	2.1
New York	8,264.6	8,262.2	8,297.7	8,307.3	9.6	.1
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	448.8	450.4	452.4	453.8	1.4	.3
Binghamton	111.0	110.6	111.9	111.3	-.6	-.5
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	536.0	532.9	537.8	535.6	-2.2	-.4
Dutchess County	116.1	118.4	118.3	119.9	1.6	1.4
Elmira	41.2	40.3	41.0	40.4	-.6	-1.5
Glens Falls	49.0	50.4	49.3	50.3	1.0	2.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,188.6	1,200.3	1,191.1	1,202.4	11.3	.9
New York PMSA	4,044.7	4,034.8	4,055.0	4,054.5	-.5	.0
New York City	3,505.2	3,487.3	3,514.3	3,507.0	-7.3	-2
Newburgh	133.5	135.9	133.4	136.1	2.7	2.0
Rochester	523.4	522.9	525.0	525.3	.3	.1
Rockland County	111.6	114.2	111.6	114.2	2.6	2.3
Syracuse	337.4	339.0	339.6	341.7	2.1	.6
Utica-Rome	129.0	128.7	129.2	129.3	.1	.1
Westchester County	404.4	408.7	405.7	408.9	3.2	.8
North Carolina	3,750.6	3,761.3	3,753.5	3,778.4	24.9	.7
Asheville	109.6	110.6	109.7	110.9	1.2	1.1
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	814.2	818.1	814.4	822.9	8.5	1.0
Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point	630.8	625.3	631.3	626.1	-5.2	-.8
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	668.4	676.5	670.9	680.6	9.7	1.4
North Dakota	324.0	327.6	325.3	328.6	3.3	1.0
Bismarck	52.4	52.8	52.4	53.0	.6	1.1
Fargo-Moorhead	103.3	104.7	103.8	105.0	1.2	1.2
Grand Forks	48.9	49.7	49.1	49.9	.8	1.6
Ohio	5,309.8	5,282.6	5,307.0	5,292.2	-14.8	-.3
Akron	315.4	320.9	316.4	323.0	6.6	2.1
Canton-Massillon	174.1	173.9	174.1	174.8	.7	.4
Cincinnati	850.9	866.8	849.0	864.9	15.9	1.9
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,085.5	1,090.3	1,086.3	1,093.9	7.6	.7
Columbus	861.9	859.8	860.0	856.4	-3.6	-.4
Dayton-Springfield	450.1	447.8	449.2	447.6	-1.6	-.4
Hamilton-Middletown	131.1	132.9	132.0	134.6	2.6	2.0
Lima	75.9	76.5	75.4	76.4	1.0	1.3
Mansfield	75.7	74.8	75.8	74.9	-.9	-1.2
Steubenville-Weirton	49.0	47.2	49.5	47.7	-1.8	-3.6
Toledo	310.1	299.7	310.8	303.0	-7.8	-2.5
Youngstown-Warren	226.0	224.7	227.0	225.6	-1.4	-.6
Oklahoma	1,449.0	1,424.2	1,452.9	1,433.0	-19.9	-1.4
Enid	22.7	22.4	23.0	22.1	-.9	-3.9
Lawton	39.3	38.3	39.6	38.4	-1.2	-3.0
Oklahoma City	527.0	524.0	530.5	530.1	-.4	-.1
Tulsa	383.7	373.1	383.3	373.8	-9.5	-2.5
Oregon	1,540.0	1,537.6	1,545.0	1,548.8	3.8	.2
Eugene-Springfield	140.6	140.0	141.0	141.1	.1	.1
Medford-Ashland	73.1	74.8	73.8	75.5	1.7	2.3
Portland-Vancouver	919.6	911.5	921.0	916.5	-4.5	-.5
Salem	133.8	133.5	135.0	135.0	.0	.0
Pennsylvania	5,522.5	5,482.0	5,530.4	5,509.4	-21.0	-.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	282.9	282.5	282.4	283.5	1.1	.4
Altoona	60.2	60.3	60.2	60.5	.3	.5
Erie	127.7	128.0	128.1	129.1	1.0	.8
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	360.8	361.3	361.3	363.1	1.8	.5
Johnstown	85.0	85.7	84.7	85.9	1.2	1.4
Lancaster	222.4	223.4	222.8	224.7	1.9	.9
Philadelphia PMSA	2,371.9	2,375.7	2,375.4	2,384.2	8.8	.4
Philadelphia City	672.9	667.0	680.1	673.1	-7.0	-1.0
Pittsburgh	1,097.9	1,087.1	1,094.0	1,083.4	-10.6	-1.0
Reading	161.9	161.9	161.1	161.9	.8	.5
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	274.2	271.9	275.2	274.2	-1.0	-.4
Sharon	49.0	47.9	49.2	48.3	-.9	-1.8
State College	66.9	67.0	71.7	71.4	-.3	-.4
Williamsport	52.4	52.4	52.6	52.8	.2	.4
York	165.2	165.7	165.2	166.5	1.3	.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	January		February		Change February 2003 to February 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Rhode Island	469.9	476.3	469.9	478.6	8.7	1.9
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	522.9	526.9	521.8	528.7	6.9	1.3
South Carolina	1,777.3	1,791.3	1,790.2	1,801.4	11.2	.6
Charleston-North Charleston	257.4	258.5	261.3	259.8	-1.5	-.6
Columbia	307.6	295.5	307.9	296.4	-11.5	-3.7
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	472.8	470.7	475.4	471.4	-4.0	-.8
South Dakota	367.9	370.7	367.2	371.1	3.9	1.1
Rapid City	49.2	49.4	49.6	49.6	.0	.0
Sioux Falls	114.8	115.6	114.4	115.5	1.1	1.0
Tennessee	2,619.4	2,643.6	2,627.8	2,666.7	38.9	1.5
Chattanooga	231.9	233.3	232.6	234.3	1.7	.7
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	196.2	196.2	196.1	197.7	1.6	.8
Knoxville	345.8	351.3	345.7	353.2	7.5	2.2
Memphis	584.1	586.6	585.9	591.5	5.6	1.0
Nashville	670.1	677.2	671.7	683.3	11.6	1.7
Texas	9,289.0	9,285.9	9,335.4	9,346.1	10.7	.1
Abilene	55.2	56.3	55.4	56.5	1.1	2.0
Amarillo	97.9	99.4	98.2	100.3	2.1	2.1
Austin-San Marcos	646.4	645.9	648.7	649.8	1.1	.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur	155.0	155.3	155.3	155.3	.0	.0
Brazoria	78.6	77.6	78.5	78.0	-.5	-.6
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	114.8	114.2	114.4	114.4	.0	.0
Bryan-College Station	76.2	77.2	80.5	81.7	1.2	1.5
Corpus Christi	158.7	159.1	160.7	159.4	-1.3	-.8
Dallas	1,886.5	1,886.6	1,891.6	1,892.4	.8	.0
El Paso	254.3	256.6	255.1	257.0	1.9	.7
Ft. Worth-Arlington	769.2	768.5	771.9	773.1	1.2	.2
Galveston-Texas City	87.1	87.6	87.4	88.3	.9	1.0
Houston	2,087.2	2,080.9	2,094.0	2,092.4	-1.6	-.1
Killeen-Temple	104.0	104.2	104.6	104.7	.1	.1
Laredo	74.9	76.3	74.9	76.9	2.0	2.7
Longview-Marshall	90.6	92.3	90.6	92.1	1.5	1.7
Lubbock	120.2	119.9	121.6	120.5	-1.1	-.9
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	172.2	179.8	174.0	181.1	7.1	4.1
Odessa-Midland	103.4	104.7	104.6	105.6	1.0	1.0
San Angelo	42.9	43.4	43.6	43.9	.3	.7
San Antonio	713.3	716.5	719.6	723.0	3.4	.5
Sherman-Denison	43.6	43.3	43.9	43.6	-.3	-.7
Texarkana	52.7	53.1	52.8	53.4	.6	1.1
Tyler	84.3	85.1	84.5	85.0	.5	.6
Victoria	36.5	36.8	36.8	37.1	.3	.8
Waco	99.1	100.4	100.0	101.4	1.4	1.4
Wichita Falls	59.2	58.5	59.0	58.5	-.5	-.8
Utah	1,058.2	1,071.5	1,059.0	1,072.7	13.7	1.3
Provo-Orem	150.9	152.7	151.1	153.1	2.0	1.3
Salt Lake City-Ogden	697.4	702.4	697.1	702.9	5.8	.8
Vermont	297.2	298.3	297.8	299.7	1.9	.6
Barre-Montpelier	33.4	34.0	33.5	34.2	.7	2.1
Burlington	105.4	106.5	106.2	107.5	1.3	1.2
Virginia	3,437.3	3,502.8	3,435.8	3,506.3	70.5	2.1
Bristol	38.9	38.8	38.8	38.8	.0	.0
Charlottesville	86.0	86.1	86.7	86.4	-.3	-.3
Danville	45.8	45.2	45.7	45.0	-.7	-1.5
Lynchburg	97.9	97.6	98.0	97.4	-.6	-.6
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	712.4	726.8	713.4	728.6	15.2	2.1
Northern Virginia	1,165.5	1,213.4	1,164.3	1,212.4	48.1	4.1
Richmond-Petersburg	558.8	558.1	558.6	558.8	.2	.0
Roanoke	141.5	141.9	141.0	141.5	.5	.4
Washington	2,609.0	2,631.4	2,618.0	2,643.6	25.6	1.0
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,324.0	1,327.2	1,327.8	1,332.3	4.5	.3
Spokane	193.4	195.7	194.3	196.7	2.4	1.2
Tacoma	243.1	247.8	243.7	248.6	4.9	2.0

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	January		February		Change February 2003 to February 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
West Virginia	714.4	710.3	711.1	710.5	-0.6	-0.1
Charleston	131.2	130.9	130.4	130.9	.5	.4
Huntington-Ashland	119.3	119.8	119.4	120.0	.6	.5
Parkersburg-Marietta	68.9	68.3	68.1	67.9	-.2	-.3
Wheeling	64.9	64.3	64.6	64.3	-.3	-.5
Wisconsin	2,710.5	2,734.1	2,718.4	2,750.0	31.6	1.2
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	201.4	199.4	200.6	199.4	-1.2	-.6
Eau Claire	73.8	75.1	76.0	77.3	1.3	1.7
Green Bay	144.1	149.9	143.3	149.1	5.8	4.0
Janesville-Beloit	65.4	66.2	65.6	66.2	.6	.9
Kenosha	53.6	53.3	54.1	53.4	-.7	-1.3
La Crosse	69.5	71.1	69.3	72.2	2.9	4.2
Madison	288.5	294.5	291.5	295.6	4.1	1.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha	820.0	812.5	822.8	820.1	-2.7	-.3
Racine	77.8	77.3	77.9	76.9	-1.0	-1.3
Sheboygan	60.5	61.6	60.1	61.4	1.3	2.2
Wausau	68.2	68.7	67.8	68.6	.8	1.2
Wyoming	238.9	243.5	238.4	243.2	4.8	2.0
Casper	32.9	33.6	33.1	33.9	.8	2.4
Puerto Rico	991.7	1,001.0	991.6	998.6	7.0	.7
Caguas	66.6	70.5	66.5	68.4	1.9	2.9
Mayaguez	63.1	64.0	62.6	63.4	.8	1.3
Ponce	71.2	71.2	70.7	71.5	.8	1.1
San Juan-Bayamon	647.4	648.8	649.3	649.3	.0	.0
Virgin Islands	41.8	41.3	41.8	41.7	-.1	-.2

^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. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Unemployment rates for metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted, February 2004

(U.S. rate = 6.0 percent)

