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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2005

Unemployment rates were lower in December than a year earlier in 273 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 80 areas, and unchanged in 14 areas, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Thirty-three metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent; 24 of these were in the South. Four areas recorded rates of 10.0 percent or more. The national unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, not seasonally adjusted, down from 5.1 percent a year earlier.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, 121 metropolitan areas reported unemployment rates below 4.0 percent, up from 69 areas a year earlier, while 25 areas posted rates of at least 7.0 percent, down from 40 areas in December 2004. Gainesville, Fla., had the lowest unemployment rate, 2.2 percent, followed closely by Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla., Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, Fla., and Winchester, Va.-W.Va., 2.3 percent each. The highest jobless rates were registered in two Mississippi areas affected by Hurricane Katrina: Gulfport-

Hurricane Katrina

In December, BLS and its state partners again made modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program to reflect the impact on the unemployment statistics in Katrina-affected areas. These modifications included: (1) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana and Mississippi to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in key inputs—unemployment insurance claims and nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans 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 2005, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Biloxi, 21.3 percent, and Pascagoula, 14.5 percent. The next highest rates were recorded in six agriculturally-oriented areas: El Centro, Calif., 13.4 percent; Yuma, Ariz., 11.7 percent; Visalia-Porterville, Calif., 9.6 percent; Merced, Calif., 9.5 percent; and Salinas, Calif., and Yakima, Wash., 9.2 percent each. Overall, 185 areas reported unemployment rates below the U.S. figure of 4.6 percent, 165 areas had higher rates, and 17 areas had the same rate. (See table 1 and the map.)

The largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease in December was posted in Vero Beach, Fla. (-2.9 percentage points), which had been affected by hurricanes in 2004. The next largest unemployment rate declines were reported in El Centro, Calif. (-2.7 percentage points), and Brownsville-Harlingen, Texas, Florence-Muscle Shoals, Ala., and Gadsden, Ala. (-2.5 points each). Nine other areas had rate decreases of at least 2.0 percentage points, and 84 additional areas registered declines of at least 1.0 point. Overall, 170 of the 273 areas with over-the-year rate declines had decreases that exceeded the 0.5-percentage point drop in the national rate. The largest unemployment rate increases from last December were recorded in three areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita—Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss. (+16.1 percentage points), Pascagoula, Miss. (+8.4 points), and New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La. (+3.8 points). Nine additional areas registered over-the-year unemployment rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point.

In the 49 metropolitan areas with a Census 2000 population of 1 million or more, the lowest December jobless rates were reported in Orlando, Fla., 2.8 percent, and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla., and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va., 2.9 percent each. The highest rates among these large areas were recorded in New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La., 8.2 percent, and Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich., 6.8 percent. Thirty-seven large areas reported lower unemployment rates than in December 2004, 11 registered higher rates, and 1 had no change. The largest over-the-year rate decreases were posted in Birmingham-Hoover, Ala., and Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, Fla. (-1.6 percentage points each). Six additional large areas—three of which were in Florida—registered jobless rate declines of at least 1.0 percentage point. New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La., again recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+3.8 percentage points). The next largest rate increases were reported in Louisville, Ky.-Ind. (+1.4 percentage points), and Providence-Fall River-Warwick, R.I.-Mass. (+0.6 point).

Metropolitan Division Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Eleven of the most populous metropolitan areas are composed of 34 metropolitan divisions, which are essentially separately identifiable employment centers. The lowest division unemployment rates in December were posted in Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, Md., 2.6 percent, and Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, Fla., 2.9 percent. Seven additional divisions registered rates below 4.0 percent. The highest unemployment rates among the divisions continued to be reported in Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich., 7.9 percent, and Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., 7.2 percent. (See table 2.)

Twenty of the 34 metropolitan divisions recorded over-the-year unemployment rate decreases in December, 11 had rate increases, and 3 had rates that were unchanged from those of December 2004. The largest jobless rate declines were registered in the three divisions that compose the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, Fla., metropolitan area—Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall (-1.8 percentage points), West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach (-1.5 points), and Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach (-1.4 points). The next largest rate decreases were posted in Tacoma, Wash. (-1.2 percentage points), and Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas (-1.0 point). No division reported a rate increase from a year earlier greater than 0.5 percentage point.

In 5 of the 11 metropolitan areas that contain divisions, the ranges between the highest and lowest division unemployment rates were 1.0 percentage point or more in December. The metropolitan areas that had the widest rate ranges between their divisions were Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H. (Lawrence-

Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., 7.2 percent, compared with Nashua, N.H.-Mass., 3.6 percent), and Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, 7.9 percent, compared with Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy, 5.9 percent).

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

In December 2005, 311 metropolitan areas recorded over-the-year increases in nonfarm payroll employment, 49 reported decreases, and 7 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment gains were posted in Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. (+83,200), Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+81,600), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif. (+69,200), and New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. (+64,300). The largest percentage increases in employment were reported in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Yuba City, Calif. (+8.2 percent each), followed by El Centro, Calif. (+7.9 percent), and St. George, Utah (+7.8 percent).

Large over-the-year decreases in employment in New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La. (-198,100), and Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss. (-26,500), reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast in late August. The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment were reported in New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, La. (-31.8 percent), Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss. (-23.3 percent), Danville, Va. (-4.5 percent), and Holland-Grand Haven, Mich. (-3.7 percent).

Over the year, nonfarm employment rose in 32 of the 35 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2004. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment in these large metropolitan areas occurred in Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev. (+7.0 percent), Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. (+4.8 percent), Orlando, Fla. (+4.2 percent), and Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash. (+3.3 percent). Among the largest areas, the only over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were recorded in Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (-0.6 percent), and Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind. (-0.1 percent each).

Metropolitan Division Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Nonfarm payroll employment data were available in December 2005 for 32 metropolitan divisions, which are essentially separately identifiable employment centers within a metropolitan area. Twenty-nine of the 32 metropolitan divisions reported over-the-year employment increases, while 3 reported decreases. The largest over-the-year increase in the metropolitan divisions occurred in Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+70,200), followed by Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, Calif. (+49,500), New York-Wayne-White Plains, N.Y.-N.J. (+48,100), Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. (+46,100), and Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill. (+40,800). Over-the-year employment losses were recorded in Newark-Union, N.J.-Pa. (-7,500), Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich. (-7,000), and Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy, Mich. (-6,300).

The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment among the metropolitan divisions were reported in Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, Fla. (+4.0 percent), Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. (+3.4 percent), Tacoma, Wash., and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+3.0 percent each), and West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach, Fla. (+2.5 percent). Over-the-year percentage decreases in employment among the divisions were reported for Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich. (-0.8 percent), Newark-Union, N.J.-Pa. (-0.7 percent), and Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy, Mich. (-0.5 percent).

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January 2006 is scheduled to be issued on March 9. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for January 2006 is scheduled to be issued on March 17.

**Revisions in the State and Metropolitan Area
Employment and Unemployment Data**

Effective with the release of 2005 annual average estimates on March 1, the labor force data for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, New York City, and the remaining modeled areas presented in tables 1 and 2 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, and adjustment to new division and national control totals. Labor force estimates for all other metropolitan areas will subsequently be revised to reflect updated inputs and the new statewide estimates. Data back to 2000 are subject to revision. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, effective with the release of January 2006 estimates on March 9, all nonfarm payroll employment estimates for states and areas presented in tables 3 and 4 of this news release will be adjusted to 2005 benchmark levels. Data back to April 2004 will be subject to revision.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1 and 2) for 375 metropolitan statistical areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), including those in Puerto Rico. Estimates for over 30 metropolitan and NECTA divisions also are presented. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 3 and 4) are provided for the same 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 2005, estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long-Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City were produced using updated time-series models with real-time benchmarking. Model-based estimation was extended to the following areas and respective balances-of-state: Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL Metropolitan Division; Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH Metropolitan Statistical Area; Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI Metropolitan Statistical Area; Miami-Miami-Beach-Kendall, FL Metropolitan Division; New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metropolitan Statistical Area; and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Metropolitan Division. This will improve the statistical basis of the estimation for these areas and provide important tools for analysis, such as measures of errors and seasonally adjusted series. 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 or balance-of-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 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 at the state and selected area level. All substate estimates are adjusted to add to the revised model-based 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 from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Model-based error measures, including for over-the-month change, are available for states on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. 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 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 on February 18, 2004. 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*.

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 Super-

intendent 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 eight 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://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 state and metropolitan area

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Alabama	2,167.1	2,171.0	2,163.4	2,164.5	116.5	74.2	111.7	69.2	5.4	3.4	5.2	3.2
Anniston-Oxford	54.8	54.5	54.6	54.1	3.1	1.9	2.9	1.8	5.6	3.5	5.3	3.3
Auburn-Opelika	63.7	64.0	63.6	63.1	2.6	1.7	2.5	1.6	4.1	2.7	3.9	2.5
Birmingham-Hoover	537.6	535.2	537.8	534.0	25.5	17.1	24.5	16.1	4.7	3.2	4.6	3.0
Decatur	71.6	72.5	71.9	72.5	4.2	2.6	3.9	2.4	5.8	3.6	5.5	3.3
Dothan	66.2	67.4	66.4	67.5	3.1	1.9	3.0	1.8	4.6	2.8	4.5	2.6
Florence-Muscle Shoals	67.5	67.7	67.4	67.5	4.1	2.6	4.2	2.5	6.1	3.9	6.2	3.7
Gadsden	47.4	46.8	47.3	46.7	3.0	1.7	2.9	1.6	6.3	3.6	6.0	3.5
Huntsville	194.0	197.3	194.3	196.8	8.2	5.5	8.1	5.2	4.2	2.8	4.1	2.6
Mobile	184.3	184.5	183.6	183.9	11.2	7.1	10.5	6.4	6.1	3.8	5.7	3.5
Montgomery	168.6	171.9	167.7	171.2	9.1	5.9	8.7	5.5	5.4	3.4	5.2	3.2
Tuscaloosa	97.0	98.9	97.0	98.6	4.5	2.8	4.3	2.6	4.6	2.8	4.4	2.7
Alaska	331.6	341.2	331.6	341.3	24.2	23.2	25.3	23.9	7.3	6.8	7.6	7.0
Anchorage	182.8	188.6	183.9	189.1	11.0	10.6	11.2	10.8	6.0	5.6	6.1	5.7
Fairbanks	44.0	45.6	44.0	46.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	6.1	5.6	6.4	5.7
Arizona	2,804.5	2,859.5	2,797.4	2,852.7	121.9	130.8	115.5	121.2	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.2
Flagstaff	67.4	68.8	66.8	67.8	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	1,874.1	1,911.7	1,868.5	1,909.1	73.3	77.1	69.7	72.0	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8
Prescott	88.4	89.8	87.4	89.0	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.7
Tucson	445.3	450.0	445.4	449.4	18.1	19.8	17.4	18.4	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.1
Yuma	74.4	79.4	75.3	79.9	9.9	11.3	8.3	9.4	13.3	14.2	11.0	11.7
Arkansas	1,315.0	1,371.1	1,315.9	1,358.7	66.7	58.5	72.9	59.1	5.1	4.3	5.5	4.3
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	210.1	224.6	209.7	222.6	6.7	5.7	6.8	5.5	3.2	2.5	3.2	2.5
Fort Smith	133.3	138.1	133.0	136.9	6.2	5.3	6.3	5.7	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.2
Hot Springs	41.2	43.2	41.2	42.9	2.3	1.9	2.5	1.9	5.5	4.5	6.0	4.3
Jonesboro	56.0	59.0	55.9	58.3	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.5	4.8	3.9	5.3	4.3
Little Rock-North Little Rock	324.4	339.5	326.3	337.7	15.0	13.3	15.9	12.9	4.6	3.9	4.9	3.8
Pine Bluff	46.3	47.7	46.5	47.5	3.3	3.0	3.6	3.0	7.1	6.3	7.8	6.3
California	17,668.6	17,942.0	17,626.4	17,992.9	1,032.2	923.9	996.6	870.0	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.8
Bakersfield	318.9	323.7	314.8	321.3	30.4	25.9	30.6	26.1	9.5	8.0	9.7	8.1
Chico	99.2	101.0	98.8	100.7	6.6	6.2	6.6	5.9	6.6	6.1	6.7	5.8
El Centro	60.3	64.5	60.0	63.4	10.9	10.4	9.7	8.5	18.1	16.2	16.1	13.4
Fresno	399.6	402.3	401.4	403.7	40.4	35.7	40.6	34.1	10.1	8.9	10.1	8.5
Hanford-Corcoran	54.1	55.1	54.5	55.2	5.4	4.9	5.4	4.7	10.0	8.8	9.8	8.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	6,464.6	6,563.5	6,461.3	6,604.3	366.0	303.1	349.5	304.4	5.7	4.6	5.4	4.6
Madera	62.1	63.1	62.7	63.5	5.3	4.6	5.3	4.5	8.5	7.2	8.4	7.1
Merced	99.6	101.0	99.6	101.1	9.8	9.2	10.4	9.6	9.8	9.1	10.5	9.5
Modesto	228.0	232.0	226.4	231.5	19.3	18.1	19.5	17.1	8.5	7.8	8.6	7.4
Napa	72.5	73.1	70.7	72.3	3.5	3.1	3.4	2.9	4.9	4.3	4.8	4.0
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	416.1	423.3	414.7	423.7	21.8	20.8	20.7	18.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	4.3
Redding	84.8	85.2	84.6	85.1	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.3	6.7	6.6	7.0	6.2
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	1,668.5	1,703.9	1,668.8	1,709.4	88.1	86.0	82.6	73.8	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.3
Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Roseville	1,010.4	1,032.5	1,010.4	1,038.8	50.5	48.0	48.6	43.0	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.1
Salinas	212.4	213.4	202.6	204.3	15.1	14.0	20.8	18.7	7.1	6.5	10.3	9.2
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos	1,502.1	1,531.5	1,503.7	1,537.2	66.0	65.6	61.1	55.7	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.6
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	2,192.7	2,226.4	2,188.0	2,234.2	113.0	103.7	103.4	89.0	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.0
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara	852.1	854.7	846.4	854.2	50.3	45.4	47.3	39.3	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.6
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles	131.2	133.0	130.4	132.5	5.5	5.3	5.3	4.8	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.6
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	216.1	219.4	212.3	217.9	10.1	9.7	10.1	9.0	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.1
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	146.1	148.9	144.3	147.9	9.8	8.8	10.7	9.3	6.7	5.9	7.4	6.3
Santa Rosa-Petaluma	259.1	260.0	256.9	259.2	11.6	11.1	11.0	9.8	4.5	4.3	4.3	3.8
Stockton	283.9	288.1	282.1	287.7	23.2	21.2	23.3	20.3	8.2	7.3	8.3	7.0
Vallejo-Fairfield	210.8	214.9	209.5	214.9	11.5	11.2	11.1	9.9	5.5	5.2	5.3	4.6
Visalia-Porterville	178.9	176.3	178.9	177.4	20.6	16.0	20.9	17.0	11.5	9.1	11.7	9.6
Yuba City	65.0	68.3	64.7	68.2	6.3	6.0	6.6	5.9	9.7	8.8	10.1	8.7
Colorado	2,542.2	2,540.3	2,540.3	2,538.6	131.1	122.2	133.3	114.5	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.5
Boulder	170.0	170.3	168.9	169.8	7.8	7.0	7.8	6.4	4.6	4.1	4.6	3.8
Colorado Springs	300.3	300.1	299.1	299.6	16.0	15.0	16.0	14.1	5.3	5.0	5.4	4.7
Denver-Aurora	1,317.7	1,303.4	1,312.8	1,302.1	69.9	64.2	71.0	60.3	5.3	4.9	5.4	4.6
Fort Collins-Loveland	165.3	165.6	163.7	164.5	7.0	7.1	7.4	6.7	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.1
Grand Junction	69.6	69.7	69.4	69.2	3.2	3.0	3.7	2.9	4.6	4.3	5.3	4.2
Greeley	109.6	112.2	108.4	110.6	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.6	5.2	4.6
Pueblo	69.6	69.7	69.3	69.8	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.2	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.0
Connecticut	1,787.4	1,820.1	1,776.7	1,819.2	75.4	87.2	69.1	77.8	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.3
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	455.0	463.1	451.9	462.9	17.7	20.6	15.9	18.0	3.9	4.4	3.5	3.9
Danbury	89.1	89.8	88.4	89.8	2.9	3.2	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.1
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	559.7	570.2	556.7	570.4	25.0	28.3	22.9	25.5	4.5	5.0	4.1	4.5
New Haven	298.2	303.9	295.7	302.7	12.6	14.8	11.4	13.1	4.2	4.9	3.9	4.3
Norwich-New London	145.4	148.6	145.0	149.2	5.5	6.8	5.1	6.2	3.8	4.6	3.5	4.1
Waterbury	98.5	101.1	97.8	101.0	5.3	6.3	5.0	5.7	5.4	6.2	5.1	5.7

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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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Delaware	425.6	442.9	424.8	443.6	15.6	17.1	16.2	17.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0
Dover	69.7	73.1	69.8	73.0	2.1	2.5	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.6
District of Columbia	300.6	292.1	302.1	292.4	26.5	17.4	27.1	17.2	8.8	6.0	9.0	5.9
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	2,818.8	2,898.1	2,813.5	2,895.7	103.0	94.9	100.3	84.2	3.7	3.3	3.6	2.9
Florida	8,493.0	8,785.5	8,488.3	8,741.6	393.7	312.4	379.0	260.6	4.6	3.6	4.5	3.0
Cape Coral-Fort Myers	251.8	264.9	253.8	264.9	9.7	7.2	9.2	6.0	3.9	2.7	3.6	2.3
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach	233.2	239.5	233.3	237.8	10.6	8.0	10.4	6.8	4.5	3.3	4.4	2.9
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin	93.6	98.5	93.3	98.0	3.3	2.8	3.2	2.3	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.3
Gainesville	130.6	134.5	129.8	133.1	4.1	3.6	4.1	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.2	2.2
Jacksonville	614.1	634.1	608.9	629.8	27.8	22.3	26.9	18.9	4.5	3.5	4.4	3.0
Lakeland	251.7	257.8	251.7	257.8	12.5	9.6	11.7	8.1	5.0	3.7	4.7	3.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,648.7	2,738.6	2,654.0	2,724.0	132.7	108.4	129.6	89.4	5.0	4.0	4.9	3.3
Naples-Marco Island	139.4	145.8	140.3	146.6	5.4	4.4	4.9	3.5	3.9	3.0	3.5	2.4
Ocala	118.7	122.4	118.2	121.6	5.1	4.2	5.0	3.5	4.3	3.4	4.2	2.9
Orlando	972.0	1,022.0	973.8	1,016.8	42.6	33.8	41.0	28.7	4.4	3.3	4.2	2.8
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville	253.6	259.8	252.3	258.6	11.0	8.5	10.4	7.1	4.3	3.3	4.1	2.8
Panama City-Lynn Haven	78.5	82.1	78.2	81.3	3.6	3.0	3.8	2.8	4.6	3.7	4.8	3.4
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent	200.0	204.2	199.2	202.8	10.4	7.0	9.6	5.8	5.2	4.4	4.8	2.9
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce	169.5	173.0	168.9	172.3	10.2	6.9	9.0	5.7	6.0	4.0	5.3	3.3
Punta Gorda	62.0	63.2	61.7	63.1	3.4	2.1	3.1	1.7	5.5	3.3	5.0	2.7
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice	304.8	315.5	304.5	315.4	11.8	9.1	11.0	7.5	3.9	2.9	3.6	2.4
Tallahassee	175.7	180.3	173.9	178.1	6.5	5.5	6.4	4.6	3.7	3.0	3.7	2.6
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,276.2	1,320.3	1,273.2	1,309.1	56.3	45.8	55.0	38.6	4.4	3.5	4.3	2.9
Vero Beach	56.9	56.5	56.8	56.2	4.2	2.3	3.6	1.8	7.4	4.0	6.2	3.3
Georgia	4,435.4	4,575.7	4,449.9	4,573.7	206.1	236.9	211.2	224.6	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.9
Albany	73.2	74.1	73.6	74.1	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.2	5.3	5.8	5.3	5.7
Athens-Clarke County	96.1	99.3	96.1	98.9	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.9
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta	2,485.0	2,568.4	2,492.4	2,566.7	113.9	135.2	117.2	127.0	4.6	5.3	4.7	4.9
Augusta-Richmond County	246.5	255.0	246.5	253.6	13.9	16.8	13.6	15.1	5.7	6.6	5.5	6.0
Brunswick	50.3	52.2	50.6	52.3	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.1
Columbus	123.8	127.2	123.5	127.3	6.8	7.5	6.3	7.0	5.5	5.9	5.1	5.5
Dalton	64.2	65.8	64.2	65.7	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.7
Gainesville	79.0	81.4	79.2	81.1	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.0
Hinesville-Fort Stewart	27.1	28.5	27.2	28.4	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.7	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.0
Macon	107.2	109.5	107.4	109.5	5.3	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.2
Rome	49.4	49.7	49.5	49.6	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.2	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.4
Savannah	157.1	163.6	157.9	164.4	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.6	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
Valdosta	62.0	63.7	62.1	63.7	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.6	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.1
Warner Robins	59.8	63.1	59.9	62.8	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.7	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.4
Hawaii	619.1	649.3	620.0	650.0	18.8	18.3	16.9	15.8	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.4
Honolulu	433.9	456.5	435.2	457.2	13.0	12.7	11.6	10.8	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.4
Idaho	705.6	736.3	705.9	734.7	29.2	25.1	30.8	24.6	4.1	3.4	4.4	3.3
Boise City-Nampa	269.6	281.9	270.7	281.4	10.4	8.9	10.2	7.9	3.8	3.2	3.8	2.8
Coeur d'Alene	64.3	68.9	64.5	69.0	3.0	2.4	3.4	2.8	4.6	3.5	5.3	4.0
Idaho Falls	57.2	59.7	57.2	59.8	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.5	3.1	2.5	3.1	2.4
Lewiston	28.7	28.9	28.8	28.7	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.3	5.4	4.5	5.6	4.4
Pocatello	44.2	45.4	44.1	45.4	1.9	1.5	2.0	1.5	4.2	3.3	4.5	3.3
Illinois	6,431.0	6,515.4	6,405.4	6,481.4	374.2	320.6	367.1	342.0	5.8	4.9	5.7	5.3
Bloomington-Normal	85.5	88.6	85.2	88.8	4.2	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.9	3.3	4.9	3.6
Champaign-Urbana	117.4	121.9	116.3	121.8	5.1	4.1	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.3	4.4	3.6
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	4,748.8	4,771.3	4,735.4	4,731.3	271.6	241.5	261.4	254.7	5.7	5.1	5.5	5.4
Danville	37.8	38.4	37.5	38.7	2.9	2.1	2.9	2.2	7.7	5.4	7.8	5.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	194.9	200.8	194.5	200.1	10.3	9.2	10.7	9.7	5.3	4.6	5.5	4.8
Decatur	52.3	54.2	52.1	54.7	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.3	6.7	5.5	6.8	6.0
Kankakee-Bradley	52.0	53.7	52.1	54.2	3.7	2.9	3.9	3.3	7.1	5.4	7.5	6.1
Peoria	185.3	191.3	184.3	192.6	10.3	7.8	10.4	8.7	5.6	4.1	5.6	4.5
Rockford	161.6	166.9	161.7	168.2	11.4	10.0	12.0	10.8	7.1	6.0	7.4	6.4
Springfield	108.7	112.6	108.5	113.5	5.8	4.5	5.9	5.0	5.3	4.0	5.5	4.4
Indiana	3,175.2	3,235.9	3,156.6	3,209.6	156.8	162.8	157.0	171.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.3
Anderson	63.8	64.4	63.3	64.0	3.6	4.0	3.7	4.3	5.7	6.3	5.8	6.7
Bloomington	95.5	97.0	91.3	95.3	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.6	4.5	4.9
Columbus	36.6	37.8	36.6	37.7	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.9
Elkhart-Goshen	101.1	103.1	100.4	102.4	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.6
Evansville	179.8	185.3	179.0	183.8	7.9	8.7	8.0	8.9	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.9
Fort Wayne	208.6	213.6	208.6	212.7	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.8	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.1
Indianapolis	866.3	883.5	863.8	875.3	39.5	40.8	38.9	42.0	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.8
Kokomo	47.2	47.3	46.8	47.3	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.5
Lafayette	94.7	97.0	93.7	95.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.7
Michigan City-La Porte	53.0	53.2	52.5	53.2	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.3	5.3	5.6	5.5	6.2
Muncie	57.0	57.4	56.7	57.1	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.4
South Bend-Mishawaka	162.2	165.4	161.9	165.1	7.5	8.0	7.8	8.7	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.3
Terre Haute	81.8	82.3	80.7	81.7	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.6

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Iowa	1,628.7	1,668.8	1,626.3	1,653.4	76.7	75.0	83.0	76.6	4.7	4.5	5.1	4.6
Ames	47.5	48.5	46.8	47.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0
Cedar Rapids	137.5	141.0	137.4	139.1	6.8	6.6	7.4	6.7	5.0	4.7	5.4	4.8
Des Moines	291.3	300.1	290.7	298.2	12.8	12.7	13.4	12.5	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.2
Dubuque	49.0	49.7	48.3	49.1	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.5	4.5	4.6	5.6	5.1
Iowa City	99.2	100.0	98.2	98.4	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.4	2.9
Sioux City	74.1	74.9	73.9	74.0	3.8	3.7	4.2	3.7	5.2	4.9	5.7	4.9
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	91.2	94.6	91.5	93.5	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.5
Kansas	1,470.2	1,470.5	1,459.7	1,464.4	76.9	75.2	68.7	63.6	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.3
Lawrence	64.8	65.9	64.9	65.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.1	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.1
Topeka	125.5	124.3	124.6	123.8	7.5	6.9	6.7	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.4	4.8
Wichita	307.7	302.8	303.5	300.4	17.9	17.7	15.7	14.5	5.8	5.8	5.2	4.8
Kentucky	1,972.7	2,019.1	1,971.6	2,015.6	88.0	118.2	90.1	121.8	4.5	5.9	4.6	6.0
Bowling Green	58.7	60.1	59.3	60.1	2.2	3.0	2.2	3.1	3.7	5.0	3.7	5.1
Elizabethtown	52.3	53.3	52.4	53.2	2.3	3.1	2.3	3.1	4.4	5.9	4.5	5.8
Lexington-Fayette	228.2	232.2	227.3	231.7	8.1	10.9	8.0	10.8	3.5	4.7	3.5	4.7
Louisville	601.5	619.0	601.6	617.4	27.3	36.5	27.5	36.8	4.5	5.9	4.6	6.0
Owensboro	54.6	56.3	54.8	56.3	2.5	3.2	2.6	3.4	4.5	5.7	4.8	6.0
Louisiana	2,079.9	1,948.4	2,059.2	1,815.7	113.1	229.2	111.3	107.7	5.4	11.8	5.4	5.9
Alexandria	65.7	65.3	65.3	61.7	3.5	5.4	3.6	3.0	5.4	8.2	5.5	4.8
Baton Rouge	356.6	358.7	353.0	336.7	20.1	36.5	19.8	18.9	5.6	10.2	5.6	5.6
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	91.8	94.3	90.7	87.1	4.6	10.2	4.6	4.0	5.0	10.8	5.0	4.6
Lafayette	123.9	126.3	123.1	119.4	5.5	10.4	5.5	4.9	4.4	8.2	4.4	4.1
Lake Charles	93.0	99.2	91.9	90.6	4.9	15.6	4.9	4.5	5.2	15.8	5.3	4.9
Monroe	83.7	82.3	83.0	79.5	4.6	5.8	4.6	3.6	5.5	7.1	5.6	4.5
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner ¹	619.8	471.6	611.5	428.2	28.3	80.7	26.7	35.3	4.6	17.1	4.4	8.2
Shreveport-Bossier City	177.6	176.1	177.4	170.7	10.1	12.1	10.1	7.9	5.7	6.8	5.7	4.7
Maine	698.2	717.6	695.2	714.4	31.7	35.4	30.8	33.5	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.7
Bangor	72.1	72.9	71.6	72.3	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.2	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.4
Lewiston-Auburn	56.5	58.5	56.1	57.9	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.6	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.6
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	206.7	212.2	206.2	211.4	7.1	8.1	6.6	7.0	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.3
Maryland	2,889.6	2,951.4	2,873.2	2,953.4	120.2	121.8	116.9	106.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.6
Baltimore-Towson	1,348.6	1,373.4	1,341.5	1,375.8	60.6	60.6	58.8	52.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	3.8
Cumberland	44.7	45.4	44.6	45.1	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.0
Hagerstown-Martinsburg	115.0	118.0	114.6	117.3	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.6
Salisbury	61.3	62.3	60.3	61.4	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.3
Massachusetts	3,378.9	3,383.9	3,370.8	3,375.9	143.8	149.8	141.4	151.6	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.5
Barnstable Town	131.6	131.7	129.7	130.3	5.3	5.8	5.7	6.4	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.9
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	2,452.2	2,460.8	2,445.5	2,452.4	100.3	104.7	96.6	101.8	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner	73.3	73.8	73.3	73.7	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.2	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.7
New Bedford	83.2	83.8	82.5	83.2	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.8	6.6
Pittsfield	38.4	38.4	38.7	38.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1
Springfield	343.2	344.1	342.4	344.3	15.5	17.0	15.4	17.1	4.5	4.9	4.5	5.0
Worcester	289.3	290.2	289.8	290.2	12.6	13.1	12.4	12.9	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.4
Michigan	5,121.4	5,146.3	5,089.9	5,127.7	357.6	317.5	360.9	327.2	7.0	6.2	7.1	6.4
Ann Arbor	191.7	197.0	190.8	195.8	8.1	7.5	8.5	7.5	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.8
Battle Creek	74.2	74.2	74.0	74.1	4.9	4.3	5.1	4.4	6.6	5.8	6.9	5.9
Bay City	57.1	56.7	56.7	56.7	4.1	3.4	4.3	3.6	7.1	5.9	7.5	6.4
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,222.1	2,217.6	2,207.6	2,207.0	161.1	150.2	154.9	149.2	7.3	6.8	7.0	6.8
Flint	217.1	218.1	216.1	217.8	16.8	14.9	17.5	15.2	7.7	6.8	8.1	7.0
Grand Rapids-Wyoming	403.5	408.1	403.0	409.5	26.6	21.5	27.1	22.4	6.6	5.3	6.7	5.5
Holland-Grand Haven	135.0	134.2	135.0	134.6	7.1	6.1	7.7	6.6	5.3	4.6	5.7	4.9
Jackson	79.9	81.3	79.3	80.8	5.6	4.8	5.7	5.0	7.0	5.9	7.2	6.1
Kalamazoo-Portage	174.9	177.3	173.2	176.2	10.3	8.7	11.0	9.2	5.9	4.9	6.4	5.2
Lansing-East Lansing	255.7	260.3	253.1	258.1	16.8	13.8	15.0	14.0	6.6	5.3	5.9	5.4
Monroe	77.9	79.0	77.3	78.6	4.5	4.1	4.8	4.2	5.8	5.2	6.3	5.3
Muskegon-Norton Shores	90.4	91.4	89.4	91.1	6.6	5.7	6.7	5.8	7.3	6.2	7.5	6.4
Niles-Benton Harbor	79.4	79.0	78.7	78.6	5.8	4.7	6.2	5.0	7.3	6.0	7.9	6.4
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North	102.0	100.8	100.9	100.8	8.3	6.8	8.4	6.9	8.1	6.7	8.4	6.9
Minnesota	2,961.6	2,936.1	2,945.4	2,931.2	119.7	108.0	127.3	118.3	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.0
Duluth	146.6	144.5	145.5	143.7	7.2	6.6	7.8	7.0	4.9	4.6	5.4	4.9
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington	1,866.3	1,852.7	1,855.2	1,847.2	73.1	66.1	73.2	67.5	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.7
Rochester	103.7	103.5	103.1	103.5	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.7	3.5
St. Cloud	105.1	104.2	104.7	104.1	4.0	3.7	4.7	4.6	3.8	3.5	4.5	4.4
Mississippi	1,339.3	1,291.0	1,340.7	1,292.2	84.8	120.8	85.0	119.8	6.3	9.4	6.3	9.3
Gulfport-Biloxi	119.5	110.4	119.9	106.6	6.5	23.9	6.2	22.7	5.4	21.7	5.2	21.3
Hattiesburg	62.5	60.2	62.2	60.9	3.3	4.1	3.2	3.9	5.2	6.8	5.2	6.5
Jackson	262.7	250.7	263.1	252.7	14.4	17.0	13.9	16.5	5.5	6.8	5.3	6.5
Pascagoula	69.8	70.0	69.9	69.5	4.4	10.5	4.3	10.1	6.3	14.9	6.1	14.5

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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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Missouri	3,032.5	3,028.4	3,020.2	3,019.6	165.0	159.2	162.9	147.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.9
Columbia	91.8	93.2	91.6	93.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.1
Jefferson City	79.8	79.7	79.5	79.2	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.2	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.0
Joplin	84.6	84.6	83.9	85.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.4	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.0
Kansas City	1,037.5	1,029.0	1,032.0	1,026.5	59.4	57.6	56.4	51.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.0
St. Joseph	65.8	66.0	65.3	65.8	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.4	6.0	5.4	6.0	5.1
St. Louis ²	1,453.3	1,457.5	1,452.7	1,460.4	83.7	77.2	81.8	72.3	5.8	5.3	5.6	4.9
Springfield	211.4	214.3	209.9	213.2	8.9	9.1	8.7	8.0	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.7
Montana	485.3	494.1	482.7	489.4	21.1	21.4	21.6	18.5	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.8
Billings	83.0	85.1	83.1	84.1	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.0
Great Falls	39.7	41.1	39.8	40.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.6
Missoula	57.7	58.6	57.7	57.9	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.6
Nebraska	986.6	981.8	982.0	975.9	33.4	34.3	35.8	34.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5
Lincoln	168.3	166.3	166.4	164.8	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2
Omaha-Council Bluffs	443.4	444.0	442.6	441.6	17.7	17.8	19.0	17.7	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.0
Nevada	1,188.6	1,236.5	1,187.9	1,231.6	45.7	49.2	45.9	44.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.6
Carson City	27.3	27.2	27.1	27.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.1
Las Vegas-Paradise	838.1	881.2	838.6	878.7	32.6	34.9	31.9	31.1	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.5
Reno-Sparks	210.7	214.1	210.7	212.9	7.2	8.0	7.7	7.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.5
New Hampshire	723.4	739.3	721.6	736.2	22.6	26.3	22.0	24.0	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.3
Manchester	106.8	109.0	106.0	109.0	3.2	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.2
Portsmouth	43.4	44.9	43.0	44.6	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.4	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.0
Rochester-Dover	81.2	84.0	80.9	83.6	2.4	2.8	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.9
New Jersey	4,404.4	4,491.2	4,397.0	4,497.9	172.6	191.8	170.3	197.2	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.4
Atlantic City	133.9	139.2	133.3	138.5	6.2	7.0	6.6	7.7	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.6
Ocean City	54.3	56.7	53.4	56.8	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.8	6.9	7.1	7.8	8.4
Trenton-Ewing	191.4	196.8	190.8	197.2	6.5	7.5	6.4	7.6	3.4	3.8	3.3	3.9
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	69.0	70.7	68.1	70.1	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.9	5.3	6.1	5.9	7.0
New Mexico	923.0	945.4	921.1	941.8	48.4	45.9	47.0	41.0	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.4
Albuquerque	397.2	407.1	397.3	406.7	19.6	18.7	18.7	16.3	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.0
Farmington	54.9	57.3	54.3	56.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.5	5.3	4.8	5.3	4.4
Las Cruces	84.4	88.0	83.8	87.2	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.2	5.5	5.0	5.7	4.8
Santa Fe	76.6	78.8	76.3	78.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.4
New York	9,390.2	9,413.2	9,395.1	9,441.6	477.2	496.0	502.8	467.8	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.0
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	455.4	457.5	455.4	460.1	17.1	18.3	18.2	17.8	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
Binghamton	122.6	122.6	122.2	122.7	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.1	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.0
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	588.4	586.1	587.7	587.8	30.9	32.0	32.7	31.0	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.3
Elmira	40.5	40.1	40.2	40.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.1
Glens Falls	65.5	66.3	65.4	66.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.3	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.9
Ithaca	55.1	55.6	54.7	55.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.1
Kingston	92.9	93.0	92.5	93.9	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.1
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island	9,132.7	9,201.4	9,140.0	9,223.3	438.7	464.9	448.5	441.6	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.8
New York City	3,728.3	3,738.9	3,738.6	3,737.7	224.4	235.0	235.0	214.2	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.7
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	323.5	327.0	322.6	328.3	12.9	13.8	13.1	12.9	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.9
Rochester	529.2	522.1	525.1	520.9	25.3	25.8	26.9	24.9	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.8
Syracuse	330.7	332.7	330.7	334.6	16.2	16.4	17.3	16.3	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.9
Utica-Rome	142.5	142.5	142.5	143.6	6.6	7.1	7.4	7.0	4.7	5.0	5.2	4.9
North Carolina	4,278.4	4,352.3	4,255.9	4,333.9	227.1	222.5	224.5	202.5	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.7
Asheville	196.8	201.4	195.6	200.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	7.5	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.7
Burlington	70.2	70.7	69.7	70.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.3
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord	788.2	813.5	784.9	813.2	41.7	41.2	41.0	37.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.6
Durham	241.8	246.5	240.5	246.0	10.4	10.5	10.0	9.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.8
Fayetteville	141.2	143.3	140.0	143.0	8.0	8.8	7.7	7.8	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.5
Goldsboro	51.9	52.0	51.8	51.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.9
Greensboro-High Point	359.3	366.1	357.4	364.7	19.2	18.8	18.8	17.1	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.7
Greenville	82.4	84.9	82.5	84.3	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.0	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.8
Hickory-Lenoir-Morgantown	179.7	181.2	178.8	180.2	11.3	11.3	11.2	10.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	5.7
Jacksonville	56.2	58.0	55.6	57.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.7	5.7	5.4	5.5	4.8
Raleigh-Cary	486.4	502.4	483.1	501.3	20.8	20.1	20.1	17.9	4.3	4.0	4.2	3.6
Rocky Mount	68.3	68.1	67.8	67.6	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.2	7.2	6.8	7.0	6.2
Wilmington	156.1	160.1	155.3	159.9	7.0	6.7	7.0	6.2	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.9
Winston-Salem	232.8	238.5	232.5	238.5	11.1	10.7	10.8	9.7	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.1
North Dakota	350.4	352.2	349.6	350.9	10.4	10.3	11.9	11.3	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.2
Bismarck	57.7	58.3	57.6	58.4	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.7	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.8
Fargo	113.2	113.7	112.5	113.2	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.7
Grand Forks	55.9	55.7	55.5	55.2	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.8	3.0	2.9	3.5	3.3
Ohio	5,919.4	5,941.9	5,875.5	5,901.0	352.6	324.2	335.3	330.3	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.6
Akron	377.7	379.1	376.5	379.3	21.9	19.9	21.1	21.4	5.8	5.3	5.6	5.7

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Ohio—Continued												
Canton-Massillon	208.4	209.1	207.2	208.9	13.1	11.7	12.6	12.5	6.3	5.6	6.1	6.0
Cincinnati-Middletown	1,088.9	1,104.5	1,084.4	1,103.7	56.2	56.8	52.4	56.5	5.2	5.1	4.8	5.1
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor	1,089.0	1,079.4	1,076.9	1,060.3	59.4	59.4	58.3	58.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5
Columbus	926.8	934.2	919.9	930.7	49.7	45.6	45.5	44.8	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.8
Dayton	432.7	429.0	430.4	427.1	27.1	24.1	25.1	24.1	6.3	5.6	5.8	5.6
Lima	52.5	53.0	52.2	52.6	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.0	6.3	5.7	5.9	5.7
Mansfield	63.7	63.5	63.4	63.4	4.5	3.8	4.2	4.0	7.0	6.0	6.6	6.3
Sandusky	43.1	43.0	42.2	42.3	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.8	6.4	5.9	6.6	6.7
Springfield	70.3	70.8	70.0	70.5	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.4	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.3
Toledo	339.4	339.9	337.2	339.5	22.4	20.5	21.7	21.5	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.3
Weirton-Steubenville	57.8	58.3	57.7	57.2	4.2	4.5	4.1	3.9	7.2	7.8	7.1	6.8
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman	282.7	280.4	280.3	279.4	20.3	17.1	19.0	17.7	7.2	6.1	6.8	6.3
Oklahoma												
Lawton	1,726.1	1,746.4	1,712.8	1,734.6	78.0	68.7	76.2	69.4	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.0
Oklahoma City	47.3	48.0	46.9	47.5	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.3
Tulsa	586.2	594.3	582.4	591.5	24.5	22.4	24.2	22.7	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.8
Tulsa	444.2	455.5	442.6	453.0	20.2	17.5	19.8	17.7	4.6	3.8	4.5	3.9
Oregon												
Bend	1,866.7	1,863.0	1,851.8	1,850.0	128.4	101.5	124.5	101.6	6.9	5.4	6.7	5.5
Corvallis	71.4	72.5	70.9	72.5	4.5	3.5	4.6	3.9	6.4	4.8	6.4	5.4
Eugene-Springfield	43.3	42.9	42.7	43.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.6
Medford	175.3	174.5	175.7	174.7	12.0	9.5	11.5	9.5	6.8	5.4	6.6	5.5
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton	100.9	101.0	99.6	100.8	6.3	5.1	6.1	5.1	6.3	5.0	6.1	5.1
Salem	1,104.2	1,111.7	1,100.7	1,103.7	72.0	58.2	69.0	55.8	6.5	5.2	6.3	5.1
Salem	184.3	181.7	181.7	179.7	12.8	10.0	12.5	10.1	7.0	5.5	6.9	5.6
Pennsylvania												
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	6,356.5	6,323.6	6,333.2	6,288.3	329.2	306.3	326.5	275.5	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	407.6	411.8	407.3	410.3	19.9	19.1	19.6	17.5	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.3
Altoona	66.8	65.4	67.0	65.0	3.7	3.2	4.0	3.0	5.5	4.9	6.0	4.6
Erie	143.1	141.9	142.2	140.8	8.3	7.6	8.4	7.2	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.1
Harrisburg-Carlisle	282.6	282.4	281.8	281.5	11.8	11.2	11.3	9.8	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.5
Johnstown	68.5	67.9	68.7	67.7	4.6	3.8	4.9	3.6	6.7	5.7	7.1	5.4
Lancaster	270.5	268.7	268.8	265.2	9.8	9.9	9.7	8.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.2
Lebanon	70.7	70.2	70.1	69.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.2	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.2
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,949.0	2,978.0	2,947.2	2,977.1	137.2	139.8	131.5	127.1	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.3
Pittsburgh	1,231.5	1,218.0	1,228.9	1,213.2	66.3	60.7	67.4	55.5	5.4	5.0	5.5	4.6
Reading	201.2	201.4	200.3	200.2	9.7	9.5	9.6	8.4	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.2
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre	282.6	279.0	282.0	278.3	17.3	14.5	17.4	13.6	6.1	5.2	6.2	4.9
State College	75.6	75.5	73.5	73.3	3.1	2.7	3.1	2.4	4.0	3.6	4.3	3.3
Williamsport	61.8	61.1	61.6	60.5	3.6	3.2	3.9	3.1	5.9	5.2	6.4	5.2
York-Hanover	219.6	220.9	219.5	220.3	9.2	9.1	8.9	7.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.6
Rhode Island												
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	562.3	581.6	559.6	581.3	22.9	25.9	23.7	28.1	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	698.1	717.2	695.7	717.4	29.7	32.5	31.1	36.3	4.3	4.5	4.5	5.1
South Carolina												
Anderson	2,054.4	2,094.8	2,046.8	2,081.5	142.4	146.6	141.1	140.1	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7
Anderson	84.3	85.0	84.3	84.4	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.0	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.1
Charleston-North Charleston	292.6	303.0	291.0	300.7	15.7	16.4	15.2	15.0	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.0
Columbia	350.3	358.9	351.4	356.8	20.6	21.0	20.0	19.6	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.5
Florence	96.1	97.8	96.4	97.1	8.1	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.5
Greenville	294.9	299.9	295.0	297.7	18.1	18.1	17.8	17.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.7
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	119.0	122.7	118.4	121.9	7.0	6.9	7.9	7.4	5.9	5.6	6.7	6.0
Spartanburg	131.2	133.9	130.9	133.5	10.0	10.0	9.9	10.3	7.6	7.4	7.6	7.7
Sumter	45.8	46.3	45.8	46.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8
South Dakota												
Rapid City	428.5	431.6	424.9	427.8	14.2	16.5	14.8	16.3	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.8
Rapid City	65.3	64.9	64.7	64.2	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.5	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.8
Sioux Falls	121.6	121.4	120.5	120.9	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.8	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1
Tennessee												
Chattanooga	2,916.8	2,925.3	2,905.9	2,925.0	153.9	162.1	151.8	147.9	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.1
Chattanooga	251.1	253.3	250.8	253.5	11.3	12.2	11.3	10.9	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.3
Clarksville	102.6	105.6	102.6	105.4	5.3	6.3	5.0	5.8	5.1	5.9	4.9	5.5
Cleveland	53.2	52.8	52.9	53.0	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.6	5.1	5.6	5.0	4.9
Jackson	54.0	54.3	53.9	54.2	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.7	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.1
Johnson City	96.5	96.8	96.4	97.1	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.6
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol	141.2	141.3	140.5	140.8	7.2	7.2	7.1	6.5	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.6
Knoxville	338.8	341.6	337.8	341.5	14.3	15.5	13.7	13.6	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.0
Memphis	600.6	603.9	599.9	605.9	37.4	37.4	37.5	35.8	6.2	6.2	6.3	5.9
Morristown	63.1	63.9	62.9	64.0	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.5	5.5	6.0	5.3	5.5
Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro	735.6	741.8	734.2	743.8	30.5	34.3	29.2	30.0	4.1	4.6	4.0	4.0
Texas												
Abilene	11,120.5	11,329.3	11,128.1	11,302.7	652.4	590.7	642.3	545.2	5.9	5.2	5.8	4.8
Abilene	81.7	84.3	81.3	84.0	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.0	4.6	3.8	4.4	3.6
Amarillo	128.7	131.5	128.9	131.1	5.4	4.7	5.2	4.4	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.3
Austin-Round Rock	788.1	809.9	785.4	804.5	38.3	34.2	36.8	31.5	4.9	4.2	4.7	3.9
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.5	179.4	181.4	177.5	14.7	15.4	14.6	13.0	8.1	8.6	8.1	7.3
Brownsville-Harlingen	143.3	146.5	144.3	146.7	12.3	9.5	12.6	9.1	8.6	6.5	8.7	6.2

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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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Texas—Continued												
College Station-Bryan	104.1	106.3	103.4	105.1	4.4	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.7
Corpus Christi	198.6	197.2	198.5	197.5	12.9	10.5	12.8	9.9	6.5	5.3	6.4	5.0
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,995.3	3,048.9	2,999.5	3,043.2	170.9	152.7	165.9	140.9	5.7	5.0	5.5	4.6
El Paso	292.1	303.2	292.9	302.3	22.4	19.2	23.1	18.2	7.7	6.3	7.9	6.0
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	2,591.6	2,657.9	2,599.7	2,653.0	157.2	156.0	154.5	140.4	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.3
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	147.9	152.4	147.4	151.7	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.5	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.0
Laredo	84.7	87.2	85.0	87.5	5.3	4.5	5.5	4.4	6.3	5.2	6.4	5.0
Longview	101.4	103.7	101.3	103.6	5.7	4.9	5.5	4.5	5.7	4.7	5.5	4.4
Lubbock	142.7	144.8	142.4	143.9	6.1	5.3	5.9	4.9	4.3	3.6	4.2	3.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	259.3	266.2	262.5	268.7	22.6	18.4	24.4	18.6	8.7	6.9	9.3	6.9
Midland	64.7	65.6	64.7	65.3	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.2	4.2	3.5	4.1	3.3
Odessa	62.1	62.6	61.8	62.3	3.4	2.6	3.3	2.5	5.5	4.2	5.3	4.0
San Angelo	53.1	55.7	53.2	55.4	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.0	4.8	4.0	4.5	3.6
San Antonio	889.9	904.8	890.1	903.2	48.4	42.2	46.9	38.8	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.3
Sherman-Denison	58.1	58.9	57.9	58.7	3.4	2.8	3.4	2.6	5.9	4.7	5.8	4.5
Texarkana	62.3	64.2	62.7	63.8	3.5	3.1	3.4	2.9	5.6	4.8	5.4	4.5
Tyler	95.8	97.7	95.9	97.3	4.8	4.4	5.1	4.0	5.0	4.5	5.3	4.1
Victoria	56.4	57.7	56.3	57.4	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.4	5.6	4.5	5.4	4.2
Waco	111.4	113.2	111.4	112.8	5.7	5.2	5.5	4.9	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.3
Wichita Falls	74.7	76.3	74.8	75.9	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.0	4.9	4.3	4.7	3.9
Utah												
Logan	1,213.0	1,240.4	1,209.2	1,241.7	58.0	47.1	55.9	43.4	4.8	3.8	4.6	3.5
Provo-Orem	200.3	206.0	199.4	206.2	8.8	7.2	8.1	6.5	4.4	3.5	4.1	3.2
St. George	51.7	55.5	51.6	55.5	2.1	1.7	2.0	1.6	4.0	3.1	3.8	2.9
Salt Lake City	539.7	550.9	542.6	555.4	26.4	21.2	25.4	19.5	4.9	3.8	4.7	3.5
Vermont												
Burlington-South Burlington	113.9	115.0	112.8	114.1	3.3	3.7	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.1
Virginia												
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	3,825.7	3,952.2	3,816.3	3,932.4	129.8	131.3	131.0	119.9	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.0
Charlottesville	94.0	96.8	93.6	96.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.4
Danville	52.5	51.9	52.4	51.7	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.1	6.7	7.3	6.9	7.9
Harrisonburg	64.1	65.6	63.7	65.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.4
Lynchburg	113.3	116.8	113.1	116.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.3
Richmond	601.1	624.4	599.4	621.4	21.9	22.2	22.1	20.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.2
Roanoke	147.9	152.8	147.4	152.3	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.3	3.4	3.2	3.4	2.8
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News	777.9	798.3	774.0	793.7	31.0	31.6	31.4	28.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.6
Winchester	60.1	63.5	59.9	62.9	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.3
Washington												
Bellingham	103.9	108.2	105.2	107.8	5.6	5.0	5.7	4.6	5.4	4.6	5.4	4.3
Bremerton-Silverdale	124.5	127.4	125.1	126.5	6.9	6.5	6.7	5.8	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.6
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco	114.5	117.5	115.2	116.7	7.1	7.7	7.6	8.0	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.9
Longview	44.1	44.5	44.1	44.1	3.5	3.3	3.6	2.9	8.0	7.4	8.3	6.5
Mount Vernon-Anacortes	57.2	58.4	57.2	57.9	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.2	6.5	5.7	6.8	5.5
Olympia	123.6	127.9	125.2	127.5	6.8	6.1	6.6	5.5	5.5	4.8	5.3	4.3
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,712.6	1,763.3	1,724.8	1,763.5	89.9	89.6	87.6	82.8	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.7
Spokane	229.2	233.3	232.4	232.6	13.5	12.4	14.5	12.7	5.9	5.3	6.2	5.5
Wenatchee	57.6	57.4	56.5	57.3	3.9	3.4	4.2	3.7	6.7	5.9	7.5	6.5
Yakima	114.9	115.6	114.6	114.5	10.0	9.4	11.4	10.5	8.7	8.1	9.9	9.2
West Virginia												
Charleston	137.5	139.1	137.1	139.4	6.2	5.9	6.4	5.5	4.5	4.3	4.7	3.9
Huntington-Ashland	130.8	132.1	130.1	131.1	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.3	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8
Morgantown	58.3	60.6	57.4	60.5	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.7	3.3	2.8	3.4	2.7
Parkersburg-Marietta	81.0	80.9	80.5	80.2	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.8	5.4	4.9	5.3	4.8
Wheeling	67.7	68.8	67.5	68.8	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.4	5.9	4.9	5.7	5.0
Wisconsin												
Appleton	122.8	121.4	122.7	121.5	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.1	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.2
Eau Claire	87.8	85.9	87.0	85.9	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.5
Fond du Lac	57.3	57.5	57.1	57.5	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.5	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.3
Green Bay	173.5	171.6	173.5	171.5	7.1	7.6	7.3	7.9	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.6
Janesville	84.6	85.5	83.8	85.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9
La Crosse	75.3	74.3	74.5	74.1	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.9
Madison	336.5	335.6	334.8	333.5	9.7	10.4	9.3	10.2	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.1
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	802.3	798.0	802.4	796.9	37.3	37.6	35.6	36.1	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.5
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.9	94.2	93.7	93.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.9
Racine	100.0	99.7	99.9	99.8	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.6
Sheboygan	64.3	63.7	63.9	63.8	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.4	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.8
Wausau	75.1	73.9	74.6	73.9	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7
Wyoming												
Casper	283.5	286.8	282.3	283.4	10.7	11.0	11.0	9.3	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.3
Cheyenne	40.6	41.3	40.7	40.7	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.1
Cheyenne	43.3	42.6	43.1	42.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.6	4.5	4.2	4.6	3.7

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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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
Puerto Rico	1,372.8	1,433.1	1,383.5	1,415.4	136.3	180.4	136.0	152.6	9.9	12.6	9.8	10.8
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fajardo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guayama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mayaguez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San German-Cabo Rojo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yauco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

^P = preliminary.

- Data not available.

¹ Estimates are not model-based as of September 2005.

² Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

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. 04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Areas in the

six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that appears first in their titles. Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Ill., and Weirton-Steubenville, W.Va-Ohio, are the exceptions in that they are listed under Illinois and Ohio, respectively, for operational reasons. Estimates for the latest month are revised the following month, and at least 3 years of estimates are subject to revision at the end of the year, to incorporate updated inputs and reestimation.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state, selected metropolitan area, and metropolitan division ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

State, area, and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P
California	17,668.6	17,942.0	17,626.4	17,992.9	1,032.2	923.9	996.6	870.0	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	6,464.6	6,563.5	6,461.3	6,604.3	366.0	303.1	349.5	304.4	5.7	4.6	5.4	4.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	4,862.3	4,931.4	4,859.1	4,967.4	303.0	242.0	291.3	252.6	6.2	4.9	6.0	5.1
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine	1,602.2	1,632.0	1,602.2	1,636.9	63.0	61.1	58.2	51.9	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.2
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	2,192.7	2,226.4	2,188.0	2,234.2	113.0	103.7	103.4	89.0	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.0
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward	1,267.1	1,291.4	1,264.7	1,296.5	66.7	62.0	62.0	53.3	5.3	4.8	4.9	4.1
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	925.5	934.9	923.3	937.6	46.3	41.6	41.4	35.7	5.0	4.5	4.5	3.8
District of Columbia	300.6	292.1	302.1	292.4	26.5	17.4	27.1	17.2	8.8	6.0	9.0	5.9
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ²	2,818.8	2,898.1	2,813.5	2,895.7	103.0	94.9	100.3	84.2	3.7	3.3	3.6	2.9
Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg ³	616.2	631.2	613.2	632.6	19.6	19.8	18.1	16.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.6
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ²	2,202.5	2,266.9	2,200.4	2,263.2	83.4	75.2	82.3	67.8	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.0
Florida	8,493.0	8,785.5	8,488.3	8,741.6	393.7	312.4	379.0	260.6	4.6	3.6	4.5	3.0
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,648.7	2,738.6	2,654.0	2,724.0	132.7	108.4	129.6	89.4	5.0	4.0	4.9	3.3
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach	924.5	966.1	925.9	961.0	42.0	35.6	40.2	28.2	4.5	3.7	4.3	2.9
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall	1,120.4	1,149.5	1,121.5	1,140.4	60.9	48.6	61.4	42.0	5.4	4.2	5.5	3.7
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach	603.8	623.0	606.6	622.6	29.9	24.3	28.0	19.3	4.9	3.9	4.6	3.1
Illinois	6,431.0	6,515.4	6,405.4	6,481.4	374.2	320.6	367.1	342.0	5.8	4.9	5.7	5.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ²	4,748.8	4,771.3	4,735.4	4,731.3	271.6	241.5	261.4	254.7	5.7	5.1	5.5	5.4
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	4,000.4	3,998.6	3,987.4	3,956.2	233.2	206.1	221.2	215.6	5.8	5.2	5.5	5.5
Gary ³	322.4	328.6	321.8	327.7	16.9	17.2	17.1	18.5	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.6
Lake County-Kenosha County ²	426.0	444.1	426.2	447.3	21.5	18.2	23.1	20.5	5.1	4.1	5.4	4.6
Massachusetts	3,378.9	3,383.9	3,370.8	3,375.9	143.8	149.8	141.4	151.6	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.5
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy ²	2,452.2	2,460.8	2,445.5	2,452.4	100.3	104.7	96.6	101.8	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	1,477.9	1,480.1	1,474.5	1,475.3	57.4	60.3	54.7	58.4	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.0
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	123.4	123.9	123.0	123.5	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.9	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.8
Framingham	143.3	143.4	143.1	143.3	4.9	5.2	4.8	5.3	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.7
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury ²	119.1	120.0	118.5	119.0	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3
Lawrence-Methuen-Salem ²	70.2	70.3	69.8	69.9	5.3	4.9	5.2	5.0	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.2
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford ²	152.1	152.5	151.7	152.1	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
Lynn-Peabody-Salem	127.3	127.4	127.2	127.0	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.9	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.6
Nashua ²	177.1	181.3	176.1	180.4	6.2	7.0	5.9	6.5	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.6
Taunton-Norton-Raynham	61.7	61.9	61.6	61.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.5
Michigan	5,121.4	5,146.3	5,089.9	5,127.7	357.6	317.5	360.9	327.2	7.0	6.2	7.1	6.4
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,222.1	2,217.6	2,207.6	2,207.0	161.1	150.2	154.9	149.2	7.3	6.8	7.0	6.8
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn	926.7	920.7	918.7	916.8	81.6	75.0	76.3	72.7	8.8	8.1	8.3	7.9
Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy	1,295.4	1,296.9	1,288.9	1,290.2	79.5	75.2	78.6	76.4	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.9
New York	9,390.2	9,413.2	9,395.1	9,441.6	477.2	496.0	502.8	467.8	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.0
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island ²	9,132.7	9,201.4	9,140.0	9,223.3	438.7	464.9	448.5	441.6	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.8
Edison ³	1,165.0	1,189.9	1,161.6	1,191.6	41.6	47.0	40.4	47.8	3.6	4.0	3.5	4.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,471.1	1,475.2	1,473.2	1,486.8	60.9	62.3	62.4	59.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.0
New York-Wayne-White Plains ²	5,417.5	5,448.0	5,427.2	5,455.1	293.4	308.4	304.0	286.7	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.3
Newark-Union ³	1,079.1	1,088.3	1,077.9	1,089.9	42.8	47.3	41.8	48.1	4.0	4.3	3.9	4.4
Pennsylvania	6,356.5	6,323.6	6,333.2	6,288.3	329.2	306.3	326.5	275.5	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.4
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington ²	2,949.0	2,978.0	2,947.2	2,977.1	137.2	139.8	131.5	127.1	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.3
Camden ³	650.0	672.0	650.5	672.6	24.8	28.1	24.5	28.2	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.2
Philadelphia	1,950.3	1,943.9	1,948.2	1,939.7	98.7	96.9	92.9	83.0	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.3
Wilmington ³	348.7	362.1	348.5	364.8	13.7	14.7	14.0	15.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.3
Texas	11,120.5	11,329.3	11,128.1	11,302.7	652.4	590.7	642.3	545.2	5.9	5.2	5.8	4.8
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,995.3	3,048.9	2,999.5	3,043.2	170.9	152.7	165.9	140.9	5.7	5.0	5.5	4.6
Dallas-Plano-Irving	2,006.3	2,044.6	2,009.7	2,039.9	117.1	104.0	113.8	96.0	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.7
Fort Worth-Arlington	989.0	1,004.4	989.8	1,003.2	53.8	48.6	52.1	44.9	5.4	4.8	5.3	4.5
Washington	3,258.0	3,336.5	3,276.6	3,323.3	189.7	183.7	193.1	176.2	5.8	5.5	5.9	5.3
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,712.6	1,763.3	1,724.8	1,763.5	89.9	89.6	87.6	82.8	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.7
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,339.3	1,381.8	1,347.2	1,384.3	65.4	67.8	63.7	63.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6
Tacoma	373.3	381.5	377.6	379.3	24.4	21.8	23.9	19.4	6.5	5.7	6.3	5.1

^P = preliminary.

¹ These 11 areas contain all of the 34 metropolitan divisions.

² Part of the area (or division) is in one or more adjacent states.

³ All of the division is in one or more adjacent states.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lauusmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed

under the state that corresponds to the first city in their title. Metropolitan divisions are listed under their metropolitan areas. Some divisions lie in more than one state, and some, like Camden, N.J., are totally outside the states under which their metropolitan areas are listed. Estimates for the latest month are revised the following month, and at least 3 years of estimates are subject to revision at the end of the year, to incorporate updated inputs and reestimation. Two sets of metropolitan areas and divisions have similar or identical titles. For Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va., the titles are identical. For the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill.-Ind.-Wis., metropolitan area, the division title includes only Illinois.

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State and area	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,925.0	1,945.8	1,927.5	1,944.9	17.4	0.9
Anniston-Oxford	51.0	51.6	51.1	51.1	.0	.0
Auburn-Opelika	51.1	51.5	51.1	50.8	-.3	-.6
Birmingham-Hoover	515.6	516.4	516.4	516.7	.3	.1
Decatur	55.6	57.3	56.2	57.4	1.2	2.1
Dothan	61.5	62.8	61.6	63.3	1.7	2.8
Florence-Muscle Shoals	54.1	55.1	53.9	54.9	1.0	1.9
Gadsden	38.0	38.3	38.0	38.4	.4	1.1
Huntsville	194.6	198.9	195.1	198.9	3.8	1.9
Mobile	175.4	178.3	175.4	178.5	3.1	1.8
Montgomery	170.0	175.5	169.3	175.1	5.8	3.4
Tuscaloosa	93.1	95.4	93.0	95.4	2.4	2.6
Alaska	296.0	300.6	293.2	298.6	5.4	1.8
Anchorage	162.1	165.3	161.6	164.9	3.3	2.0
Fairbanks	36.4	37.2	36.1	37.2	1.1	3.0
Arizona	2,446.6	2,544.0	2,451.0	2,561.8	110.8	4.5
Flagstaff	61.7	64.4	61.0	63.6	2.6	4.3
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	1,727.6	1,798.3	1,728.6	1,811.8	83.2	4.8
Prescott	57.7	60.3	57.5	60.4	2.9	5.0
Tucson	369.7	382.7	371.6	385.2	13.6	3.7
Yuma	51.8	55.1	54.0	57.9	3.9	7.2
Arkansas	1,171.9	1,185.6	1,171.6	1,184.7	13.1	1.1
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	191.8	198.4	191.7	198.1	6.4	3.3
Fort Smith	118.8	119.9	118.7	119.4	.7	.6
Hot Springs	37.5	38.3	37.4	38.3	.9	2.4
Jonesboro	48.5	49.7	48.3	49.3	1.0	2.1
Little Rock-North Little Rock	330.0	331.7	329.9	331.6	1.7	.5
Pine Bluff	40.6	40.9	40.6	40.8	.2	.5
California	14,757.1	14,957.3	14,755.9	14,990.0	234.1	1.6
Bakersfield	214.0	221.2	213.9	221.0	7.1	3.3
Chico	72.7	74.2	72.7	73.9	1.2	1.7
El Centro	41.2	44.7	41.6	44.9	3.3	7.9
Fresno	289.1	291.8	288.0	291.6	3.6	1.3
Hanford-Corcoran	33.7	34.9	34.0	34.9	.9	2.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	5,511.7	5,558.3	5,503.9	5,573.1	69.2	1.3
Madera	33.7	34.6	33.8	34.4	.6	1.8
Merced	58.1	58.7	58.6	59.2	.6	1.0
Modesto	156.4	159.8	155.6	159.8	4.2	2.7
Napa	62.0	62.4	60.6	61.8	1.2	2.0
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	285.9	290.0	286.8	290.9	4.1	1.4
Redding	65.5	65.6	65.4	65.4	.0	.0
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	1,170.8	1,191.1	1,171.9	1,193.5	21.6	1.8
Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Roseville	865.7	881.5	865.8	884.7	18.9	2.2
Salinas	127.3	129.0	127.1	128.8	1.7	1.3
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos	1,271.3	1,289.2	1,275.2	1,292.6	17.4	1.4
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	1,979.3	2,007.7	1,981.3	2,012.8	31.5	1.6
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara	863.7	861.9	859.3	862.2	2.9	.3
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles	99.9	101.2	99.8	100.7	.9	.9
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	170.5	173.6	169.1	173.4	4.3	2.5
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	94.9	97.5	94.3	97.4	3.1	3.3
Santa Rosa-Petaluma	187.7	187.9	186.4	186.7	.3	.2
Stockton	205.6	208.3	203.8	208.0	4.2	2.1
Vallejo-Fairfield	127.6	129.0	126.5	128.7	2.2	1.7
Visalia-Porterville	104.4	105.4	104.4	105.4	1.0	1.0
Yuba City	39.0	42.2	38.9	42.1	3.2	8.2
Colorado	2,203.6	2,244.0	2,223.1	2,263.4	40.3	1.8
Boulder	161.0	165.7	161.2	166.0	4.8	3.0
Colorado Springs	251.2	255.0	251.8	256.3	4.5	1.8
Denver-Aurora	1,185.2	1,197.4	1,189.1	1,201.8	12.7	1.1
Fort Collins-Loveland	130.4	132.6	130.0	132.4	2.4	1.8
Grand Junction	56.0	56.5	55.9	56.6	.7	1.3
Greeley	77.1	79.2	76.7	78.9	2.2	2.9
Pueblo	55.7	57.0	55.9	57.4	1.5	2.7
Connecticut	1,681.8	1,693.3	1,686.3	1,697.1	10.8	.6
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	414.9	417.7	414.9	417.7	2.8	.7
Danbury	70.0	69.7	69.9	69.5	-.4	-.6
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	547.2	550.1	547.3	550.5	3.2	.6
New Haven	275.7	276.5	274.5	275.2	.7	.3
Norwich-New London	135.2	135.9	135.5	136.6	1.1	.8
Waterbury	69.6	70.6	69.4	70.6	1.2	1.7
Delaware	430.0	437.5	432.6	438.9	6.3	1.5
Dover	62.8	64.1	63.2	64.0	.8	1.3
District of Columbia	676.4	689.7	676.6	688.3	11.7	1.7
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	2,892.6	2,978.9	2,902.9	2,984.5	81.6	2.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
Florida	7,635.8	7,892.1	7,695.0	7,945.4	250.4	3.3
Cape Coral-Fort Myers	207.5	217.0	210.6	219.2	8.6	4.1
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach	165.5	169.3	166.9	169.8	2.9	1.7
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin	84.8	88.7	85.2	89.2	4.0	4.7
Gainesville	133.7	136.4	133.6	136.1	2.5	1.9
Jacksonville	591.0	608.3	590.7	610.6	19.9	3.4
Lakeland	203.0	207.5	204.5	209.8	5.3	2.6
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,331.5	2,391.9	2,357.2	2,412.7	55.5	2.4
Naples-Marco Island	123.5	129.2	125.4	131.3	5.9	4.7
Ocala	94.1	96.4	94.1	96.7	2.6	2.8
Orlando	992.3	1,036.0	1,001.0	1,043.1	42.1	4.2
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville	208.4	213.0	209.0	214.0	5.0	2.4
Panama City-Lynn Haven	71.0	73.9	71.0	73.8	2.8	3.9
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent	167.8	172.3	169.1	173.1	4.0	2.4
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce	120.9	125.4	122.1	126.1	4.0	3.3
Punta Gorda	40.8	42.2	41.1	42.4	1.3	3.2
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice	307.7	318.7	310.9	322.1	11.2	3.6
Tallahassee	171.5	174.9	171.2	175.0	3.8	2.2
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,291.8	1,324.5	1,296.1	1,328.5	32.4	2.5
Vero Beach	45.0	45.7	45.4	46.0	.6	1.3
Georgia	3,924.5	3,984.7	3,932.2	3,997.3	65.1	1.7
Albany	64.4	64.1	64.6	64.3	-.3	-.5
Athens-Clarke County	77.8	78.8	77.5	78.4	.9	1.2
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta	2,289.3	2,328.3	2,293.3	2,336.1	42.8	1.9
Augusta-Richmond County	211.9	214.9	212.1	215.6	3.5	1.7
Brunswick	42.3	43.5	42.7	43.7	1.0	2.3
Columbus	120.1	121.5	120.1	122.2	2.1	1.7
Dalton	76.6	77.0	75.9	77.0	1.1	1.4
Gainesville	68.8	69.4	68.7	69.3	.6	.9
Hinesville-Fort Stewart	16.7	17.4	16.7	17.2	.5	3.0
Macon	101.0	101.2	101.3	101.6	.3	.3
Rome	42.9	43.0	43.2	43.0	-.2	-.5
Savannah	145.6	150.3	146.2	151.2	5.0	3.4
Valdosta	53.0	53.2	53.0	53.4	.4	.8
Warner Robins	51.0	53.2	51.0	53.1	2.1	4.1
Hawaii	596.1	610.9	598.6	615.3	16.7	2.8
Honolulu	438.9	451.0	441.5	454.3	12.8	2.9
Idaho	596.7	621.5	593.6	621.0	27.4	4.6
Boise City-Nampa	247.0	257.7	247.4	258.1	10.7	4.3
Coeur d'Alene	50.2	54.1	49.9	54.0	4.1	8.2
Idaho Falls	50.0	52.7	50.0	53.0	3.0	6.0
Lewiston	26.3	26.5	26.1	26.5	.4	1.5
Pocatello	38.7	39.9	38.6	40.0	1.4	3.6
Illinois	5,865.1	5,932.9	5,862.8	5,925.7	62.9	1.1
Bloomington-Normal	89.3	89.8	89.3	89.5	.2	.2
Champaign-Urbana	114.4	114.6	113.7	113.9	.2	.2
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	4,455.6	4,509.4	4,454.5	4,504.5	50.0	1.1
Danville	32.3	32.2	32.2	32.3	.1	.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	182.6	183.5	182.1	183.0	.9	.5
Decatur	54.6	55.2	54.6	55.1	.5	.9
Kankakee-Bradley	43.0	43.3	43.1	43.3	.2	.5
Peoria	176.5	178.0	176.5	177.5	1.0	.6
Rockford	154.4	153.8	154.1	153.6	-.5	-.3
Springfield	110.7	110.9	110.2	110.5	.3	.3
Indiana	2,981.1	2,990.0	2,972.6	2,985.8	13.2	.4
Anderson	46.0	45.3	45.6	45.5	-.1	-.2
Bloomington	83.6	83.6	79.4	82.2	2.8	3.5
Columbus	43.3	44.0	43.1	43.9	.8	1.9
Elkhart-Goshen	131.1	131.2	130.3	131.3	1.0	.8
Evansville	179.3	181.2	178.7	181.5	2.8	1.6
Fort Wayne	214.8	216.2	214.8	216.4	1.6	.7
Indianapolis	892.4	890.6	891.6	891.1	-.5	-.1
Kokomo	49.1	48.6	48.7	48.6	-.1	-.2
Lafayette	94.3	94.9	93.8	94.4	.6	.6
Michigan City-La Porte	47.4	46.8	47.1	47.0	-.1	-.2
Muncie	55.4	54.7	55.0	54.8	-.2	-.4
South Bend-Mishawaka	147.5	147.6	147.8	148.0	.2	.1
Terre Haute	76.6	75.9	75.7	75.6	-.1	-.1
Iowa	1,479.9	1,503.3	1,473.4	1,502.6	29.2	2.0
Ames	48.0	47.9	47.1	47.1	.0	.0
Cedar Rapids	131.9	132.9	130.9	132.2	1.3	1.0
Des Moines	305.2	309.4	303.4	309.8	6.4	2.1
Dubuque	53.0	52.7	51.7	52.2	.5	1.0
Iowa City	86.5	85.9	85.4	85.2	-.2	-.2
Sioux City	71.5	71.9	71.1	71.4	.3	.4
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	88.1	90.0	88.3	89.5	1.2	1.4

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State and area	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
Kansas	1,344.8	1,371.0	1,343.5	1,364.8	21.3	1.6
Lawrence	53.7	55.6	54.2	56.0	1.8	3.3
Topeka	112.2	112.5	112.3	112.6	.3	.3
Wichita	287.5	286.2	286.1	286.0	-.1	.0
Kentucky	1,818.3	1,840.1	1,818.2	1,839.1	20.9	1.1
Bowling Green	57.8	58.7	58.5	58.6	.1	.2
Elizabethtown	46.3	46.7	46.5	46.7	.2	.4
Lexington-Fayette	247.8	249.5	247.5	250.4	2.9	1.2
Louisville	606.6	613.1	606.2	612.5	6.3	1.0
Owensboro	50.1	51.1	50.2	51.0	.8	1.6
Louisiana	1,936.0	1,724.5	1,930.7	1,734.0	-196.7	-10.2
Alexandria	60.9	60.9	61.2	60.7	-.5	-.8
Baton Rouge	348.3	348.0	346.5	347.0	.5	.1
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	80.7	82.4	80.2	82.6	2.4	3.0
Lafayette	135.5	137.2	135.0	137.5	2.5	1.9
Lake Charles	88.9	87.5	88.1	91.4	3.3	3.7
Monroe	79.6	79.8	79.3	80.3	1.0	1.3
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner	621.2	417.4	622.8	424.7	-198.1	-31.8
Shreveport-Bossier City	171.3	173.6	171.5	174.6	3.1	1.8
Maine	622.9	625.5	620.3	622.9	2.6	.4
Bangor	67.4	67.1	67.2	66.1	-1.1	-1.6
Lewiston-Auburn	49.4	50.1	49.1	49.4	.3	.6
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	199.9	201.4	200.2	201.4	1.2	.6
Maryland	2,560.3	2,603.1	2,565.1	2,598.9	33.8	1.3
Baltimore-Towson	1,275.5	1,295.0	1,278.5	1,297.7	19.2	1.5
Cumberland	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.0	-.3	-.8
Hagerstown-Martinsburg	99.0	99.8	99.6	99.8	.2	.2
Salisbury	54.7	55.5	54.7	55.4	.7	1.3
Massachusetts	3,218.8	3,233.1	3,222.0	3,236.1	14.1	.4
Barnstable Town	98.9	99.9	97.6	98.6	1.0	1.0
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	2,432.4	2,448.1	2,437.7	2,450.2	12.5	.5
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner	52.2	52.9	52.2	52.8	.6	1.1
New Bedford	64.1	64.5	63.1	63.7	.6	1.0
Pittsfield	36.3	36.7	36.7	37.0	.3	.8
Springfield	299.1	299.5	298.6	299.8	1.2	.4
Worcester	247.0	248.3	247.7	249.2	1.5	.6
Michigan	4,447.3	4,410.8	4,423.1	4,398.0	-25.1	-.6
Ann Arbor	205.4	207.9	205.5	206.8	1.3	.6
Battle Creek	64.6	63.4	64.7	63.4	-1.3	-2.0
Bay City	40.2	39.7	40.2	39.4	-.8	-2.0
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,071.8	2,053.1	2,058.8	2,045.5	-13.3	-.6
Flint	164.0	162.0	163.8	162.3	-1.5	-.9
Grand Rapids-Wyoming	388.3	387.3	388.9	389.9	1.0	.3
Holland-Grand Haven	116.8	112.3	116.9	112.6	-4.3	-3.7
Jackson	62.7	63.0	62.5	62.6	.1	.2
Kalamazoo-Portage	147.4	147.4	145.8	146.2	.4	.3
Lansing-East Lansing	233.0	234.2	233.5	232.5	-1.0	-.4
Monroe	44.3	44.0	43.9	43.9	.0	.0
Muskegon-Norton Shores	66.5	66.7	65.9	66.7	.8	1.2
Niles-Benton Harbor	65.1	64.1	64.3	63.5	-.8	-1.2
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North	95.5	93.3	94.6	93.3	-1.3	-1.4
Minnesota	2,714.9	2,747.4	2,711.7	2,745.2	33.5	1.2
Duluth	131.4	132.6	130.6	131.9	1.3	1.0
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington	1,767.2	1,788.6	1,767.0	1,790.3	23.3	1.3
Rochester	102.9	104.5	102.8	104.6	1.8	1.8
St. Cloud	98.4	99.3	98.1	99.0	.9	.9
Mississippi	1,136.0	1,111.8	1,133.5	1,109.2	-24.3	-2.1
Gulfport-Biloxi	113.5	90.1	113.6	87.1	-26.5	-23.3
Hattiesburg	55.2	55.9	54.7	55.9	1.2	2.2
Jackson	259.4	257.7	258.5	257.5	-1.0	-.4
Pascagoula	54.1	53.8	53.8	54.1	.3	.6
Missouri	2,726.5	2,749.9	2,726.7	2,749.0	22.3	.8
Columbia	88.8	91.2	89.1	91.7	2.6	2.9
Jefferson City	79.6	79.6	79.5	79.3	-.2	-.3
Joplin	77.4	77.8	77.1	78.9	1.8	2.3
Kansas City	976.2	982.0	977.2	982.3	5.1	.5
St. Joseph	54.1	54.9	53.9	55.0	1.1	2.0
St. Louis ¹	1,337.8	1,344.4	1,341.4	1,347.6	6.2	.5
Springfield	186.3	189.5	185.5	189.8	4.3	2.3

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
Montana	420.0	427.8	419.5	427.7	8.2	2.0
Billings	75.3	77.0	75.5	76.8	1.3	1.7
Great Falls	34.8	35.8	34.7	35.7	1.0	2.9
Missoula	55.3	55.8	55.1	55.7	.6	1.1
Nebraska	934.2	948.2	933.8	945.7	11.9	1.3
Lincoln	171.0	172.7	170.0	171.3	1.3	.8
Omaha-Council Bluffs	451.5	460.3	452.8	459.4	6.6	1.5
Nevada	1,188.2	1,258.0	1,192.0	1,260.9	68.9	5.8
Carson City	32.5	33.1	32.4	33.2	.8	2.5
Las Vegas-Paradise	837.8	899.2	841.5	900.7	59.2	7.0
Reno-Sparks	215.5	222.4	215.8	222.9	7.1	3.3
New Hampshire	634.0	643.5	638.6	648.4	9.8	1.5
Manchester	101.5	102.4	101.3	103.1	1.8	1.8
Portsmouth	54.2	56.0	54.2	55.9	1.7	3.1
Rochester-Dover	55.9	57.2	56.1	57.4	1.3	2.3
New Jersey	4,059.4	4,097.3	4,067.8	4,105.0	37.2	.9
Atlantic City	151.0	154.5	150.4	153.7	3.3	2.2
Ocean City	40.5	42.3	39.6	42.1	2.5	6.3
Trenton-Ewing	234.1	238.3	234.2	239.4	5.2	2.2
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	63.7	64.1	63.2	63.7	.5	.8
New Mexico	801.2	817.3	803.7	821.2	17.5	2.2
Albuquerque	375.7	381.9	377.5	384.0	6.5	1.7
Farmington	48.8	50.8	48.5	50.6	2.1	4.3
Las Cruces	63.9	66.4	63.9	66.3	2.4	3.8
Santa Fe	61.0	62.7	61.1	62.6	1.5	2.5
New York	8,581.5	8,647.8	8,604.6	8,667.5	62.9	.7
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	452.5	455.9	453.1	456.4	3.3	.7
Binghamton	113.7	113.9	113.1	113.3	.2	.2
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	556.2	555.4	555.9	555.2	-.7	-1.1
Elmira	40.5	40.0	40.3	40.2	-.1	-.2
Glens Falls	52.3	53.6	52.3	53.3	1.0	1.9
Ithaca	63.3	64.2	63.1	63.8	.7	1.1
Kingston	65.9	66.7	65.9	67.0	1.1	1.7
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island	8,406.1	8,471.2	8,440.6	8,504.9	64.3	.8
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	255.5	258.9	255.5	259.2	3.7	1.4
Rochester	513.8	508.8	510.3	505.3	-5.0	-1.0
Syracuse	323.9	327.6	324.2	327.8	3.6	1.1
Utica-Rome	134.3	134.4	134.4	135.0	.6	.4
North Carolina	3,883.9	3,937.0	3,881.3	3,934.3	53.0	1.4
Asheville	165.6	169.3	165.6	168.8	3.2	1.9
Burlington	61.1	60.7	60.9	60.4	-.5	-.8
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord	792.1	814.1	792.7	817.8	25.1	3.2
Durham	268.3	271.5	268.7	271.9	3.2	1.2
Fayetteville	120.3	120.7	120.2	121.3	1.1	.9
Goldensboro	43.9	43.5	44.0	43.3	-.7	-1.6
Greensboro-High Point	360.0	365.2	359.9	365.1	5.2	1.4
Greenville	70.8	73.1	71.3	73.0	1.7	2.4
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton	167.8	168.1	167.7	168.0	.3	.2
Jacksonville	41.8	43.0	41.3	43.0	1.7	4.1
Raleigh-Cary	449.5	464.2	449.2	464.9	15.7	3.5
Rocky Mount	62.9	62.2	62.6	62.3	-.3	-.5
Wilmington	127.9	131.2	128.0	131.3	3.3	2.6
Winston-Salem	211.9	217.2	213.4	218.0	4.6	2.2
North Dakota	342.1	348.8	340.5	347.4	6.9	2.0
Bismarck	55.7	57.5	55.8	57.4	1.6	2.9
Fargo	112.2	114.9	111.8	114.3	2.5	2.2
Grand Forks	52.8	53.5	52.6	53.2	.6	1.1
Ohio	5,472.6	5,482.0	5,472.0	5,473.8	1.8	.0
Akron	333.4	334.8	333.2	334.0	.8	.2
Canton-Massillon	179.4	180.2	179.1	180.0	.9	.5
Cincinnati-Middletown	1,029.3	1,039.9	1,029.4	1,040.9	11.5	1.1
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor	1,086.0	1,084.5	1,084.8	1,083.6	-1.2	-.1
Columbus	923.3	929.9	921.4	929.3	7.9	.9
Dayton	416.4	412.5	416.5	411.4	-5.1	-1.2
Lima	57.8	58.0	57.8	57.8	.0	.0
Mansfield	59.7	59.7	59.8	59.7	-.1	-.2
Sandusky	39.2	39.2	38.3	38.0	-.3	-.8
Springfield	52.3	52.4	52.3	52.4	.1	.2
Toledo	333.5	334.1	332.4	333.6	1.2	.4
Weirton-Steubenville	48.7	48.0	48.7	47.6	-1.1	-2.3
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman	243.9	243.5	243.0	242.6	-.4	-.2

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
Oklahoma	1,489.2	1,518.3	1,493.3	1,515.4	22.1	1.5
Lawton	41.1	41.8	41.3	41.7	.4	1.0
Oklahoma City	551.4	559.0	552.1	559.7	7.6	1.4
Tulsa	401.1	410.3	402.2	411.3	9.1	2.3
Oregon	1,633.3	1,685.1	1,628.4	1,685.5	57.1	3.5
Bend	60.2	62.8	59.9	62.8	2.9	4.8
Corvallis	38.1	37.8	37.9	38.4	.5	1.3
Eugene-Springfield	146.6	149.3	147.8	150.4	2.6	1.8
Medford	81.4	83.2	80.8	83.8	3.0	3.7
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton	965.4	990.8	964.9	991.4	26.5	2.7
Salem	143.9	145.0	143.5	144.9	1.4	1.0
Pennsylvania	5,721.9	5,789.4	5,715.0	5,779.3	64.3	1.1
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	332.8	337.8	332.2	337.7	5.5	1.7
Altoona	63.0	62.3	63.1	62.4	-.7	-1.1
Erie	134.0	133.7	133.0	133.3	-.3	-.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle	326.2	329.0	326.6	329.7	3.1	.9
Johnstown	60.2	60.9	60.2	60.8	.6	1.0
Lancaster	235.2	236.1	234.3	235.8	1.5	.6
Lebanon	47.9	48.1	48.0	48.0	.0	.0
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,786.9	2,812.5	2,792.8	2,821.0	28.2	1.0
Pittsburgh	1,149.3	1,148.3	1,144.5	1,145.3	.8	.1
Reading	169.9	171.9	170.2	172.5	2.3	1.4
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre	260.0	261.1	259.7	260.7	1.0	.4
State College	74.8	75.6	72.7	73.6	.9	1.2
Williamsport	54.9	55.1	54.8	54.7	-.1	-.2
York-Hanover	175.4	177.9	175.9	178.4	2.5	1.4
Rhode Island	496.1	502.2	496.1	499.9	3.8	.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	590.7	596.3	590.1	593.0	2.9	.5
South Carolina	1,843.5	1,852.8	1,836.5	1,854.6	18.1	1.0
Anderson	64.0	63.4	64.0	63.4	-.6	-.9
Charleston-North Charleston	276.7	283.5	276.2	284.0	7.8	2.8
Columbia	345.8	351.0	348.1	352.3	4.2	1.2
Florence	89.6	89.7	89.7	89.8	.1	.1
Greenville	294.6	297.3	295.5	297.3	1.8	.6
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	114.0	116.4	112.6	115.9	3.3	2.9
Spartanburg	122.4	124.1	122.4	123.9	1.5	1.2
Sumter	39.5	39.7	39.6	39.8	.2	.5
South Dakota	386.4	393.5	384.6	391.6	7.0	1.8
Rapid City	58.8	59.3	58.8	59.0	.2	.3
Sioux Falls	125.3	127.6	125.1	127.8	2.7	2.2
Tennessee	2,736.6	2,753.3	2,742.2	2,758.1	15.9	.6
Chattanooga	241.3	243.8	241.9	244.3	2.4	1.0
Clarksville	81.6	83.6	81.8	83.8	2.0	2.4
Cleveland	41.2	41.1	41.2	41.5	.3	.7
Jackson	60.8	61.3	60.9	61.4	.5	.8
Johnson City	80.6	82.2	81.2	82.4	1.2	1.5
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol	122.0	122.3	121.7	122.1	.4	.3
Knoxville	327.4	332.2	327.8	331.7	3.9	1.2
Memphis	625.3	637.5	624.2	637.4	13.2	2.1
Morristown	51.1	52.2	51.1	52.5	1.4	2.7
Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro	724.9	736.1	727.7	737.7	10.0	1.4
Texas	9,580.1	9,725.8	9,585.9	9,739.3	153.4	1.6
Abilene	64.5	66.5	64.4	66.3	1.9	3.0
Amarillo	108.1	109.9	108.5	109.9	1.4	1.3
Austin-Round Rock	677.5	690.9	675.3	689.5	14.2	2.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur	156.1	152.4	156.8	153.1	-3.7	-2.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	117.3	121.1	117.9	121.9	4.0	3.4
College Station-Bryan	89.0	90.5	88.8	89.8	1.0	1.1
Corpus Christi	167.8	167.6	168.1	168.3	.2	.1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,730.4	2,763.9	2,734.9	2,771.5	36.6	1.3
El Paso	258.6	270.0	258.6	269.7	11.1	4.3
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	2,305.9	2,349.3	2,315.3	2,357.8	42.5	1.8
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	114.3	116.4	114.1	116.7	2.6	2.3
Laredo	78.9	81.7	79.2	82.1	2.9	3.7
Longview	87.2	89.7	87.6	89.8	2.2	2.5
Lubbock	127.1	128.1	127.0	127.8	.8	.6
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	189.2	197.8	191.1	199.4	8.3	4.3
Midland	57.2	57.6	57.3	57.4	.1	.2
Odessa	52.4	53.2	52.4	53.1	.7	1.3
San Angelo	43.7	45.5	43.8	45.5	1.7	3.9
San Antonio	766.8	779.8	768.9	780.9	12.0	1.6
Sherman-Denison	44.5	45.6	44.4	45.5	1.1	2.5
Texarkana	54.3	55.8	55.0	55.7	.7	1.3
Tyler	89.2	90.7	89.1	90.7	1.6	1.8
Victoria	47.5	48.7	47.5	48.7	1.2	2.5
Waco	103.2	104.7	103.7	104.6	.9	.9
Wichita Falls	61.1	62.3	61.1	62.3	1.2	2.0

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
Utah	1,124.9	1,171.4	1,130.0	1,180.4	50.4	4.5
Logan	49.8	50.9	50.1	51.3	1.2	2.4
Ogden-Clearfield	186.2	193.0	185.6	192.8	7.2	3.9
Provo-Orem	168.4	176.3	169.4	177.4	8.0	4.7
St. George	44.6	48.5	45.1	48.6	3.5	7.8
Salt Lake City	575.0	597.5	580.5	605.6	25.1	4.3
Vermont	307.4	311.1	312.4	316.5	4.1	1.3
Burlington-South Burlington	115.8	116.0	116.3	116.1	-.2	-.2
Virginia	3,647.8	3,690.1	3,645.6	3,686.3	40.7	1.1
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	73.7	74.6	72.4	74.1	1.7	2.3
Charlottesville	93.5	95.4	93.5	95.5	2.0	2.1
Danville	44.6	42.9	44.6	42.6	-2.0	-4.5
Harrisonburg	62.8	64.1	62.6	64.0	1.4	2.2
Lynchburg	104.1	105.6	104.0	105.7	1.7	1.6
Richmond	610.8	627.1	610.8	627.3	16.5	2.7
Roanoke	159.9	163.8	160.0	164.2	4.2	2.6
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News	759.5	769.0	757.6	769.5	11.9	1.6
Winchester	55.2	57.7	55.0	57.5	2.5	4.5
Washington	2,742.9	2,821.3	2,733.2	2,811.4	78.2	2.9
Bellingham	79.4	84.0	79.5	84.0	4.5	5.7
Bremerton-Silverdale	84.9	87.3	84.3	87.2	2.9	3.4
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco	87.5	90.5	88.1	90.5	2.4	2.7
Longview	37.2	37.6	36.7	37.6	.9	2.5
Mount Vernon-Anacortes	45.2	46.8	44.8	46.7	1.9	4.2
Olympia	94.5	98.8	95.0	99.0	4.0	4.2
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,616.0	1,673.0	1,616.4	1,670.2	53.8	3.3
Spokane	203.9	208.9	203.2	207.9	4.7	2.3
Wenatchee	37.6	38.9	37.3	38.6	1.3	3.5
Yakima	76.9	78.1	75.4	77.4	2.0	2.7
West Virginia	745.3	752.7	742.3	750.3	8.0	1.1
Charleston	149.4	149.0	148.8	149.7	.9	.6
Huntington-Ashland	119.1	119.3	118.7	118.5	-.2	-.2
Morgantown	57.9	59.7	57.0	59.6	2.6	4.6
Parkersburg-Marietta	75.2	74.7	74.9	74.2	-.7	-.9
Wheeling	67.2	68.1	67.3	68.0	.7	1.0
Wisconsin	2,843.6	2,870.0	2,822.4	2,860.1	37.7	1.3
Appleton	118.0	117.8	117.6	117.6	.0	.0
Eau Claire	79.7	79.3	78.6	78.8	.2	.3
Fond du Lac	49.1	49.8	48.6	49.8	1.2	2.5
Green Bay	170.9	171.0	170.7	170.5	-.2	-.1
Janesville	69.6	71.7	68.6	71.7	3.1	4.5
La Crosse	74.0	74.1	72.9	73.5	.6	.8
Madison	343.0	346.3	341.3	344.1	2.8	.8
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	839.9	849.4	841.1	848.9	7.8	.9
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.0	94.6	92.8	94.1	1.3	1.4
Racine	80.0	80.6	79.3	80.6	1.3	1.6
Sheboygan	61.6	61.9	61.4	62.2	.8	1.3
Wausau	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.9	.4	.6
Wyoming	256.4	262.9	256.0	262.2	6.2	2.4
Casper	36.3	38.0	36.2	37.9	1.7	4.7
Cheyenne	40.9	41.8	40.8	41.7	.9	2.2
Puerto Rico	1,049.6	1,000.4	1,062.1	1,000.1	-62.0	-5.8
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian	50.8	45.9	51.4	45.8	-5.6	-10.9
Fajardo	16.7	16.5	16.6	16.2	-.4	-2.4
Guayama	18.5	15.6	18.9	15.8	-3.1	-16.4
Mayaguez	42.6	37.0	43.0	36.9	-6.1	-14.2
Ponce	65.3	60.6	66.6	60.9	-5.7	-8.6
San German-Cabo Rojo	22.5	20.7	23.2	20.4	-2.8	-12.1
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo	791.6	761.2	800.6	761.8	-38.8	-4.8
Yauco	15.0	13.9	15.1	13.8	-1.3	-8.6
Virgin Islands	42.8	43.2	42.7	43.6	.9	2.1

¹ Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and

in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that appears first in their titles. Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Ill., and Weirton-Steubenville, W. Va.-Ohio, are the exceptions in that they are listed under Illinois and Ohio, respectively, for operational reasons.

Table 4. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state, selected metropolitan area, and metropolitan division

(Numbers in thousands)

State, area, and division	November		December		Change from December 2004 to December 2005 ^P	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^P	Number	Percent
California	14,757.1	14,957.3	14,755.9	14,990.0	234.1	1.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana	5,511.7	5,558.3	5,503.9	5,573.1	69.2	1.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	4,033.5	4,058.4	4,023.1	4,072.6	49.5	1.2
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine	1,479.2	1,499.9	1,481.8	1,500.5	18.7	1.3
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	1,979.3	2,007.7	1,981.3	2,012.8	31.5	1.6
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward	1,032.9	1,051.5	1,032.6	1,055.3	22.7	2.2
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	946.4	956.2	948.7	957.5	8.8	.9
District of Columbia	676.4	689.7	676.6	688.3	11.7	1.7
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ¹	2,892.6	2,978.9	2,902.9	2,984.5	81.6	2.8
Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg ²	564.0	577.9	567.6	578.9	11.3	2.0
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria ¹	2,328.7	2,401.0	2,335.4	2,405.6	70.2	3.0
Florida	7,635.8	7,892.1	7,695.0	7,945.4	250.4	3.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	2,331.5	2,391.9	2,357.2	2,412.7	55.5	2.4
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach	735.4	763.4	741.0	770.9	29.9	4.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall	1,040.5	1,056.5	1,051.5	1,062.8	11.3	1.1
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach	555.6	572.0	564.7	579.0	14.3	2.5
Illinois	5,865.1	5,932.9	5,862.8	5,925.7	62.9	1.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,455.6	4,509.4	4,454.5	4,504.5	50.0	1.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	3,788.7	3,833.8	3,790.0	3,830.8	40.8	1.1
Gary ²	278.7	280.3	279.0	280.2	1.2	.4
Lake County-Kenosha County ¹	388.0	395.3	385.6	393.5	7.9	2.0
Massachusetts	3,218.8	3,233.1	3,222.0	3,236.1	14.1	.4
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy ¹	2,432.4	2,448.1	2,437.7	2,450.2	12.5	.5
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	1,658.0	1,670.8	1,660.6	1,670.9	10.3	.6
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	89.9	90.7	89.6	90.7	1.1	1.2
Framingham	153.0	154.2	153.4	154.4	1.0	.7
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury ¹	76.5	76.7	76.0	76.6	.6	.8
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford ¹	119.2	120.4	119.2	120.5	1.3	1.1
Lynn-Peabody-Salem	102.7	103.2	102.8	103.5	.7	.7
Nashua ¹	131.9	133.7	132.5	134.3	1.8	1.4
Michigan	4,447.3	4,410.8	4,423.1	4,398.0	-25.1	-.6
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	2,071.8	2,053.1	2,058.8	2,045.5	-13.3	-.6
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn	845.6	833.2	841.1	834.1	-7.0	-.8
Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy	1,226.2	1,219.9	1,217.7	1,211.4	-6.3	-.5
New York	8,581.5	8,647.8	8,604.6	8,667.5	62.9	.7
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island ¹	8,406.1	8,471.2	8,440.6	8,504.9	64.3	.8
Edison ²	1,023.7	1,034.5	1,024.5	1,038.3	13.8	1.3
Nassau-Suffolk	1,257.4	1,267.5	1,263.9	1,274.0	10.1	.8
New York-Wayne-White Plains ¹	5,087.3	5,138.5	5,110.9	5,159.0	48.1	.9
Newark-Union ²	1,038.0	1,030.7	1,041.1	1,033.6	-7.5	-.7
Pennsylvania	5,721.9	5,789.4	5,715.0	5,779.3	64.3	1.1
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington ¹	2,786.9	2,812.5	2,792.8	2,821.0	28.2	1.0
Camden ²	540.8	554.6	544.0	557.0	13.0	2.4
Philadelphia	1,895.5	1,900.3	1,897.5	1,905.3	7.8	.4
Wilmington ²	350.7	357.6	351.4	358.7	7.3	2.1
Texas	9,580.1	9,725.8	9,585.9	9,739.3	153.4	1.6
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,730.4	2,763.9	2,734.9	2,771.5	36.6	1.3
Dallas-Plano-Irving	1,930.3	1,954.0	1,933.0	1,959.6	26.6	1.4
Fort Worth-Arlington	800.1	809.9	801.9	811.9	10.0	1.2
Washington	2,742.9	2,821.3	2,733.2	2,811.4	78.2	2.9
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	1,616.0	1,673.0	1,616.4	1,670.2	53.8	3.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,357.4	1,406.1	1,357.3	1,403.4	46.1	3.4
Tacoma	258.6	266.9	259.1	266.8	7.7	3.0

¹ Part of the area is in one or more adjacent states.

² All of the area is in one or more adjacent states.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmark are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 04-03, dated February 18, 2004, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and

in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that appears first in their titles. Some divisions lie in more than one state, and some, like Camden, N.J., are totally outside the states under which their metropolitan areas are listed.

Unemployment rates for metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted, December 2005

(U.S. rate = 4.6 percent)

