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## REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2007

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally higher in December. All 4 regions and 46 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, while 2 states registered decreases and 2 states had no change in their rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 36 states, down in 12 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 2 states. The national unemployment rate rose to 5.0 percent in December.

In December, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 33 states and the District of Columbia, and decreased in 17 states. The largest employment increases were recorded in Texas (+18,600), California (+15,500), Washington (+10,700), and Virginia (+10,200). Nebraska posted the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.7 percent), followed by Hawaii (+0.5 percent), and Montana, Nevada, and Washington (+0.4 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Kansas (-6,200), South Carolina (-5,800), Ohio (-3,900), and Indiana (-3,100). Kansas experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment (-0.4 percent), followed by South Carolina (-0.3 percent) and Alaska (-0.2 percent). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 47 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 3 states. The largest over-the-year percentage gains in employment were reported in Utah (+4.0 percent), Montana and Wyoming (+3.4 percent each), Louisiana (+2.2 percent), and Texas (+2.1 percent). Over-the-year percentage declines in employment occurred in Michigan (-1.8 percent) and Ohio (-0.3 percent); Minnesota had a decrease of less than -0.05 percent.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, the Midwest continued to record the highest unemployment rate among the regions, 5.5 percent. The Northeast and South reported the lowest rates, 4.7 percent each. All four regions posted statistically significant unemployment rate increases from November; the South recorded the largest increase (+0.4 percentage point), followed by the Midwest, Northeast, and West (+0.3 point each). Similarly, all four regions registered significant over-the-year jobless rate increases, led by the West (+0.8 percentage point),

followed by the Midwest (+0.6 percentage point) and the Northeast and South (+0.4 point each). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the East North Central again reported the highest jobless rate, 5.9 percent in December, followed closely by the Pacific at 5.8 percent. The Mountain division continued to record the lowest rate, 4.3 percent. Seven divisions posted statistically significant unemployment rate increases from November: the East South Central (+0.6 percentage point); Mountain (+0.5 point); Middle Atlantic and Pacific (+0.4 point each); and South Atlantic, West North Central, and West South Central (+0.3 point each). Eight divisions registered significant unemployment rate increases from December 2006: the Pacific (+1.0 percentage point); East North Central, Middle Atlantic, and Mountain (+0.6 point each); South Atlantic (+0.5 point); East South Central and West North Central (+0.4 point each); and West South Central (+0.3 point). No division had a jobless rate decrease, either over the month or over the year.

#### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, Michigan continued to report the highest state unemployment rate, 7.6 percent, followed by Mississippi at 6.8 percent, South Carolina at 6.6 percent, and Alaska at 6.5 percent. Idaho and South Dakota posted the lowest jobless rates, 3.0 percent each. Overall, 17 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate of 5.0 percent, 8 states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 25 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Half of the states, plus the District of Columbia, reported statistically significant jobless rate increases between November and December. Kentucky, Louisiana, and South Carolina registered the largest increases (+0.7 percentage point each), followed by Arizona and Kansas (+0.6 point each). Twenty-five states recorded unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, even though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes. (See table B.)

Nevada reported the largest jobless rate increase from December 2006 (+1.5 percentage points). The states recording the next largest rate increases were Florida and Illinois (+1.4 percentage points each), California (+1.3 points), and Hawaii (+1.2 points). Seventeen additional states had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate increases over the year. Four states registered significant over-the-year unemployment rate decreases, the largest of which occurred in Massachusetts (-0.7 percentage point). The remaining 24 states and the District of Columbia recorded jobless rates in December 2007 that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table C.)

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From November to December, four states reported statistically significant changes in employment, three of which were increases. The gains were in Washington (+10,700), Nebraska (+7,000), and Hawaii (+3,100). The statistically significant employment decline occurred in Kansas (-6,200). (See tables D and 5.)

Over the year, 23 states posted statistically significant changes in employment. All but one reported gains in employment. The largest employment gains occurred in Texas (+218,600), Florida (+85,800), and California (+78,800). The only statistically significant over-the-year decline was reported in Michigan

(-77,500). Four states recorded statistically significant gains in employment that were less than 15,000: Montana (+14,900), Nebraska (+14,100), Hawaii (+9,700), and Wyoming (+9,600). (See table E.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for December 2007 is scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January 2008 is scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, March 11.

### **Hurricane Katrina**

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

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for December 2007, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

### **Upcoming Changes to Local Area Unemployment Statistics Data**

Effective with the release of 2007 annual average estimates on February 29, the labor force data for regions, divisions, states, the District of Columbia, and the modeled substate areas presented in tables 1-4 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, and adjustment to new division and national control totals. Revised seasonal adjustment factors will apply to tables 1 and 3 only. Both not seasonally adjusted and seasonally adjusted data are subject to revision back to 2003. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, effective with the release of February 2008 region, division, and state data on March 28, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program will resume revision of the prior month's estimates. Estimates from the LAUS program also will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year, as noted above. This change applies to all of the more than 7,200 LAUS geographic areas.

### **Upcoming Changes to Current Employment Statistics Data**

Effective with the release of January 2008 data on March 11, 2008, the Current Employment Statistics survey will revise the basis for industry classification from the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to the 2007 North American Industry Classification System. The new classification reflects minor definitional changes within manufacturing, telecommunications, financial activities, and professional, scientific, and technical services. Several industry titles and descriptions also will be updated. The conversion to NAICS 2007 will result in minor revisions to some employment, hours, and earnings series. For more information on the 2007 NAICS, see <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>.

In addition, effective with the release of January 2008 estimates, all nonfarm payroll employment estimates for states and areas presented in tables 5 and 6 of this news release will be adjusted to 2007 benchmark levels. Data in table 5 will be adjusted to incorporate new seasonal adjustment factors. Not seasonally adjusted payroll data back to April 2006 and seasonally adjusted data for states back to January 2003 will be subject to revision.

### **Discontinuation of Some Current Employment Statistics Metropolitan Area Series**

Effective with the release of January 2008 data on March 11, 2008, BLS will discontinue publication of all metropolitan area hours and earnings series from the establishment survey. In addition, all nonfarm employment series for 65 small metropolitan areas will be discontinued. These cutbacks are being implemented to accommodate a reduction in funding to the BLS that resulted from The 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act enacted on December 26, 2007. For a list of the discontinued series, see Reductions to Current Employment Statistics Metropolitan Area Series at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/msareductions>.

**Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., December 2007, seasonally adjusted**

State	Rate
United States.....	5.0
Alaska.....	6.5
Arkansas.....	5.9
California.....	6.1
Delaware.....	3.8
District of Columbia.....	6.1
Hawaii.....	3.2
Idaho.....	3.0
Iowa.....	4.0
Kansas.....	4.4
Maryland.....	3.8
Michigan.....	7.6
Mississippi.....	6.8
Montana.....	3.6
Nebraska.....	3.2
Nevada.....	5.8
New Hampshire.....	3.6
New Mexico.....	3.7
North Dakota.....	3.3
Ohio.....	6.0
South Carolina.....	6.6
South Dakota.....	3.0
Texas.....	4.5
Utah.....	3.2
Vermont.....	4.0
Virginia.....	3.5
Wyoming.....	3.1

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

State	Rate		Over-the-month rate change
	November 2007	December 2007	
Alabama .....	3.5	4.0	0.5
Arizona .....	4.1	4.7	.6
California .....	5.6	6.1	.5
Colorado .....	4.1	4.5	.4
Delaware .....	3.4	3.8	.4
District of Columbia .....	5.7	6.1	.4
Florida .....	4.3	4.7	.4
Georgia .....	4.4	4.8	.4
Hawaii .....	2.9	3.2	.3
Idaho .....	2.7	3.0	.3
Kansas .....	3.8	4.4	.6
Kentucky .....	5.0	5.7	.7
Louisiana .....	3.5	4.2	.7
Minnesota .....	4.4	4.9	.5
Montana .....	3.4	3.6	.2
Nevada .....	5.4	5.8	.4
New York .....	4.6	4.9	.3
North Carolina .....	4.7	5.0	.3
Ohio .....	5.6	6.0	.4
Pennsylvania .....	4.2	4.7	.5
South Carolina .....	5.9	6.6	.7
South Dakota .....	2.8	3.0	.2
Tennessee .....	4.9	5.3	.4
Texas .....	4.2	4.5	.3
Utah .....	2.8	3.2	.4
Virginia .....	3.2	3.5	.3

**Table C. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from December 2006 to December 2007, seasonally adjusted**

State	Rate		Over-the-year rate change
	December 2006	December 2007	
Arizona .....	4.1	4.7	0.6
Arkansas .....	5.4	5.9	.5
California .....	4.8	6.1	1.3
Colorado .....	4.0	4.5	.5
Connecticut .....	4.1	5.0	.9
Delaware .....	3.3	3.8	.5
Florida .....	3.3	4.7	1.4
Hawaii .....	2.0	3.2	1.2
Idaho .....	3.2	3.0	-.2
Illinois .....	4.1	5.5	1.4
Iowa .....	3.5	4.0	.5
Maine .....	4.6	5.1	.5
Massachusetts .....	5.2	4.5	-.7
Minnesota .....	4.2	4.9	.7
Missouri .....	4.8	5.5	.7
Montana .....	2.9	3.6	.7
Nebraska .....	2.8	3.2	.4
Nevada .....	4.3	5.8	1.5
New York .....	4.1	4.9	.8
Ohio .....	5.6	6.0	.4
Rhode Island .....	5.1	5.5	.4
South Dakota .....	3.2	3.0	-.2
Tennessee .....	4.9	5.3	.4
Texas .....	4.7	4.5	-.2
Utah .....	2.5	3.2	.7
Virginia .....	2.9	3.5	.6

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

State	November 2007	December 2007 <sup>p</sup>	Over-the-month change <sup>p</sup>
Hawaii .....	629,100	632,200	3,100
Kansas .....	1,389,900	1,383,700	-6,200
Nebraska .....	962,100	969,100	7,000
Washington .....	2,938,600	2,949,300	10,700

p = preliminary.

**Table E. States with statistically significant employment changes from December 2006 to December 2007, seasonally adjusted**

State	December 2006	December 2007 <sup>p</sup>	Over-the-year change <sup>p</sup>
Alabama .....	1,996,100	2,021,700	25,600
Arizona .....	2,685,500	2,720,100	34,600
California .....	15,212,600	15,291,400	78,800
Colorado .....	2,300,500	2,345,600	45,100
Florida .....	8,069,600	8,155,400	85,800
Georgia .....	4,103,300	4,171,000	67,700
Hawaii .....	622,500	632,200	9,700
Illinois .....	5,949,500	5,991,400	41,900
Maryland .....	2,600,100	2,636,100	36,000
Massachusetts .....	3,258,000	3,282,100	24,100
Michigan .....	4,325,400	4,247,900	-77,500
Mississippi .....	1,155,100	1,171,200	16,100
Montana .....	434,700	449,600	14,900
Nebraska .....	955,000	969,100	14,100
New York .....	8,655,100	8,723,200	68,100
North Carolina .....	4,064,500	4,133,100	68,600
Oklahoma .....	1,561,900	1,585,800	23,900
Oregon .....	1,712,200	1,738,800	26,600
Texas .....	10,171,300	10,389,900	218,600
Utah .....	1,222,500	1,271,600	49,100
Virginia .....	3,744,100	3,809,600	65,500
Washington .....	2,890,600	2,949,300	58,700
Wyoming .....	281,100	290,700	9,600

p = preliminary.



# Technical Note

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

## Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

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

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

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

**Seasonal adjustment.** Seasonal adjustment of census division, state, and substate area model employment and unemployment levels is performed within the modeling

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

**Area definitions.** The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on December 18, 2006. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

## Employment—from the CES program

**Definitions.** Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 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 that are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

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

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

### Reliability of the estimates

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

**Use of error measures.** In 2005, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program introduced several improvements to its methodology. Among these was the development of model-based error measures for the monthly estimates and the estimates of over-the-month changes. The introductory section of this release preserves the long-time practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in regional and state unemployment rates and state nonfarm payroll employment regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the analysis in the release takes the statistical significance of monthly and annual changes into consideration.

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

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

### Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, 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, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 370 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007
<b>Northeast</b> .....	28,019.1	27,995.7	28,107.3	28,107.4	1,214.1	1,247.0	1,241.1	1,330.7	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.7
New England .....	7,684.0	7,702.3	7,725.6	7,699.7	357.1	335.6	346.1	355.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6
Middle Atlantic .....	20,335.0	20,293.5	20,381.6	20,407.7	857.0	911.4	895.1	975.2	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.8
<b>South</b> .....	54,586.3	54,785.2	55,011.1	55,062.2	2,337.5	2,385.8	2,388.0	2,600.1	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.7
South Atlantic .....	29,290.3	29,497.0	29,559.4	29,594.2	1,190.7	1,288.1	1,258.1	1,367.7	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.6
East South Central .....	8,624.0	8,637.0	8,675.6	8,674.4	424.4	405.8	410.9	458.9	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.3
West South Central .....	16,671.9	16,651.2	16,776.1	16,793.5	722.5	692.0	719.0	773.5	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.6
<b>Midwest</b> .....	35,069.5	34,987.9	35,123.3	35,145.4	1,732.5	1,886.0	1,835.3	1,929.1	4.9	5.4	5.2	5.5
East North Central .....	24,134.3	24,014.4	24,155.2	24,167.8	1,277.9	1,400.7	1,367.9	1,424.3	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.9
West North Central .....	10,935.2	10,973.6	10,968.1	10,977.6	454.6	485.3	467.5	504.8	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.6
<b>West</b> .....	35,082.3	35,620.7	35,804.6	35,836.0	1,567.9	1,720.5	1,773.9	1,911.6	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.3
Mountain .....	10,826.4	11,006.2	11,001.9	10,994.5	402.9	387.6	422.9	468.6	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.3
Pacific .....	24,255.9	24,614.6	24,802.7	24,841.5	1,165.0	1,332.9	1,351.0	1,443.0	4.8	5.4	5.4	5.8

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>Northeast</b> .....	28,026.6	28,085.9	28,019.2	28,020.0	1,167.0	1,169.4	1,130.7	1,234.6	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4
New England .....	7,677.0	7,716.2	7,675.9	7,665.9	332.5	322.1	332.0	326.7	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3
Middle Atlantic .....	20,349.6	20,369.7	20,343.3	20,354.1	834.5	847.3	798.7	907.9	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.5
<b>South</b> .....	54,575.1	55,020.5	54,596.8	54,909.6	2,291.3	2,305.3	2,199.6	2,449.9	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.5
South Atlantic .....	29,234.1	29,525.8	29,262.2	29,478.1	1,165.7	1,223.6	1,121.4	1,293.1	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.4
East South Central .....	8,641.6	8,699.9	8,652.9	8,677.7	410.2	394.2	400.1	434.3	4.7	4.5	4.6	5.0
West South Central .....	16,699.5	16,794.8	16,681.7	16,753.8	715.4	687.5	678.1	722.6	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.3
<b>Midwest</b> .....	35,049.5	35,110.7	35,031.6	35,002.3	1,601.9	1,712.2	1,664.3	1,847.5	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.3
East North Central .....	24,124.9	24,160.3	24,123.6	24,084.7	1,180.8	1,279.7	1,227.1	1,361.7	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.7
West North Central .....	10,924.7	10,950.4	10,907.9	10,917.5	421.1	432.5	437.2	485.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.4
<b>West</b> .....	35,131.5	35,817.9	35,131.9	35,773.1	1,525.8	1,730.0	1,507.0	1,839.4	4.3	4.8	4.3	5.1
Mountain .....	10,869.8	11,010.8	10,837.8	10,973.7	387.5	405.6	383.1	447.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	4.1
Pacific .....	24,261.8	24,807.1	24,294.1	24,799.4	1,138.3	1,324.4	1,123.8	1,391.9	4.7	5.3	4.6	5.6

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007
Alabama	2,225.9	2,210.9	2,220.2	2,219.3	82.9	68.5	78.2	89.8	3.7	3.1	3.5	4.0
Alaska	348.8	348.2	350.9	350.8	23.4	21.3	22.6	23.0	6.7	6.1	6.4	6.5
Arizona	3,022.7	3,055.2	3,049.5	3,052.4	124.2	107.0	123.6	143.8	4.1	3.5	4.1	4.7
Arkansas	1,368.8	1,377.0	1,379.9	1,384.1	73.4	77.9	79.1	81.0	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.9
California	18,011.8	18,240.9	18,378.0	18,433.3	870.8	1,022.0	1,038.3	1,126.3	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,847.5	4,969.0	5,036.1	5,031.5	220.1	253.2	268.7	281.2	4.5	5.1	5.3	5.6
Colorado	2,681.5	2,718.8	2,725.3	2,724.2	106.5	101.4	110.9	121.5	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.5
Connecticut	1,855.1	1,895.2	1,905.8	1,899.3	76.4	88.4	96.0	94.9	4.1	4.7	5.0	5.0
Delaware	442.3	445.4	445.4	446.8	14.8	15.2	15.2	17.0	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.8
District of Columbia	317.8	318.1	320.8	321.0	19.6	18.4	18.4	19.7	6.2	5.8	5.7	6.1
Florida	9,100.7	9,272.6	9,294.1	9,311.7	296.5	393.0	395.8	440.8	3.3	4.2	4.3	4.7
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,167.5	1,202.2	1,206.4	1,210.6	40.5	48.4	46.4	48.9	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.0
Georgia	4,789.7	4,878.0	4,882.0	4,899.3	218.5	228.1	216.0	236.5	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.8
Hawaii	647.8	646.7	647.8	647.6	13.0	17.3	18.7	20.8	2.0	2.7	2.9	3.2
Idaho	755.4	766.5	764.0	761.0	24.3	19.3	20.8	23.0	3.2	2.5	2.7	3.0
Illinois	6,681.6	6,739.3	6,790.0	6,794.9	275.4	356.3	351.1	372.0	4.1	5.3	5.2	5.5
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	4,108.8	4,127.6	4,168.2	4,170.0	167.1	210.5	206.7	213.9	4.1	5.1	5.0	5.1
Indiana	3,285.1	3,197.2	3,230.5	3,231.7	158.3	146.5	150.8	148.4	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.6
Iowa	1,667.6	1,675.3	1,675.2	1,678.7	57.6	65.5	64.7	67.6	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.0
Kansas	1,469.7	1,488.8	1,487.3	1,490.3	65.8	56.2	56.4	65.0	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.4
Kentucky	2,049.4	2,060.5	2,057.2	2,051.7	110.9	116.4	102.8	116.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.7
Louisiana	2,003.6	1,987.8	2,008.6	2,028.3	85.1	66.1	71.0	85.1	4.2	3.3	3.5	4.2
Maine	716.7	710.7	712.4	712.5	33.1	34.4	34.7	36.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.1
Maryland	3,032.9	3,010.2	3,021.8	3,015.7	117.1	121.5	110.6	114.8	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8
Massachusetts	3,421.4	3,412.7	3,420.1	3,398.5	178.3	145.2	146.6	151.4	5.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
Michigan	5,085.1	5,012.0	5,020.4	5,012.1	366.3	387.2	370.5	383.0	7.2	7.7	7.4	7.6
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,169.3	2,139.3	2,136.2	2,129.4	165.0	171.2	164.0	181.3	7.6	8.0	7.7	8.5
Minnesota	2,958.5	2,948.8	2,940.5	2,951.6	124.7	138.6	129.3	145.6	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.9
Mississippi	1,318.5	1,321.6	1,342.6	1,348.2	90.7	80.3	84.5	92.2	6.9	6.1	6.3	6.8
Missouri	3,050.1	3,067.2	3,060.1	3,059.5	147.6	171.2	160.3	169.2	4.8	5.6	5.2	5.5
Montana	495.4	504.7	503.8	502.6	14.2	15.7	17.1	18.2	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.6
Nebraska	975.4	990.6	992.2	993.3	27.4	31.3	31.1	31.5	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.2
Nevada	1,323.8	1,366.6	1,363.9	1,370.0	57.2	71.2	73.3	79.7	4.3	5.2	5.4	5.8
New Hampshire	740.4	747.2	748.5	747.9	25.9	24.1	25.3	26.6	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.6
New Jersey	4,531.9	4,500.2	4,522.1	4,529.9	195.5	185.8	191.1	202.8	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.5
New Mexico	939.0	946.5	946.6	945.2	35.5	28.9	32.0	34.6	3.8	3.1	3.4	3.7
New York	9,506.5	9,471.0	9,524.1	9,529.9	392.4	440.3	435.7	468.3	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.9
New York City	3,811.0	3,829.5	3,858.7	3,857.2	167.8	201.1	196.8	209.3	4.4	5.3	5.1	5.4
North Carolina	4,514.5	4,534.1	4,537.2	4,526.0	220.5	218.9	219.9	225.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.0
North Dakota	359.9	366.1	366.4	366.4	11.4	12.4	11.5	12.1	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.3
Ohio	5,958.3	5,980.3	6,007.6	6,018.6	334.2	351.9	333.6	360.7	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.0
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,093.7	1,103.0	1,109.5	1,106.1	59.5	65.5	64.6	69.7	5.4	5.9	5.8	6.3
Oklahoma	1,727.1	1,736.8	1,742.5	1,735.4	69.7	76.2	77.6	77.2	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.5
Oregon	1,907.2	1,938.5	1,954.9	1,957.2	102.6	106.8	107.2	110.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6
Pennsylvania	6,336.0	6,332.8	6,336.1	6,345.5	296.9	285.5	265.1	297.3	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.7
Rhode Island	578.7	580.4	581.0	579.5	29.4	28.6	30.0	31.8	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.5
South Carolina	2,147.2	2,144.4	2,149.5	2,159.0	140.3	125.4	126.9	142.8	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.6
South Dakota	433.8	439.4	440.5	440.1	13.9	12.9	12.4	13.3	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0
Tennessee	3,003.8	3,043.3	3,059.6	3,058.4	147.6	141.0	150.8	163.4	4.9	4.6	4.9	5.3
Texas	11,568.4	11,562.3	11,639.2	11,643.2	543.6	478.4	485.7	524.2	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.5
Utah	1,332.5	1,360.5	1,360.4	1,356.5	34.0	37.9	38.3	43.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.2
Vermont	363.6	358.5	357.9	355.9	13.7	15.3	14.1	14.3	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.0
Virginia	4,030.6	4,071.4	4,088.7	4,093.6	116.6	126.2	128.8	142.2	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5
Washington	3,344.2	3,449.7	3,478.1	3,469.5	165.9	164.6	162.1	166.0	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,406.4	1,451.4	1,465.4	1,461.1	59.6	58.7	54.5	56.7	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.9
West Virginia	811.3	820.9	818.0	818.8	40.3	41.1	37.9	40.0	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.9
Wisconsin	3,077.7	3,081.9	3,097.4	3,100.5	150.9	160.1	159.4	154.2	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.0
Wyoming	287.1	289.9	289.7	290.0	8.6	8.3	8.4	9.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1
Puerto Rico	1,408.5	1,371.6	1,372.2	1,364.9	144.1	156.8	153.7	153.3	10.2	11.4	11.2	11.2

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan division.

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

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 07-01,

dated December 18, 2006, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Alabama	2,236.3	2,229.9	2,244.1	2,224.5	74.7	74.3	75.8	84.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.8
Alaska	345.2	348.1	346.7	347.7	21.7	21.7	23.7	23.3	6.3	6.2	6.8	6.7
Arizona	3,033.7	3,054.2	3,027.9	3,049.0	117.3	118.0	115.7	134.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.4
Arkansas	1,364.7	1,374.4	1,362.9	1,372.7	63.7	71.5	67.4	77.7	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.7
California	18,002.4	18,374.2	18,040.8	18,394.1	836.5	1,020.7	825.2	1,079.5	4.6	5.6	4.6	5.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup>	4,865.2	5,050.6	4,873.8	5,037.7	205.5	260.5	203.3	263.2	4.2	5.2	4.2	5.2
Colorado	2,689.5	2,726.5	2,680.5	2,717.2	104.0	106.6	103.4	117.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.3
Connecticut	1,856.5	1,903.2	1,852.2	1,889.1	73.4	91.1	68.3	85.4	4.0	4.8	3.7	4.5
Delaware	444.9	446.4	444.9	446.9	13.4	13.4	13.3	15.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.4
District of Columbia	316.2	319.6	317.8	317.9	18.3	18.5	19.7	18.5	5.8	5.8	6.2	5.8
Florida	9,118.6	9,290.0	9,131.6	9,283.6	296.7	393.8	273.8	412.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	4.4
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>	1,175.6	1,212.4	1,175.3	1,214.8	41.7	45.1	40.6	47.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.9
Georgia	4,806.6	4,888.8	4,834.1	4,913.4	210.2	205.7	210.7	225.4	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.6
Hawaii	649.5	648.7	649.6	646.5	13.7	19.2	10.5	18.0	2.1	3.0	1.6	2.8
Idaho	756.3	762.1	754.3	758.0	22.9	19.3	24.1	22.8	3.0	2.5	3.2	3.0
Illinois	6,686.0	6,792.3	6,698.0	6,778.8	247.1	326.3	261.5	356.9	3.7	4.8	3.9	5.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>	4,107.9	4,169.9	4,118.8	4,159.7	151.8	196.5	157.3	204.0	3.7	4.7	3.8	4.9
Indiana	3,284.0	3,230.0	3,278.7	3,212.5	147.3	142.3	153.0	142.8	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.4
Iowa	1,674.3	1,678.3	1,673.1	1,676.1	54.6	60.4	61.8	70.4	3.3	3.6	3.7	4.2
Kansas	1,473.2	1,489.6	1,470.9	1,484.1	64.0	55.5	60.2	59.5	4.3	3.7	4.1	4.0
Kentucky	2,060.3	2,059.9	2,061.3	2,048.7	106.5	95.0	104.3	110.3	5.2	4.6	5.1	5.4
Louisiana	2,013.5	2,013.2	1,994.6	2,012.4	76.3	64.5	71.7	75.5	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.8
Maine	713.3	708.6	713.6	707.3	32.4	33.7	32.4	35.5	4.5	4.8	4.5	5.0
Maryland	3,032.3	3,014.4	3,032.9	2,997.9	116.0	104.0	109.1	103.4	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.4
Massachusetts	3,422.7	3,417.0	3,425.4	3,389.4	162.8	132.6	167.3	138.1	4.8	3.9	4.9	4.1
Michigan	5,101.2	5,026.1	5,100.3	5,005.0	338.3	346.7	351.5	370.1	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.4
Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>	2,182.2	2,140.8	2,181.9	2,128.8	157.1	155.2	156.8	170.6	7.2	7.2	7.2	8.0
Minnesota	2,963.1	2,940.3	2,958.1	2,937.0	111.1	117.8	124.9	143.7	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.9
Mississippi	1,319.2	1,341.6	1,326.4	1,349.8	82.9	76.8	83.6	86.1	6.3	5.7	6.3	6.4
Missouri	3,047.2	3,050.2	3,046.1	3,039.3	141.6	149.4	139.6	158.7	4.6	4.9	4.6	5.2
Montana	494.7	500.9	490.9	496.9	13.9	16.7	14.4	18.4	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.7
Nebraska	977.4	991.3	973.4	986.0	26.0	28.3	25.6	28.7	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.9
Nevada	1,324.1	1,363.7	1,322.9	1,365.6	54.7	71.2	55.7	77.3	4.1	5.2	4.2	5.7
New Hampshire	740.5	747.1	739.5	744.4	24.5	23.8	24.2	24.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3
New Jersey	4,523.0	4,517.0	4,528.8	4,521.0	181.4	177.4	174.5	186.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1
New Mexico	946.0	950.5	940.8	944.1	33.9	30.2	31.1	29.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.1
New York	9,480.9	9,502.7	9,485.4	9,498.0	373.6	419.2	362.9	447.5	3.9	4.4	3.8	4.7
New York City	3,803.7	3,856.3	3,807.6	3,849.0	163.1	192.5	153.7	198.4	4.3	5.0	4.0	5.2
North Carolina	4,532.5	4,537.6	4,520.0	4,500.0	221.2	208.8	211.7	211.8	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.7
North Dakota	356.0	361.3	355.4	359.9	10.5	9.6	11.2	11.6	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.2
Ohio	5,979.1	6,017.9	5,966.2	6,000.0	315.7	317.2	321.0	350.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.8
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>	1,094.2	1,108.1	1,085.3	1,091.4	56.1	60.1	57.0	66.1	5.1	5.4	5.3	6.1
Oklahoma	1,737.4	1,749.1	1,731.5	1,731.2	64.3	74.1	64.7	74.5	3.7	4.2	3.7	4.3
Oregon	1,915.9	1,959.1	1,903.2	1,945.6	99.0	102.4	98.2	105.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4
Pennsylvania	6,345.7	6,349.9	6,329.0	6,335.1	279.6	250.7	261.3	274.3	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.3
Rhode Island	581.7	583.8	580.6	580.5	26.6	27.5	26.9	30.0	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.2
South Carolina	2,140.6	2,137.0	2,140.9	2,138.1	138.1	122.8	136.8	137.3	6.5	5.7	6.4	6.4
South Dakota	433.4	439.4	431.0	435.2	13.3	11.5	14.0	13.2	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.0
Tennessee	3,025.8	3,068.6	3,021.1	3,054.7	146.1	148.1	136.4	153.7	4.8	4.8	4.5	5.0
Texas	11,583.9	11,658.2	11,592.7	11,637.5	511.2	477.4	474.4	494.9	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3
Utah	1,337.5	1,363.7	1,334.6	1,354.8	31.9	35.5	30.0	39.1	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.9
Vermont	362.3	356.5	364.6	355.4	12.7	13.3	12.9	13.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.7
Virginia	4,028.6	4,075.2	4,028.7	4,067.1	113.7	122.1	109.1	133.0	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.3
Washington	3,348.7	3,477.0	3,353.8	3,465.5	167.4	160.5	166.3	165.7	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>	1,404.9	1,460.9	1,408.9	1,461.9	63.5	55.8	58.7	54.9	4.5	3.8	4.2	3.8
West Virginia	813.9	816.7	811.4	813.2	38.2	34.5	37.2	36.1	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.4
Wisconsin	3,074.5	3,093.9	3,080.4	3,088.4	132.4	147.3	140.1	141.7	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.6
Wyoming	287.9	289.2	285.8	288.2	9.0	8.1	9.0	9.4	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.3
Puerto Rico	1,409.2	1,365.8	1,406.6	1,359.0	136.2	149.5	133.6	142.9	9.7	10.9	9.5	10.5

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan division.

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

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 07-01,

dated December 18, 2006, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total <sup>1</sup>				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	1,996.1	2,017.2	2,018.7	2,021.7	111.5	114.5	114.4	114.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Alaska	315.6	316.3	317.8	317.1	18.2	17.3	17.3	17.3	12.8	12.4	13.3	12.8
Arizona	2,685.5	2,721.9	2,717.0	2,720.1	252.0	232.7	229.0	227.6	186.1	186.0	186.0	186.5
Arkansas	1,203.4	1,207.3	1,206.7	1,208.1	57.3	56.6	56.5	56.2	195.7	188.7	187.3	187.4
California	15,212.6	15,273.2	15,275.9	15,291.4	937.2	904.8	901.5	899.5	1,506.9	1,494.8	1,492.1	1,492.6
Colorado	2,300.5	2,335.1	2,340.1	2,345.6	167.5	166.3	165.4	164.2	149.1	142.7	142.4	142.8
Connecticut	1,686.0	1,702.0	1,702.8	1,702.6	66.8	68.5	68.5	68.1	192.8	191.2	191.0	190.6
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	438.7	438.9	440.4	441.1	29.3	29.7	29.5	29.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	694.0	701.5	701.7	704.1	13.1	13.0	13.0	13.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Florida	8,069.6	8,144.4	8,147.6	8,155.4	638.9	615.2	613.3	618.0	398.7	394.3	392.0	390.2
Georgia	4,103.3	4,171.0	4,170.4	4,171.0	223.8	226.9	226.4	225.3	443.2	431.6	432.6	431.8
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	622.5	631.1	629.1	632.2	37.2	38.2	38.6	38.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Idaho	650.8	657.5	659.8	659.7	54.0	52.4	51.9	51.9	67.1	63.4	63.7	63.6
Illinois	5,949.5	5,981.9	5,986.2	5,991.4	272.7	274.8	275.1	272.6	680.9	674.5	672.5	673.1
Indiana	2,980.6	2,989.8	2,989.5	2,986.4	151.7	155.1	154.4	152.6	560.2	556.0	555.0	553.9
Iowa	1,508.8	1,526.1	1,528.7	1,527.8	75.2	78.1	77.9	77.5	230.6	230.4	230.8	230.5
Kansas	1,368.2	1,389.0	1,389.9	1,383.7	65.9	66.6	66.7	64.9	183.2	186.9	186.6	186.9
Kentucky	1,850.9	1,858.5	1,859.8	1,857.3	83.6	84.0	84.0	84.2	262.1	255.4	255.3	252.7
Louisiana	1,886.8	1,924.9	1,927.9	1,929.1	134.8	137.4	138.0	138.2	155.0	153.4	153.8	154.0
Maine	615.2	617.0	618.6	619.5	31.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	59.3	58.2	58.1	57.8
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,600.1	2,621.2	2,631.5	2,636.1	192.9	194.2	194.7	194.6	135.1	133.6	133.7	133.8
Massachusetts	3,258.0	3,278.6	3,284.8	3,282.1	140.3	136.9	138.0	137.1	296.6	294.9	294.4	294.0
Michigan	4,325.4	4,242.1	4,243.4	4,247.9	176.2	161.0	159.9	159.9	630.9	605.7	607.8	605.9
Minnesota	2,768.8	2,764.9	2,770.4	2,768.1	128.4	120.9	122.4	123.9	348.2	338.3	337.8	336.4
Mississippi	1,155.1	1,165.3	1,168.7	1,171.2	58.8	62.4	62.7	63.1	175.1	171.5	172.1	172.0
Missouri	2,789.7	2,801.5	2,799.1	2,797.0	148.3	151.7	150.5	150.3	304.8	295.6	295.0	294.4
Montana	434.7	447.8	447.8	449.6	29.9	33.7	33.4	33.2	20.6	20.8	21.0	20.9
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	955.0	963.3	962.1	969.1	49.6	50.3	50.0	51.0	101.8	101.1	100.8	101.4
Nevada	1,300.1	1,299.2	1,303.4	1,308.2	142.3	135.7	134.8	134.4	51.3	51.9	51.9	51.8
New Hampshire	642.3	650.1	648.9	648.1	29.2	29.4	29.6	29.6	75.6	75.3	75.2	74.8
New Jersey	4,085.5	4,107.7	4,111.2	4,114.9	172.9	172.5	172.3	171.5	320.7	317.0	316.2	315.9
New Mexico	840.8	847.8	848.6	848.1	59.3	59.3	59.1	58.8	38.2	36.3	36.4	36.4
New York	8,655.1	8,727.6	8,724.0	8,723.2	340.0	349.0	346.8	347.4	562.1	546.2	544.3	541.0
North Carolina	4,064.5	4,116.6	4,123.5	4,133.1	247.9	254.6	254.7	255.5	551.1	542.2	541.4	540.0
North Dakota	357.4	360.8	360.4	361.0	18.9	19.1	18.9	19.0	26.4	25.9	26.0	26.0
Ohio	5,442.8	5,427.5	5,431.4	5,427.5	228.0	229.6	229.0	227.7	788.1	773.8	775.4	774.3
Oklahoma	1,561.9	1,581.6	1,584.3	1,585.8	71.9	72.9	73.4	72.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Oregon	1,712.2	1,730.4	1,737.9	1,738.8	100.0	101.4	100.7	98.1	204.6	203.2	203.6	204.4
Pennsylvania	5,778.6	5,809.0	5,815.0	5,817.8	264.1	260.4	261.4	261.1	667.7	658.5	657.2	655.3
Rhode Island	495.9	499.6	499.3	499.2	23.5	24.3	24.3	24.5	51.6	50.8	50.3	50.2
South Carolina	1,919.3	1,936.0	1,944.3	1,938.5	126.0	126.0	125.6	123.3	247.3	240.6	240.3	240.1
South Dakota	404.6	409.2	408.8	408.5	22.8	22.6	22.5	22.2	42.1	43.1	42.8	42.8
Tennessee	2,794.3	2,811.4	2,815.0	2,816.8	133.3	139.0	139.9	140.3	394.5	385.8	386.6	387.1
Texas	10,171.3	10,349.2	10,371.3	10,389.9	615.9	626.1	627.5	628.8	933.7	925.4	925.8	927.4
Utah	1,222.5	1,266.2	1,270.5	1,271.6	100.4	107.9	108.1	108.2	123.4	129.0	129.3	129.4
Vermont	308.4	308.6	308.8	309.2	16.9	17.3	17.3	17.1	35.9	35.7	35.6	35.5
Virginia	3,744.1	3,793.6	3,799.4	3,809.6	247.5	250.9	251.5	252.3	286.3	286.9	286.1	285.5
Washington	2,890.6	2,932.1	2,938.6	2,949.3	200.4	206.7	207.2	207.3	290.1	295.0	294.6	295.5
West Virginia	759.8	760.9	761.5	762.8	39.4	40.3	40.0	39.6	59.9	59.0	58.7	58.6
Wisconsin	2,869.8	2,883.7	2,888.8	2,892.7	126.0	125.3	126.3	125.4	501.6	497.5	496.4	496.4
Wyoming	281.1	289.2	290.2	290.7	24.3	26.5	27.5	27.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )

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			
	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	391.5	394.6	395.9	397.0	98.5	98.6	98.3	98.5	218.8	223.1	224.0	224.3
Alaska .....	63.4	63.7	63.9	63.9	14.9	15.0	14.9	14.7	24.3	24.7	25.0	24.8
Arizona .....	517.1	531.6	530.1	531.0	186.5	185.8	184.5	184.3	407.5	418.5	416.6	417.8
Arkansas .....	249.6	248.5	248.4	248.5	53.2	53.8	53.9	54.0	115.9	117.4	117.9	118.5
California .....	2,897.0	2,895.3	2,893.5	2,894.6	941.2	926.9	921.6	917.4	2,260.2	2,274.0	2,277.4	2,280.2
Colorado .....	423.5	429.9	432.2	434.0	161.3	161.4	161.4	161.3	338.0	347.4	349.7	351.6
Connecticut .....	311.2	312.5	312.6	312.7	144.8	144.8	144.5	144.3	206.2	209.0	209.9	210.5
Delaware <sup>3</sup> .....	83.3	83.5	82.8	82.7	43.3	43.6	43.9	43.8	63.3	63.2	63.6	64.1
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup> .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	30.0	30.5	30.7	30.8	155.7	160.4	160.7	161.1
Florida .....	1,599.9	1,616.5	1,615.4	1,610.9	551.9	556.8	554.8	555.0	1,361.0	1,369.9	1,374.7	1,374.9
Georgia .....	866.1	887.9	886.1	886.8	232.9	231.9	231.1	231.4	552.5	561.9	563.3	564.6
Hawaii <sup>3</sup> .....	121.3	120.3	120.4	120.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Idaho .....	129.7	133.5	133.7	133.0	32.6	<sup>1</sup> 33.5	<sup>1</sup> 33.3	<sup>1</sup> 33.5	83.1	<sup>1</sup> 85.5	<sup>1</sup> 86.0	<sup>1</sup> 86.5
Illinois .....	1,198.8	1,197.9	1,201.9	1,202.0	408.1	409.9	409.5	410.8	857.3	877.0	878.8	881.8
Indiana .....	587.9	590.7	591.1	591.4	140.5	140.3	140.1	140.0	281.7	283.5	284.0	283.5
Iowa .....	309.4	310.7	311.8	312.2	101.4	103.6	103.4	103.6	118.4	121.0	121.6	121.1
Kansas .....	263.9	265.1	265.9	264.9	71.9	73.3	73.5	73.4	140.9	145.9	144.9	144.1
Kentucky .....	380.3	379.5	380.0	379.3	91.0	92.6	92.3	92.2	179.7	182.2	182.3	182.0
Louisiana .....	376.9	386.0	386.4	384.7	96.7	97.5	97.6	97.4	199.3	200.2	200.4	200.9
Maine .....	125.5	126.4	127.0	127.1	33.5	33.2	33.2	33.3	51.9	52.8	52.9	53.1
Maryland <sup>3</sup> .....	475.1	475.6	477.1	478.0	160.2	160.3	161.0	161.1	397.4	405.0	405.6	406.8
Massachusetts .....	572.1	573.2	573.7	572.7	225.0	224.3	224.8	224.4	475.3	483.6	485.2	484.9
Michigan .....	793.3	779.9	780.1	781.2	215.1	210.2	210.3	210.1	593.3	583.8	584.1	586.1
Minnesota .....	534.4	532.1	534.4	534.2	182.6	182.9	182.6	183.0	324.8	322.6	324.4	324.0
Mississippi .....	228.8	230.8	231.9	231.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	94.1	97.4	97.3	98.0
Missouri .....	549.5	553.5	553.6	552.6	166.3	166.2	165.8	165.7	333.8	334.4	333.9	334.0
Montana .....	89.6	91.9	91.8	92.0	22.8	22.8	22.8	23.2	39.5	41.5	41.9	42.5
Nebraska <sup>3</sup> .....	203.6	203.8	203.1	204.2	65.6	66.3	66.1	66.8	102.0	107.3	107.3	108.3
Nevada .....	228.8	231.8	232.3	232.2	66.8	65.4	65.1	65.3	162.4	157.3	159.0	159.8
New Hampshire .....	143.2	144.7	144.6	144.6	40.1	41.0	40.4	40.4	61.9	62.8	63.2	63.0
New Jersey .....	875.5	874.9	876.0	876.3	282.3	281.9	281.1	280.6	607.4	619.2	619.3	620.5
New Mexico .....	142.9	144.5	144.7	144.7	35.5	35.5	35.6	35.5	107.9	108.1	108.2	108.4
New York .....	1,504.8	1,514.9	1,515.1	1,512.9	731.9	742.5	741.5	740.6	1,117.4	1,139.3	1,139.7	1,139.4
North Carolina .....	762.7	767.6	769.0	770.5	211.2	215.4	216.3	217.4	483.0	494.3	494.9	497.5
North Dakota .....	76.8	77.7	77.5	77.4	19.5	19.9	19.8	19.8	29.9	30.8	31.0	30.8
Ohio .....	1,049.1	1,046.3	1,045.6	1,044.8	307.2	303.0	302.9	303.6	664.7	665.9	665.8	667.6
Oklahoma .....	286.0	286.3	287.6	287.9	83.7	83.7	84.2	84.8	174.8	178.2	178.6	180.2
Oregon .....	337.3	341.6	344.0	343.2	106.3	105.3	105.2	105.5	195.1	194.6	195.3	195.5
Pennsylvania .....	1,131.9	1,133.5	1,133.0	1,135.9	334.4	334.0	334.3	334.3	684.7	695.1	696.8	699.1
Rhode Island .....	79.6	80.1	80.1	80.1	36.3	35.9	35.8	35.8	57.5	58.9	59.1	58.9
South Carolina .....	373.5	373.9	377.4	375.1	105.2	105.2	106.6	106.4	219.8	218.4	220.8	220.3
South Dakota .....	81.7	82.3	81.6	81.4	30.5	31.3	31.2	31.0	26.0	26.9	27.4	27.9
Tennessee .....	610.2	613.7	614.1	615.0	144.7	144.8	144.9	144.9	325.8	322.9	323.7	323.9
Texas .....	2,052.1	2,076.4	2,080.3	2,078.3	631.2	649.7	649.8	652.1	1,249.8	1,294.0	1,299.9	1,308.8
Utah .....	238.2	248.3	249.6	250.8	73.0	76.3	76.7	75.6	159.5	162.2	163.6	164.4
Vermont .....	59.8	59.9	59.9	60.0	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.3	22.4	22.4	22.5	22.6
Virginia .....	669.9	677.2	679.5	681.9	197.5	199.2	198.5	199.0	632.4	648.7	649.1	652.1
Washington .....	548.3	555.8	557.5	559.0	156.0	158.0	158.0	157.6	335.7	340.9	342.5	346.3
West Virginia .....	143.8	143.1	143.3	144.0	30.0	30.0	29.8	30.0	60.0	61.4	61.6	61.4
Wisconsin .....	549.0	552.3	552.7	549.2	161.9	162.4	162.1	162.0	267.7	274.3	279.3	283.0
Wyoming .....	53.3	55.6	55.5	55.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	17.4	19.0	18.1	18.6

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			
	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>	Dec. 2006	Oct. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	206.0	208.7	209.0	209.5	172.8	175.9	176.3	176.1	372.9	376.9	377.9	378.2
Alaska	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.6	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	81.7	82.2	82.3	82.2
Arizona	296.0	303.8	304.7	307.4	271.1	282.8	283.1	282.6	413.3	419.5	420.4	419.9
Arkansas	152.5	155.3	155.5	155.6	97.5	101.1	101.2	101.5	209.8	211.8	211.7	211.9
California	1,641.5	1,685.8	1,691.0	1,696.9	1,544.6	1,564.7	1,568.8	1,574.4	2,468.8	2,512.8	2,512.9	2,516.6
Colorado	234.1	242.6	243.5	244.2	267.3	274.1	273.6	274.4	370.7	375.0	375.8	376.1
Connecticut	283.1	288.8	289.0	289.1	133.1	135.3	135.3	135.1	245.7	248.5	248.5	248.8
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	57.2	58.6	58.7	59.0	40.9	41.6	41.6	41.6	60.8	60.2	60.6	60.8
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	54.1	54.7	55.0	55.0	232.8	235.2	234.2	234.2
Florida	983.5	1,008.4	1,009.8	1,014.8	914.6	939.4	938.5	943.5	1,103.5	1,123.4	1,126.8	1,125.4
Georgia	442.3	455.9	455.1	455.7	385.3	396.9	398.0	396.7	668.8	689.3	689.0	690.3
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	71.6	72.5	72.5	72.8	107.7	109.7	109.6	109.9	122.1	124.0	120.8	123.6
Idaho	71.8	73.7	74.1	74.0	61.8	62.5	63.7	63.7	116.6	118.6	118.6	118.6
Illinois	772.1	780.3	780.2	781.8	531.7	538.6	539.3	538.7	841.0	844.6	842.8	843.7
Indiana	388.2	391.1	391.2	391.5	281.5	284.8	285.0	284.2	430.5	429.0	428.6	430.0
Iowa	200.8	204.5	204.9	204.5	132.7	136.1	136.5	136.4	248.4	250.4	250.2	250.3
Kansas	167.6	170.6	170.1	169.9	117.1	118.0	118.6	117.6	256.5	259.9	260.5	260.1
Kentucky	238.6	240.8	241.1	241.5	167.9	169.5	169.4	169.4	319.0	324.5	325.0	325.6
Louisiana	240.7	246.3	246.0	246.6	189.4	197.1	197.8	199.5	349.6	360.5	361.5	361.5
Maine	114.5	117.1	117.4	117.6	60.5	59.7	60.1	60.9	104.9	105.1	105.2	105.2
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	366.2	371.8	372.5	373.9	233.5	237.3	239.6	239.9	471.9	474.6	478.0	478.6
Massachusetts	613.0	623.1	623.7	624.0	295.0	298.4	300.1	300.7	432.0	435.5	435.7	435.5
Michigan	590.7	595.8	596.9	599.7	407.6	407.9	408.2	407.5	664.2	649.0	646.3	647.7
Minnesota	411.4	424.1	425.3	425.4	246.2	249.6	250.6	249.5	411.9	416.1	414.7	413.9
Mississippi	125.6	124.8	124.7	124.8	122.8	124.5	125.2	125.9	243.2	247.7	247.9	248.3
Missouri	380.2	385.2	385.9	386.7	282.8	287.5	287.6	288.9	435.9	437.6	437.1	436.1
Montana	57.5	59.3	59.4	59.6	55.2	57.7	57.4	57.7	86.0	86.6	86.7	86.8
Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	131.8	134.6	135.2	135.9	82.8	82.8	83.4	83.8	162.6	161.9	161.2	162.1
Nevada	89.5	93.0	93.3	93.9	340.4	340.5	343.2	346.1	153.1	157.6	157.8	158.7
New Hampshire	101.2	104.9	104.8	104.9	64.1	64.3	64.0	63.8	91.8	92.2	91.5	91.6
New Jersey	574.4	584.1	585.3	586.9	338.4	339.2	340.8	342.2	651.8	656.1	657.4	657.6
New Mexico	109.4	112.7	113.1	112.9	87.5	88.3	88.6	88.2	195.1	197.1	197.2	197.0
New York	1,590.5	1,611.4	1,614.3	1,615.8	681.8	693.7	690.9	691.8	1,490.7	1,495.2	1,494.3	1,497.0
North Carolina	494.7	514.0	515.2	516.1	378.7	388.3	390.2	392.7	675.3	675.8	676.3	676.8
North Dakota	50.2	51.5	51.5	51.8	32.1	32.5	32.1	32.2	75.9	75.4	75.6	75.7
Ohio	782.0	789.3	791.4	792.7	498.8	495.8	497.8	496.1	801.4	803.6	802.9	800.8
Oklahoma	188.7	192.8	193.0	192.0	138.0	139.3	139.6	138.9	319.4	324.6	324.2	324.9
Oregon	207.0	212.8	212.6	213.4	170.0	171.8	175.2	175.5	287.3	293.1	293.3	294.9
Pennsylvania	1,068.3	1,095.0	1,095.8	1,096.2	489.3	497.5	499.8	500.4	749.6	744.8	746.0	745.4
Rhode Island	98.0	98.5	98.8	98.8	50.8	51.9	51.6	51.6	64.6	64.2	64.2	64.3
South Carolina	198.8	204.2	205.0	205.2	208.6	217.0	216.9	216.2	329.7	338.3	338.7	339.9
South Dakota	59.2	60.5	60.8	60.8	43.0	43.3	43.0	42.8	75.4	75.2	75.6	75.6
Tennessee	342.1	348.1	348.4	349.2	273.4	279.7	281.0	281.5	415.0	419.6	418.4	417.3
Texas	1,233.7	1,253.1	1,257.0	1,262.8	963.8	997.4	999.5	1,001.7	1,727.1	1,744.9	1,748.2	1,748.4
Utah	136.5	141.1	141.2	141.7	109.1	114.0	114.2	113.8	204.9	207.2	207.9	208.4
Vermont	55.8	56.1	56.1	56.3	33.5	33.3	33.5	33.7	53.7	53.7	53.7	53.7
Virginia	408.0	414.3	415.0	415.4	340.7	344.9	347.4	348.0	674.9	681.8	682.1	686.0
Washington	341.5	349.4	350.2	351.0	275.9	278.3	280.1	281.8	527.7	529.7	530.4	531.3
West Virginia	113.4	113.8	114.0	114.8	71.9	72.0	71.8	71.9	145.3	143.7	144.3	144.2
Wisconsin	393.1	397.9	398.4	400.0	257.9	267.1	269.2	267.6	419.0	415.2	413.7	417.9
Wyoming	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	32.9	33.6	34.0	34.0	66.2	66.7	67.0	67.0

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

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

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

r = revised.

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2006 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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	2,003.5	2,028.4	2,004.4	2,029.8	13.2	12.9	12.8	13.0	112.2	114.8	111.5	114.3	300.0	297.8	299.7	297.9
Alaska .....	305.9	308.1	302.8	304.3	13.2	14.3	13.2	14.2	17.3	16.3	16.1	15.2	8.5	8.6	6.4	6.4
Arizona .....	2,712.0	2,750.5	2,725.2	2,760.6	10.5	12.3	10.5	12.4	253.6	230.8	252.1	227.7	186.2	186.1	186.6	186.9
Arkansas .....	1,208.4	1,214.8	1,209.7	1,214.1	7.8	9.5	7.7	9.7	57.0	56.3	56.6	55.5	194.0	187.5	195.6	187.3
California .....	15,299.0	15,387.4	15,335.3	15,414.6	26.5	26.2	26.0	25.9	945.9	909.3	932.9	895.6	1,503.4	1,489.0	1,501.5	1,487.2
Colorado .....	2,302.5	2,346.7	2,320.5	2,366.4	22.2	26.6	22.5	26.9	167.4	166.5	164.7	161.3	149.2	142.8	149.6	143.3
Connecticut .....	1,703.0	1,722.5	1,709.8	1,726.9	.7	.7	.6	.7	68.8	70.4	66.7	68.0	193.6	191.6	193.7	191.5
Delaware .....	442.8	444.0	442.3	444.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	30.2	29.9	29.2	29.4	33.9	32.0	33.2	31.9
District of Columbia ..	695.7	705.3	696.8	707.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Florida .....	8,111.0	8,199.6	8,157.0	8,243.8	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.4	638.8	614.0	638.7	617.9	397.5	392.6	399.8	391.2
Georgia .....	4,131.0	4,202.9	4,138.3	4,207.0	12.1	11.9	12.2	11.9	224.4	226.8	223.5	225.1	444.5	432.6	442.9	431.6
Hawaii .....	630.1	636.6	631.7	641.6	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	36.8	38.7	37.3	38.7	15.2	14.9	15.2	14.9
Idaho .....	653.4	664.5	651.4	660.5	4.3	5.1	4.1	4.9	54.2	52.4	52.5	50.4	66.8	63.8	66.9	63.4
Illinois .....	6,005.2	6,047.3	6,000.8	6,043.0	10.2	10.3	10.0	10.3	282.4	284.8	271.9	271.8	683.3	674.0	682.0	674.2
Indiana .....	3,013.3	3,022.3	3,006.4	3,012.0	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.9	153.7	156.5	149.4	150.2	559.9	554.6	561.0	554.7
Iowa .....	1,524.4	1,547.4	1,523.1	1,542.4	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.0	78.4	80.5	73.6	75.9	230.4	231.2	230.8	230.7
Kansas .....	1,384.3	1,407.7	1,383.7	1,398.6	9.0	9.2	9.0	8.8	65.8	67.1	64.6	63.6	184.8	187.5	184.1	187.8
Kentucky .....	1,860.4	1,873.5	1,866.1	1,871.8	23.2	24.0	23.4	24.2	84.6	85.4	83.9	84.5	260.4	255.1	264.0	254.6
Louisiana .....	1,895.6	1,938.3	1,898.2	1,941.0	50.8	50.7	50.9	50.6	134.9	138.4	135.3	138.7	155.8	154.5	155.7	154.8
Maine .....	620.4	624.9	620.0	624.2	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	32.2	31.3	30.9	29.9	60.7	59.4	60.6	59.1
Maryland .....	2,613.8	2,651.3	2,620.1	2,656.4	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	193.7	197.0	193.5	195.2	135.5	134.0	135.5	134.2
Massachusetts .....	3,289.4	3,318.5	3,289.4	3,313.7	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	143.6	141.5	140.0	136.7	297.0	294.8	297.0	294.4
Michigan .....	4,383.2	4,303.3	4,371.3	4,292.8	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.5	181.2	165.6	173.2	156.8	639.8	612.8	641.1	615.7
Minnesota .....	2,793.3	2,795.0	2,782.0	2,781.7	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.5	133.6	127.7	123.0	118.5	347.9	337.7	347.0	335.3
Mississippi .....	1,159.3	1,176.0	1,160.2	1,176.4	9.7	9.5	9.7	9.7	58.5	63.1	58.7	63.0	174.8	171.6	175.0	171.9
Missouri .....	2,807.9	2,820.6	2,807.7	2,814.9	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	149.0	151.6	145.7	147.8	306.8	295.8	305.4	294.9
Montana .....	437.6	451.7	436.1	451.1	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.6	31.6	34.5	29.3	32.6	20.7	21.0	20.7	21.0
Nebraska .....	962.0	971.0	959.5	973.3	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	49.5	50.3	47.9	49.3	101.9	101.2	102.2	101.8
Nevada .....	1,303.6	1,313.5	1,307.4	1,315.8	11.9	12.0	11.9	12.0	143.1	135.8	141.4	133.5	51.4	52.1	51.5	52.0
New Hampshire .....	644.9	651.9	649.1	654.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	.9	29.7	30.0	29.1	29.4	76.5	75.5	76.1	75.3
New Jersey .....	4,112.6	4,142.3	4,122.8	4,152.3	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	176.0	175.8	174.5	173.0	322.2	317.9	322.3	317.5
New Mexico .....	844.3	852.7	845.5	852.8	19.3	20.0	19.4	20.0	59.7	59.2	58.5	58.0	37.9	36.4	37.9	36.1
New York .....	8,751.9	8,826.3	8,772.4	8,841.4	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.8	349.3	357.9	340.2	347.6	565.0	547.1	563.5	542.3
North Carolina .....	4,088.3	4,157.0	4,088.2	4,156.5	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.8	248.4	255.8	247.5	255.2	552.1	542.1	551.9	540.8
North Dakota .....	360.8	364.7	359.9	363.6	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.3	18.9	19.2	17.5	17.6	26.5	26.0	26.2	25.8
Ohio .....	5,496.7	5,484.8	5,491.9	5,476.6	11.8	11.4	11.6	11.2	237.2	237.0	226.9	226.5	791.9	776.3	791.0	777.2
Oklahoma .....	1,573.4	1,596.5	1,570.3	1,594.3	44.6	47.4	44.4	47.5	71.2	72.9	70.7	71.6	150.0	150.9	150.1	150.8
Oregon .....	1,729.3	1,753.6	1,722.3	1,749.0	8.7	8.4	8.0	8.4	101.6	101.7	98.5	96.6	204.8	202.4	202.7	202.4
Pennsylvania .....	5,832.3	5,876.4	5,825.8	5,864.8	21.0	22.0	20.7	21.8	266.9	266.4	258.2	255.2	670.0	658.1	669.1	656.6
Rhode Island .....	502.6	505.8	501.0	504.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	24.1	25.1	23.6	24.6	52.4	50.9	52.3	50.8
South Carolina .....	1,921.2	1,949.3	1,923.8	1,943.4	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.8	126.7	125.8	125.5	122.9	246.7	239.9	246.9	239.7
South Dakota .....	403.6	409.3	403.5	407.5	.9	1.0	.8	.9	22.7	22.6	21.6	21.0	42.2	42.8	42.1	42.7
Tennessee .....	2,813.2	2,835.1	2,816.5	2,839.5	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	133.3	140.3	133.2	140.2	396.0	387.1	393.9	386.5
Texas .....	10,213.3	10,428.2	10,231.6	10,451.7	192.8	208.4	194.7	209.6	612.2	626.1	611.0	623.8	935.2	927.2	934.7	928.4
Utah .....	1,230.9	1,283.0	1,237.9	1,287.9	10.5	11.6	10.5	11.5	100.8	109.5	99.8	107.6	124.0	130.1	124.3	130.4
Vermont .....	310.0	310.7	314.9	315.8	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	17.9	17.9	16.8	16.9	36.2	35.8	36.2	35.8
Virginia .....	3,764.6	3,828.8	3,768.5	3,834.2	11.4	11.4	11.5	11.4	248.2	252.2	245.9	250.7	284.8	286.8	287.2	286.4
Washington .....	2,910.5	2,964.1	2,899.6	2,958.2	8.6	7.9	8.1	7.9	200.5	208.2	196.1	203.0	290.4	295.5	289.2	294.6
West Virginia .....	765.8	768.6	765.6	768.5	28.7	29.6	28.7	29.6	40.6	41.1	38.9	39.1	60.3	58.8	59.9	58.6
Wisconsin .....	2,890.4	2,911.6	2,879.6	2,901.3	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.7	129.3	129.7	122.0	121.5	501.9	496.0	500.4	495.2
Wyoming .....	277.9	288.1	278.5	288.0	28.0	27.3	27.9	27.4	24.3	27.7	23.2	25.9	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.5
Puerto Rico .....	1,044.3	1,022.3	1,048.3	1,036.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	67.7	66.8	67.0	66.0	106.9	101.3	107.0	100.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services				
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December		
	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	
Alabama .....	395.0	401.1	399.5	405.2	30.1	31.0	30.2	31.3	98.7	98.5	98.7	98.7	218.8	224.8	218.6	224.1	
Alaska .....	61.9	62.5	61.6	62.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.6	23.6	24.4	23.7	24.2	
Arizona .....	527.3	541.4	534.6	548.9	43.8	43.1	43.4	43.2	186.4	185.0	188.1	185.9	408.0	420.3	412.1	422.7	
Arkansas .....	253.2	252.2	254.9	253.7	20.3	20.6	20.4	20.6	53.0	53.7	53.4	54.2	115.6	117.9	115.2	117.8	
California .....	2,954.6	2,957.3	2,994.2	2,990.6	473.7	473.3	477.3	474.8	941.9	922.0	943.6	922.0	2,266.7	2,288.8	2,273.5	2,293.7	
Colorado .....	430.3	439.4	435.4	446.3	75.1	76.5	75.2	76.8	160.8	160.8	162.3	162.3	335.9	349.2	337.5	351.0	
Connecticut .....	317.3	319.6	323.8	325.4	37.4	37.7	37.5	37.8	144.8	144.6	145.0	144.5	206.8	211.4	207.9	212.4	
Delaware .....	85.2	85.0	86.3	85.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	43.1	43.8	43.4	43.9	62.9	63.9	63.8	64.6	
District of Columbia ..	28.4	28.5	29.1	29.2	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	23.1	29.7	30.5	29.9	30.7	155.4	160.8	156.0	161.5
Florida .....	1,623.6	1,639.5	1,651.5	1,662.6	167.7	164.5	168.1	164.3	547.3	553.4	552.0	555.1	1,362.6	1,380.6	1,365.2	1,379.3	
Georgia .....	882.3	904.5	892.8	914.0	115.4	116.4	116.0	116.1	233.2	231.6	233.9	232.4	556.7	568.3	555.7	567.8	
Hawaii .....	123.0	122.2	124.9	124.2	11.1	11.3	11.1	11.3	30.0	30.3	30.2	30.4	79.7	83.7	80.5	84.5	
Idaho .....	132.1	136.7	132.6	136.0	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	32.5	33.4	32.7	33.6	83.1	86.3	82.2	85.6	
Illinois .....	1,221.1	1,225.2	1,236.3	1,239.4	116.0	115.3	116.3	115.8	408.3	410.6	410.4	413.2	865.0	889.0	861.5	886.0	
Indiana .....	598.7	601.9	601.6	605.2	39.9	40.4	40.3	40.4	140.0	139.9	140.6	140.1	285.2	287.1	281.9	283.6	
Iowa .....	314.0	317.5	316.8	319.7	33.0	33.0	33.2	33.3	100.6	103.3	101.5	103.7	118.6	122.2	118.7	121.4	
Kansas .....	268.0	270.7	269.6	270.7	40.0	39.9	39.9	39.9	72.2	73.7	72.3	73.9	141.5	145.9	141.5	144.7	
Kentucky .....	386.0	386.7	389.6	388.6	29.7	29.8	29.7	29.7	90.9	92.3	91.2	92.4	182.2	185.8	183.5	185.9	
Louisiana .....	381.4	390.5	384.4	392.3	25.7	26.0	25.5	25.8	96.4	97.4	96.7	97.5	197.9	200.0	198.9	200.5	
Maine .....	129.8	131.6	131.2	132.9	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.4	33.4	33.0	33.5	33.2	52.0	53.0	51.8	53.0	
Maryland .....	484.4	488.0	491.7	494.9	50.3	51.3	50.4	51.1	159.7	160.6	159.9	160.8	398.0	407.1	397.2	406.8	
Massachusetts .....	584.2	586.4	592.1	592.6	87.4	88.1	87.7	88.5	223.6	223.7	225.2	224.7	478.9	489.8	477.9	487.6	
Michigan .....	807.7	795.5	814.5	802.1	66.9	65.9	67.2	66.0	214.0	209.2	214.8	209.8	597.0	590.9	593.9	587.1	
Minnesota .....	545.8	544.1	548.0	547.8	57.1	55.9	57.0	55.7	182.7	182.3	183.0	183.4	326.9	327.2	325.9	325.1	
Mississippi .....	230.9	234.1	232.3	235.1	13.5	13.4	13.7	13.5	46.0	47.0	46.2	46.8	94.3	98.2	94.2	98.1	
Missouri .....	558.5	564.2	564.2	567.4	62.2	62.6	62.6	62.3	166.4	165.8	166.7	166.1	334.1	335.6	334.8	335.1	
Montana .....	90.5	92.9	91.3	93.8	7.9	7.6	8.0	7.7	22.6	22.9	22.8	23.2	39.2	42.3	38.9	41.9	
Nebraska .....	207.2	207.0	208.4	209.0	19.5	19.4	19.7	19.7	65.6	66.2	65.6	66.8	103.6	108.7	102.7	108.9	
Nevada .....	233.2	237.7	236.1	239.6	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.6	66.6	65.2	67.2	65.7	160.7	160.0	161.4	158.8	
New Hampshire .....	146.0	147.8	148.6	150.1	12.9	12.7	12.9	12.8	39.7	40.2	40.0	40.3	61.9	63.3	62.2	63.3	
New Jersey .....	891.4	892.2	903.8	904.6	99.7	99.2	100.0	99.6	281.6	280.9	282.9	281.2	610.3	622.4	608.7	621.9	
New Mexico .....	145.3	147.6	147.1	148.9	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.3	35.0	35.3	35.6	35.6	108.6	108.7	108.5	109.0	
New York .....	1,542.8	1,549.9	1,561.3	1,569.8	269.9	271.8	272.2	272.1	729.4	740.4	732.9	741.6	1,127.8	1,151.2	1,130.0	1,152.4	
North Carolina .....	774.0	781.8	779.9	788.0	73.8	76.2	74.5	75.9	209.8	215.7	210.0	216.2	482.7	496.9	482.3	496.7	
North Dakota .....	78.0	78.7	78.4	79.1	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.6	19.4	19.8	19.6	19.9	30.1	31.2	29.8	30.7	
Ohio .....	1,070.2	1,068.9	1,084.8	1,080.1	89.0	87.2	89.2	87.4	306.9	302.8	307.2	303.6	666.2	669.8	664.5	667.3	
Oklahoma .....	291.0	292.8	292.6	294.5	29.5	29.4	29.6	29.6	83.7	84.1	83.7	84.8	175.7	178.6	173.5	179.0	
Oregon .....	346.2	352.7	347.6	353.6	35.5	38.9	36.0	39.1	105.6	104.6	106.0	105.1	195.2	195.7	195.8	196.2	
Pennsylvania .....	1,155.8	1,159.9	1,169.6	1,173.7	107.8	106.8	108.2	106.9	333.2	333.3	334.5	334.4	685.9	701.4	684.9	699.4	
Rhode Island .....	82.3	82.4	82.5	83.0	10.8	11.3	10.8	11.4	36.1	35.7	36.3	35.8	58.3	59.8	58.1	59.5	
South Carolina .....	374.4	379.4	379.1	380.7	27.4	28.1	27.8	28.0	103.6	105.6	104.2	105.4	217.7	221.3	220.4	220.9	
South Dakota .....	82.1	82.5	82.9	82.7	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.1	30.1	31.0	30.5	31.0	25.6	27.5	25.8	27.7	
Tennessee .....	620.9	625.9	626.3	631.3	50.7	52.3	50.8	52.4	144.9	145.1	145.1	145.3	327.8	326.2	329.3	327.5	
Texas .....	2,081.5	2,110.3	2,102.3	2,129.0	221.2	221.3	222.3	221.0	630.2	650.1	632.2	653.1	1,251.1	1,304.4	1,250.6	1,309.7	
Utah .....	243.1	255.5	246.1	259.2	32.7	32.8	32.6	32.4	72.7	76.8	73.9	76.5	159.2	164.4	159.8	164.7	
Vermont .....	60.8	61.0	61.8	62.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.4	22.4	22.6	22.4	22.6	
Virginia .....	682.5	695.5	691.2	703.6	92.0	91.8	92.4	92.4	196.7	198.4	197.7	199.2	636.1	652.8	634.3	654.3	
Washington .....	558.0	568.8	562.6	573.5	102.3	105.9	102.4	106.5	155.7	158.2	156.3	157.9	337.5	345.1	334.8	345.4	
West Virginia .....	146.0	146.3	147.3	147.5	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	30.3	30.0	30.1	30.1	60.5	62.0	60.8	62.2	
Wisconsin .....	560.7	565.2	565.4	565.5	49.7	50.3	50.0	50.2	160.9	161.6	162.0	162.1	270.1	282.0	265.4	280.3	
Wyoming .....	53.2	55.8	53.7	56.2	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.1	11.1	11.3	11.1	11.2	17.3	17.9	16.8	17.9	
Puerto Rico .....	188.5	183.1	195.8	191.5	21.8	21.1	21.8	21.1	49.6	48.8	50.0	49.2	103.8	104.1	104.3	105.2	

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	206.9	210.6	206.4	209.9	171.3	174.3	170.6	173.8	80.6	80.8	80.9	80.7	376.7	381.8	375.5	380.9
Alaska .....	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.6	27.9	28.1	28.2	28.2	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.4	82.7	83.4	83.0	83.5
Arizona .....	296.8	306.4	297.1	308.5	270.7	283.5	272.4	283.9	102.2	107.7	102.7	108.2	426.5	433.9	425.6	423.3
Arkansas .....	153.7	157.0	153.7	156.8	95.4	99.4	94.6	98.4	43.6	44.1	43.7	44.1	214.8	216.6	213.9	216.0
California .....	1,653.3	1,707.6	1,654.2	1,710.3	1,527.8	1,555.9	1,534.0	1,563.8	509.9	516.3	510.3	516.9	2,495.3	2,541.7	2,487.8	2,536.0
Colorado .....	234.8	244.5	235.5	245.8	258.3	264.3	269.9	277.1	90.4	92.4	91.2	93.2	378.1	383.7	376.7	382.4
Connecticut .....	287.6	293.6	287.1	293.2	130.2	132.5	131.0	132.9	63.7	64.7	64.4	65.1	252.1	255.7	252.1	255.4
Delaware .....	57.5	59.0	57.3	59.1	40.4	40.8	39.7	40.4	20.6	21.2	20.9	21.4	62.1	61.6	61.7	61.6
District of Columbia ..	98.6	98.8	97.6	98.1	54.2	55.1	53.8	54.7	59.8	60.8	60.4	61.3	232.2	233.2	232.7	234.1
Florida .....	987.5	1,017.2	990.8	1,022.4	904.0	929.3	914.8	943.7	344.2	351.9	344.3	353.4	1,131.4	1,150.2	1,125.2	1,147.5
Georgia .....	444.1	458.2	444.5	457.9	382.2	395.3	382.4	393.7	159.8	159.9	159.2	159.4	676.3	697.4	675.2	697.1
Hawaii .....	72.2	73.2	72.4	73.6	107.6	109.8	108.4	110.6	26.5	26.9	26.7	26.9	128.0	125.6	125.0	126.5
Idaho .....	72.7	75.0	72.7	74.9	59.2	61.1	60.2	62.1	18.9	18.9	18.8	18.8	118.9	121.0	117.9	120.0
Illinois .....	778.0	787.5	778.0	787.7	525.7	534.1	522.8	530.0	257.5	258.5	260.3	260.8	857.7	858.0	851.3	853.8
Indiana .....	393.4	396.9	392.5	396.0	280.0	282.6	278.2	280.7	110.5	111.8	111.1	111.9	445.0	443.5	442.9	442.3
Iowa .....	205.0	209.8	205.6	209.4	130.0	133.8	129.3	132.9	56.4	56.5	56.6	56.6	255.7	257.5	254.8	256.8
Kansas .....	169.1	171.7	169.0	171.3	116.6	118.6	115.8	116.4	52.7	54.2	52.4	53.3	264.6	269.2	264.5	268.2
Kentucky .....	239.8	242.6	239.8	242.7	166.3	167.9	164.6	166.1	75.5	75.7	76.5	76.5	321.8	327.4	320.7	326.6
Louisiana .....	242.8	248.5	242.4	248.4	188.8	197.1	187.8	197.9	67.8	69.8	68.1	70.0	353.3	365.4	352.5	364.5
Maine .....	115.7	118.7	115.2	118.3	53.9	54.2	53.8	54.1	19.2	19.8	19.2	19.7	109.4	109.7	109.4	109.7
Maryland .....	367.6	374.6	367.6	375.3	226.0	233.4	225.3	231.5	116.6	117.5	117.2	118.0	482.0	487.8	481.8	488.6
Massachusetts .....	624.9	636.4	623.6	634.8	287.9	293.3	285.2	290.7	118.9	118.7	119.1	118.5	441.1	443.9	439.8	443.4
Michigan .....	596.3	605.8	595.9	605.0	398.0	398.7	397.6	397.6	177.7	175.6	178.9	175.9	696.5	675.4	686.5	669.3
Minnesota .....	412.3	428.4	413.7	427.9	238.2	243.6	239.5	242.8	117.6	116.9	119.0	117.3	425.4	425.3	420.4	422.4
Mississippi .....	126.4	125.7	126.4	125.6	122.3	125.1	121.6	124.7	36.7	36.8	36.8	37.2	246.2	251.5	245.6	250.8
Missouri .....	383.3	389.0	382.3	388.8	277.7	283.8	275.3	281.3	119.5	120.8	120.2	120.6	445.1	446.1	445.4	445.4
Montana .....	58.3	60.2	58.2	60.3	52.4	54.6	53.1	55.5	17.0	17.3	17.2	17.5	88.9	89.8	88.1	89.0
Nebraska .....	132.4	136.2	132.9	137.0	80.4	81.7	80.2	81.1	35.8	35.9	35.5	35.9	166.1	164.4	164.4	163.8
Nevada .....	89.1	93.5	89.7	94.1	338.0	341.6	338.0	341.6	37.1	38.0	37.4	37.8	157.1	162.1	157.2	163.0
New Hampshire .....	101.5	105.2	101.6	105.3	59.4	59.4	60.8	60.5	21.3	21.8	21.4	21.8	94.9	95.0	95.4	95.2
New Jersey .....	577.1	588.7	577.7	590.3	328.6	331.8	327.5	331.2	160.0	162.0	160.5	162.4	663.8	669.7	663.0	668.8
New Mexico .....	110.5	114.4	110.6	114.1	85.0	86.4	85.6	86.3	28.9	29.1	28.9	29.2	198.0	199.5	197.4	199.3
New York .....	1,615.5	1,641.8	1,616.4	1,642.1	673.2	682.9	673.4	683.2	360.1	361.8	362.3	364.1	1,512.5	1,515.2	1,514.1	1,520.4
North Carolina .....	497.2	518.8	497.8	519.2	371.3	384.7	368.6	382.2	178.0	182.8	177.7	183.1	694.1	695.4	691.1	692.4
North Dakota .....	49.9	51.4	50.2	51.8	31.6	31.8	31.5	31.6	15.2	15.5	15.2	15.6	78.6	78.4	78.8	78.6
Ohio .....	791.4	802.0	791.9	802.7	490.6	488.3	485.8	483.7	222.9	221.9	222.8	221.4	818.6	819.2	816.2	815.5
Oklahoma .....	190.2	194.7	189.7	193.0	136.3	138.4	135.4	136.3	75.4	76.7	75.5	76.5	325.8	330.6	325.1	330.7
Oregon .....	210.2	216.0	209.6	216.1	166.5	171.9	166.5	172.0	59.3	60.2	59.9	60.1	295.7	301.1	291.7	299.4
Pennsylvania .....	1,082.9	1,113.0	1,079.5	1,107.7	477.4	487.4	476.5	487.2	259.7	261.6	259.7	261.3	771.7	766.5	764.9	760.6
Rhode Island .....	100.1	101.2	99.7	100.7	49.4	50.2	48.8	49.6	22.8	23.4	22.9	23.3	66.0	65.5	65.7	65.4
South Carolina .....	198.3	206.7	200.5	207.0	206.5	211.6	200.3	207.6	77.1	79.6	77.3	79.1	338.0	346.6	336.8	347.3
South Dakota .....	59.5	61.3	59.7	61.4	41.0	41.0	40.6	40.4	15.6	15.8	15.7	15.9	76.7	76.7	76.5	76.7
Tennessee .....	343.0	350.1	343.5	350.6	269.7	277.8	268.5	276.5	101.2	102.0	100.7	101.4	421.6	424.1	421.1	423.6
Texas .....	1,238.3	1,263.3	1,238.1	1,267.2	948.3	987.0	949.4	987.7	345.0	349.9	345.5	349.8	1,757.5	1,780.2	1,750.8	1,772.4
Utah .....	138.6	143.7	139.1	144.5	106.6	111.7	109.5	114.2	34.5	35.8	34.7	35.7	208.2	211.1	207.6	211.2
Vermont .....	56.0	56.5	56.4	56.9	29.8	30.1	34.4	34.6	9.9	9.8	10.0	9.9	56.8	56.7	56.6	56.6
Virginia .....	414.9	421.8	412.6	420.1	329.4	337.5	327.9	334.8	182.3	184.5	182.6	184.7	686.3	696.1	685.2	696.6
Washington .....	343.9	353.4	343.3	352.8	269.5	274.8	270.8	276.5	103.9	104.2	104.2	104.8	540.2	542.1	531.8	535.3
West Virginia .....	114.8	115.6	114.5	115.9	70.2	70.4	70.8	70.7	55.5	56.6	55.5	56.8	147.3	146.5	147.4	146.3
Wisconsin .....	397.1	402.5	396.0	402.9	247.5	258.1	247.2	256.2	136.9	136.1	139.4	136.8	432.4	426.0	428.1	426.9
Wyoming .....	22.8	23.6	22.9	23.7	29.1	30.4	30.3	31.3	10.9	11.7	10.8	11.6	66.9	67.9	67.3	68.2
Puerto Rico .....	106.6	111.0	107.4	110.8	74.9	71.6	75.2	72.1	21.4	20.9	22.9	20.5	303.1	293.6	296.9	299.5

<sup>1</sup> 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 2006 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

# Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, December 2007

(U.S. rate = 5.0 percent)

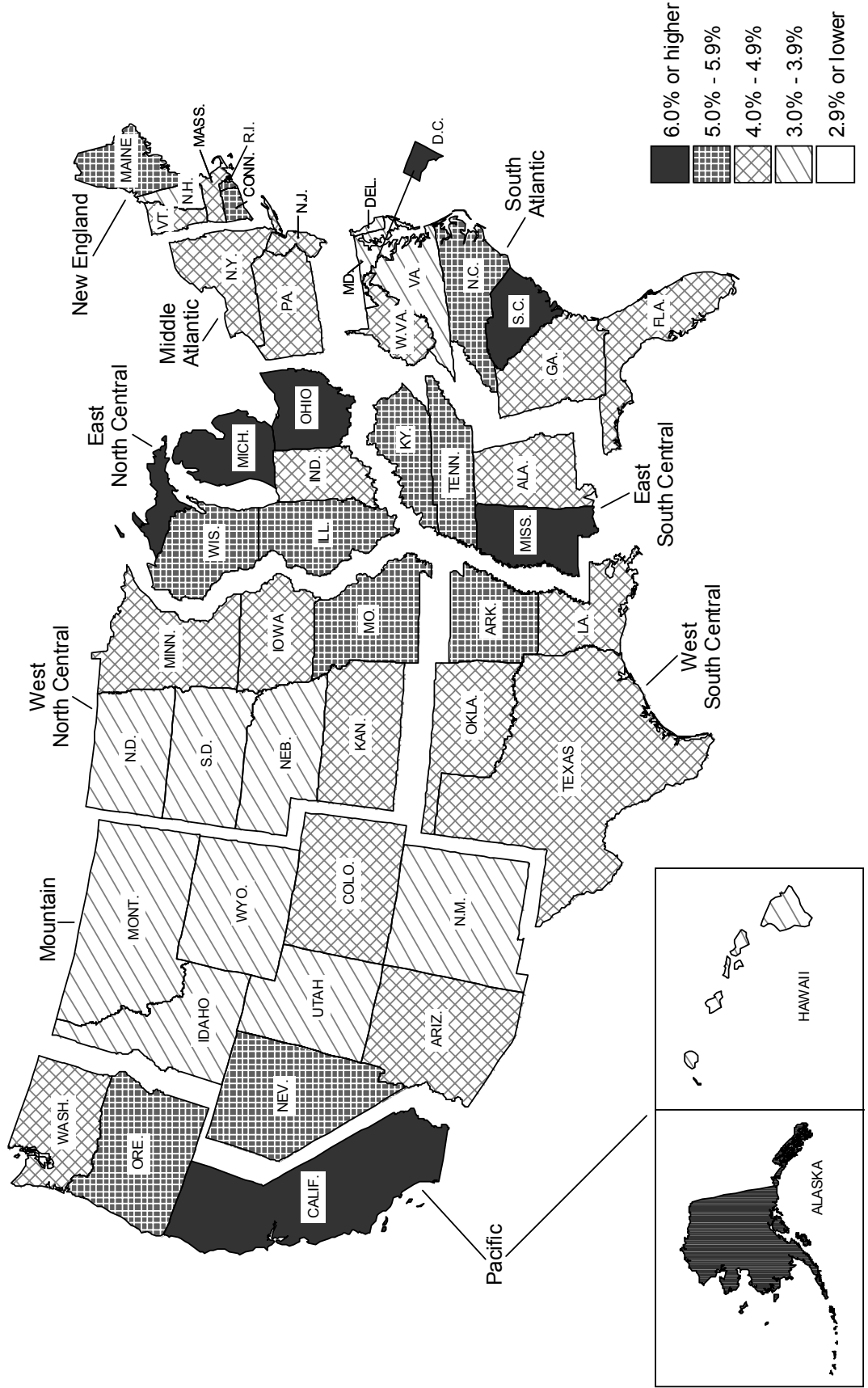


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, December 2006 – December 2007

