

Table 3. Employment for all covered workers¹ by metropolitan areas in southeastern states for December 2002 and 2003

Metropolitan area ²	Employment			Ranking of areas by level of employment for December 2003 (p)
	December 2002	December 2003 (p)	Percent Change December 2002 December 2003 (p)	
All metropolitan areas³	107,171,850	107,171,562	0.0	
Alabama				
Anniston, Al	46,613	47,753	2.4	292
Auburn-Opelika, Al	42,202	43,666	3.5	299
Birmingham, Al	449,618	450,440	0.2	63
Decatur, Al	53,508	52,785	-1.4	275
Dothan, Al	66,023	65,757	-0.4	245
Florence, Al	48,935	48,621	-0.6	288
Gadsden, Al	36,790	35,580	-3.3	312
Huntsville, Al	177,404	180,971	2.0	123
Mobile, Al	212,859	212,773	0.0	108
Montgomery, Al	155,691	156,390	0.4	143
Tuscaloosa, Al	76,746	76,742	0.0	221
Florida				
Daytona Beach, Fl	162,990	166,002	1.8	132
Fort Lauderdale, Fl	693,909	691,576	-0.3	45
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, Fl	186,207	195,324	4.9	114
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, Fl	111,218	114,735	3.2	179
Fort Walton Beach, Fl	77,869	80,726	3.7	215
Gainesville, Fl	122,574	124,747	1.8	168
Jacksonville, Fl	534,452	531,914	-0.5	58
Lakeland-Winter Haven, Fl	193,644	188,307	-2.8	119
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, Fl	186,843	190,457	1.9	117
Miami, Fl	999,492	980,777	-1.9	25
Naples, Fl	122,290	122,619	0.3	169
Ocala, Fl	85,047	88,610	4.2	202
Orlando, Fl	885,808	899,720	1.6	30
Panama City, Fl	61,205	61,952	1.2	256
Pensacola, Fl	148,495	150,946	1.7	147
Punta Gorda, Fl	46,496	55,725	19.8	269
Sarasota-Bradenton, Fl	279,323	271,353	-2.9	89
Tallahassee, Fl	159,047	158,268	-0.5	141
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fl	1,167,155	1,158,220	-0.8	19
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fl	522,384	521,810	-0.1	60
Georgia				
Albany, Ga	56,184	56,918	1.3	265
Athens, Ga	73,725	73,161	-0.8	231
Atlanta, GA	2,144,217	2,149,710	0.3	7
Augusta-Aiken, Ga-SC	197,842	200,326	1.3	110
Columbus, Ga-Al	114,305	114,779	0.4	178
Macon, Ga	146,520	149,053	1.7	151
Savannah, Ga	136,380	139,142	2.0	156
Kentucky				
Clarksville-Hopkinsville, Tn-Ky	69,587	70,206	0.9	238
Evansville-Henderson, In-Ky	153,691	152,442	-0.8	144
Huntington-Ashland, WV-Ky-Oh	114,976	115,963	0.9	174
Lexington, Ky	260,092	262,414	0.9	91
Louisville, Ky-In	539,106	536,377	-0.5	56
Owensboro, Ky	41,617	41,981	0.9	301
Mississippi				
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, Ms	147,028	150,246	2.2	149
Hattiesburg, Ms	48,050	48,865	1.7	286
Jackson, Ms	210,000	220,881	5.2	106
North Carolina				
Asheville, NC	109,636	110,429	0.7	183
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	813,373	813,971	0.1	37
Fayetteville, NC	110,551	110,815	0.2	182
Goldsboro, NC	45,293	43,916	-3.0	298
Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point, NC	629,819	621,460	-1.3	49
Greenville, NC	66,315	64,732	-2.4	248
Hickory-Morganton, NC	164,908	160,705	-2.5	140
Jacksonville, NC	39,117	39,108	0.0	307
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	669,031	676,272	1.1	46
Rocky Mount, NC	64,154	63,886	-0.4	250
Wilmington, NC	109,603	111,918	2.1	180

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South Carolina				
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	247,135	252,623	2.2	95
Columbia, SC	292,112	293,489	0.5	83
Florence, SC	64,247	63,770	-0.7	251
Greenville-Spartanburg, SC	459,227	456,020	-0.7	62
Myrtle Beach, SC	94,816	97,833	3.2	192
Sumter, SC	38,405	38,354	-0.1	309
Tennessee				
Chattanooga, Tn-Ga	228,014	230,277	1.0	102
Clarksville-Hopkinsville, Tn-Ky	69,587	70,206	0.9	238
Jackson, Tn	56,123	56,470	0.6	266
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, Tn-Va	190,453	191,582	0.6	115
Knoxville, Tn	335,781	341,149	1.6	74
Memphis, Tn-Ar-Ms	566,602	570,673	0.7	53
Nashville, Tn	679,733	694,026	2.1	44

¹Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

²Includes data for Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas as defined by OMB Bulletin No. 99-04. See Technical Note.

³Totals do not include the six MSAs within Puerto Rico.

P = preliminary.