

Table 1. Employment for all covered workers¹ by metropolitan areas 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 areas ³	107,171,850	107,171,562	0.0	
Abilene, Tx	54,651	54,101	-1.0	271
Akron, Oh	316,261	317,227	0.3	77
Albany, Ga	56,184	56,918	1.3	265
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	441,724	447,264	1.3	64
Albuquerque, NM	349,984	352,987	0.9	72
Alexandria, La	55,845	55,745	-0.2	268
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa	275,892	279,807	1.4	87
Altoona, Pa	58,594	59,804	2.1	261
Amarillo, Tx	95,862	98,561	2.8	189
Anchorage, Ak	137,784	139,974	1.6	155
Ann Arbor, Mi	282,268	280,200	-0.7	86
Anniston, Al	46,613	47,753	2.4	292
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	200,131	198,987	-0.6	112
Asheville, NC	109,636	110,429	0.7	183
Athens, Ga	73,725	73,161	-0.8	231
Atlanta, GA	2,144,217	2,149,710	0.3	7
Atlantic-Cape May, NJ	178,813	182,104	1.8	122
Auburn-Opelika, Al	42,202	43,666	3.5	299
Augusta-Aiken, Ga-SC	197,842	200,326	1.3	110
Austin-San Marcos, Tx	655,559	651,818	-0.6	47
Bakersfield, Ca	242,790	246,169	1.4	97
Baltimore, Md	1,212,912	1,217,344	0.4	17
Bangor, Me	71,321	70,563	-1.1	236
Barnstable-Yarmouth, Ma	87,186	88,005	0.9	203
Baton Rouge, La	298,568	303,573	1.7	81
Beaumont-Port Arthur, Tx	152,619	151,506	-0.7	145
Bellingham, Wa	71,794	73,702	2.7	228
Benton Harbor, Mi	63,688	61,647	-3.2	258
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	638,410	633,653	-0.7	48
Billings, Mt	68,222	69,073	1.2	240
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, Ms	147,028	150,246	2.2	149
Binghamton, NY	111,060	109,161	-1.7	184
Birmingham, Al	449,618	450,440	0.2	63
Bismarck, ND	50,980	52,476	2.9	276
Bloomington, In	58,339	62,128	6.5	255
Bloomington-Normal, Il	88,720	85,959	-3.1	208
Boise City, Id	229,804	231,266	0.6	101
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Ma-NH	3,105,478	3,051,705	-1.7	4
Boulder-Longmont, Co	154,920	151,460	-2.2	146
Brazoria, Tx	76,661	75,745	-1.2	223
Bremerton, Wa	76,859	79,195	3.0	217
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, Tx	116,092	115,256	-0.7	177
Bryan-College Station, Tx	77,949	78,026	0.1	218
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	535,123	536,188	0.2	57
Burlington, Vt	111,260	111,880	0.6	181
Canton-Massillon, Oh	178,560	172,448	-3.4	125
Casper, Wy	32,972	34,229	3.8	315
Cedar Rapids, Ia	117,438	115,840	-1.4	175
Champaign-Urbana, Il	91,153	90,527	-0.7	199
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	247,135	252,623	2.2	95
Charleston, WV	128,288	127,247	-0.8	164
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	813,373	813,971	0.1	37
Charlottesville, Va	85,483	85,131	-0.4	210
Chattanooga, Tn-Ga	228,014	230,277	1.0	102
Cheyenne, Wy	38,515	39,522	2.6	305
Chicago, Il	3,975,010	3,944,689	-0.8	3
Chico-Paradise, Ca	74,115	72,745	-1.8	232
Cincinnati, Oh-Ky-In	858,765	859,211	0.1	32
Clarksville-Hopkinsville, Tn-Ky	69,587	70,206	0.9	238
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, Oh	1,093,924	1,090,001	-0.4	22
Colorado Springs, Co	234,739	233,824	-0.4	100
Columbia, Mo	77,982	77,338	-0.8	220
Columbia, SC	292,112	293,489	0.5	83
Columbus, Ga-Al	114,305	114,779	0.4	178
Columbus, Oh	860,393	863,603	0.4	31
Corpus Christi, Tx	159,937	161,135	0.7	139

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Corvallis, Or	34,555	34,750	0.6	314
Cumberland, Md-WV	37,348	36,535	-2.2	310
Dallas, Tx	1,910,620	1,893,044	-0.9	10
Danville, Va	46,381	44,471	-4.1	296
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Ia-II	176,567	176,365	-0.1	124
Dayton-Springfield, Oh	451,412	444,630	-1.5	65
Daytona Beach, Fl	162,990	166,002	1.8	132
Decatur, Al	53,508	52,785	-1.4	275
Decatur, Il	52,317	51,720	-1.1	281
Denver, Co	1,156,158	1,135,849	-1.8	21
Des Moines, Ia	284,580	286,119	0.5	85
Detroit, Mi	2,015,267	1,988,574	-1.3	9
Dothan, Al	66,023	65,757	-0.4	245
Dover, De	53,497	58,174	8.7	264
Dubuque, Ia	49,905	50,139	0.5	283
Duluth-Superior, Mn-Wi	109,945	108,452	-1.4	185
Dutchess County, NY	116,250	116,847	0.5	172
Eau Claire, Wi	73,088	73,357	0.4	229
El Paso, Tx	255,418	254,057	-0.5	93
Elkhart-Goshen, In	115,732	117,769	1.8	171
Elmira, NY	40,519	39,034	-3.7	308
Enid, Ok	22,652	22,064	-2.6	318
Erie, Pa	125,717	125,893	0.1	166
Eugene-Springfield, Or	139,634	138,120	-1.1	158
Evansville-Henderson, In-Ky	153,691	152,442	-0.8	144
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-Mn	101,699	103,540	1.8	187
Fayetteville, NC	110,551	110,815	0.2	182
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Ar	164,686	168,715	2.4	129
Flagstaff, Az-Ut	53,730	54,096	0.7	272
Flint, Mi	159,077	156,843	-1.4	142
Florence, Al	48,935	48,621	-0.6	288
Florence, SC	64,247	63,770	-0.7	251
Fort Collins-Loveland, Co	120,386	120,308	-0.1	170
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 Smith, Ar-Ok	98,072	98,008	-0.1	191
Fort Walton Beach, Fl	77,869	80,726	3.7	215
Fort Wayne, In	257,547	253,487	-1.6	94
Fort Worth-Arlington, Tx	762,165	756,761	-0.7	40
Fresno, Ca	360,250	367,653	2.1	71
Gadsden, Al	36,790	35,580	-3.3	312
Gainesville, Fl	122,574	124,747	1.8	168
Galveston-Texas City, Tx	87,830	86,814	-1.2	205
Gary, In	246,116	243,847	-0.9	98
Glens Falls, NY	48,413	50,128	3.5	284
Goldsboro, NC	45,293	43,916	-3.0	298
Grand Forks, ND-Mn	48,131	48,835	1.5	287
Grand Junction, Co	52,608	52,878	0.5	274
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, Mi	544,805	542,697	-0.4	55
Great Falls, Mt	32,791	32,872	0.2	316
Greeley, Co	72,090	73,281	1.7	230
Green Bay, Wi	144,015	145,993	1.4	153
Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point, NC	629,819	621,460	-1.3	49
Greenville, NC	66,315	64,732	-2.4	248
Greenville-Spartanburg, SC	459,227	456,020	-0.7	62
Hagerstown, Md	64,206	65,545	2.1	247
Hamilton-Middletown, Oh	127,927	131,313	2.6	162
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, Pa	350,550	352,275	0.5	73
Hartford, Ct	595,961	590,449	-0.9	52
Hattiesburg, Ms	48,050	48,865	1.7	286
Hickory-Morganton, NC	164,908	160,705	-2.5	140
Honolulu, Hi	423,574	426,979	0.8	67
Houma, La	82,715	82,798	0.1	213
Houston, Tx	2,076,130	2,062,161	-0.7	8
Huntington-Ashland, WV-Ky-Oh	114,976	115,963	0.9	174
Huntsville, Al	177,404	180,971	2.0	123
Indianapolis, In	847,511	851,447	0.5	34

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Iowa City, Ia	69,340	70,234	1.3	237
Jackson, Mi	58,972	59,166	0.3	263
Jackson, Ms	210,000	220,881	5.2	106
Jackson, Tn	56,123	56,470	0.6	266
Jacksonville, Fl	534,452	531,914	-0.5	58
Jacksonville, Nc	39,117	39,108	0.0	307
Jamestown, Ny	54,602	54,183	-0.8	270
Janesville-Beloit, Wi	65,857	65,873	0.0	244
Jersey City, Nj	242,424	236,811	-2.3	99
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, Tn-Va	190,453	191,582	0.6	115
Johnstown, Pa	83,349	83,408	0.1	212
Jonesboro, Ar	40,521	40,332	-0.5	304
Joplin, Mo	75,731	74,756	-1.3	226
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, Mi	200,660	198,442	-1.1	113
Kankakee, Il	42,010	41,144	-2.1	303
Kansas City, Mo-Ks	931,424	925,199	-0.7	29
Kenosha, Wi	51,488	52,448	1.9	279
Killeen,-Temple, Tx	102,242	102,572	0.3	188
Knoxville, Tn	335,781	341,149	1.6	74
Kokomo, In	47,585	47,910	0.7	289
La Crosse, Wi-Mi	69,780	70,682	1.3	235
Lafayette, La	166,268	166,796	0.3	130
Lafayette, In	86,512	84,159	-2.7	211
Lake Charles, La	82,644	81,939	-0.9	214
Lakeland-Winter Haven, Fl	193,644	188,307	-2.8	119
Lancaster, Pa	222,000	222,546	0.2	105
Lansing-East Lansing, Mi	215,521	215,858	0.2	107
Laredo, Tx	76,011	77,538	2.0	219
Las Cruces, Nm	60,914	62,320	2.3	253
Las Vegas, Nv-Az	794,671	836,838	5.3	35
Lawrence, Ks	46,540	47,882	2.9	290
Lawton, Ok	37,963	39,316	3.6	306
Lewiston-Auburn, Me	48,545	47,793	-1.5	291
Lexington, Ky	260,092	262,414	0.9	91
Lima, Oh	75,021	74,554	-0.6	227
Lincoln, Ne	148,619	150,523	1.3	148
Little Rock-North Little Rock, Ar	304,995	307,406	0.8	80
Longview-Marshall, Tx	91,894	92,374	0.5	197
Los Angeles-Long Beach, Ca	4,114,992	4,075,314	-1.0	1
Louisville, Ky-In	539,106	536,377	-0.5	56
Lubbock, Tx	118,007	116,429	-1.3	173
Lynchburg, Va	93,151	92,768	-0.4	196
Macon, Ga	146,520	149,053	1.7	151
Madison, Wi	288,057	290,855	1.0	84
Mansfield, Oh	76,457	75,077	-1.8	225
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Tx	177,832	186,344	4.8	121
Medford-Ashland, Or	78,312	79,549	1.6	216
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, Fl	186,843	190,457	1.9	117
Memphis, Tn-Ar-Ms	566,602	570,673	0.7	53
Merced, Ca	65,983	65,754	-0.3	246
Miami, Fl	999,492	980,777	-1.9	25
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, Nj	621,224	610,868	-1.7	50
Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wi	822,926	815,486	-0.9	36
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Mn-Wi	1,692,433	1,688,732	-0.2	11
Missoula, Mt	50,965	51,948	1.9	280
Mobile, Al	212,859	212,773	0.0	108
Modesto, Ca	162,770	164,461	1.0	136
Monmouth-Ocean, Nj	386,986	391,212	1.1	69
Monroe, La	72,913	72,126	-1.1	233
Montgomery, Al	155,691	156,390	0.4	143
Muncie, In	51,802	50,968	-1.6	282
Myrtle Beach, Sc	94,816	97,833	3.2	192
Naples, Fl	122,290	122,619	0.3	169
Nashville, Tn	679,733	694,026	2.1	44
Nassau-Suffolk, Ny	1,201,085	1,209,284	0.7	18
New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, Ct	785,340	780,048	-0.7	38
New London-Norwich, Ct	128,235	129,817	1.2	163
New Orleans, La	599,196	603,350	0.7	51

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New York-Newark, Ny-NJ-Pa	4,066,114	4,035,313	-0.8	2
Newark, NJ	959,341	967,122	0.8	27
Newburgh, NY-Pa	134,903	136,330	1.1	159
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Va-NC	709,946	718,968	1.3	42
Oakland, Ca	1,026,053	1,015,866	-1.0	24
Ocala, Fl	85,047	88,610	4.2	202
Odessa-Midland, Tx	102,455	106,404	3.9	186
Oklahoma City, Ok	526,959	523,762	-0.6	59
Olympia, Wa	87,589	89,724	2.4	201
Omaha, Ne-Ia	410,475	413,016	0.6	68
Orange County, Ca	1,411,145	1,436,621	1.8	13
Orlando, Fl	885,808	899,720	1.6	30
Owensboro, Ky	41,617	41,981	0.9	301
Panama City, Fl	61,205	61,952	1.2	256
Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-Oh	67,410	66,897	-0.8	243
Pensacola, Fl	148,495	150,946	1.7	147
Peoria-Pekin, Il	162,942	162,841	-0.1	138
Philadelphia, Pa-NJ	2,347,987	2,347,644	0.0	6
Phoenix-Mesa, Az	1,625,826	1,660,287	2.1	12
Pine Bluff, Ar	34,058	35,165	3.3	313
Pittsburgh, Pa	1,077,309	1,067,155	-0.9	23
Pittsfield, Ma	62,669	61,843	-1.3	257
Pocatello, Id	31,098	32,374	4.1	317
Portland, Me	169,033	172,172	1.9	126
Portland-Vancouver, Or-Wa	939,417	938,562	-0.1	28
Providence-Warwick, RI	427,971	432,358	1.0	66
Provo-Orem, Ut	143,590	147,099	2.4	152
Pueblo, Co	53,714	53,352	-0.7	273
Punta Gorda, Fl	46,496	55,725	19.8	269
Racine, Wi	75,992	76,123	0.2	222
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	669,031	676,272	1.1	46
Rapid City, SD	49,391	49,335	-0.1	285
Reading, Pa	162,553	163,065	0.3	137
Redding, Ca	66,579	67,216	1.0	242
Reno, Nv	196,291	200,099	1.9	111
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco, Wa	85,090	86,329	1.5	206
Richmond-Petersburg, Va	548,429	553,920	1.0	54
Riverside-San Bernardino, Ca	1,101,340	1,141,155	3.6	20
Roanoke, Va	138,964	135,157	-2.7	160
Rochester, Mn	86,596	87,193	0.7	204
Rochester, NY	518,248	517,896	-0.1	61
Rockford, Il	167,493	165,410	-1.2	134
Rocky Mount, NC	64,154	63,886	-0.4	250
Sacramento, Ca	764,193	774,095	1.3	39
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Mi	168,512	165,355	-1.9	135
St. Cloud, Mn	91,820	91,295	-0.6	198
St. Joseph, Mo	46,297	45,863	-0.9	295
St. Louis, Mo-II	1,284,082	1,266,967	-1.3	16
Salem, Or	140,949	142,381	1.0	154
Salinas, Ca	150,351	149,935	-0.3	150
Salt Lake City-Ogden, Ut	697,642	701,338	0.5	43
San Angelo, Tx	44,167	44,021	-0.3	297
San Antonio, Tx	714,821	720,031	0.7	41
San Diego, Ca	1,258,106	1,278,157	1.6	15
San Francisco, Ca	1,011,337	978,282	-3.3	26
San Jose, Ca	892,732	855,051	-4.2	33
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles, Ca	98,564	97,675	-0.9	193
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, Ca	169,768	171,087	0.8	127
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, Ca	93,264	90,282	-3.2	200
Sante Fe, NM	68,555	69,956	2.0	239
Santa Rosa, Ca	192,838	187,004	-3.0	120
Sarasota-Bradenton, Fl	279,323	271,353	-2.9	89
Savannah, Ga	136,380	139,142	2.0	156
Scranton-Wilkes Barre-Hazleton, Pa	271,603	274,795	1.2	88
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wa	1,323,122	1,323,375	0.0	14
Sharon, Pa	48,391	47,658	-1.5	293
Sheboygan, Wi	59,314	59,277	-0.1	262
Sherman-Denison, Tx	42,227	41,935	-0.7	302

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Shreveport-Bossier City, La	166,919	170,446	2.1	128
Sioux City, Ia-Ne	63,967	61,630	-3.7	259
Sioux Falls, SD	114,602	115,689	0.9	176
South Bend, In	125,019	124,870	-0.1	167
Spokane, Wa	188,783	191,208	1.3	116
Springfield, Il	144,622	138,449	-4.3	157
Springfield, Mo	163,824	165,455	1.0	133
Springfield, Ma	259,663	255,820	-1.5	92
State College, Pa	62,992	62,270	-1.1	254
Steubenville-Weirton, Oh-WV	48,130	46,773	-2.8	294
Stockton-Lodi, Ca	206,332	207,506	0.6	109
Sumter, SC	38,405	38,354	-0.1	309
Syracuse, NY	332,030	330,777	-0.4	76
Tacoma, Wa	241,309	246,206	2.0	96
Tallahassee, Fl	159,047	158,268	-0.5	141
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fl	1,167,155	1,158,220	-0.8	19
Terre Haute, In	64,380	64,695	0.5	249
Texarkana, Tx-Texarkana, Ar	52,239	52,457	0.4	278
Toledo, Oh	309,934	307,542	-0.8	79
Topeka, Ks	98,745	95,907	-2.9	194
Trenton, NJ	218,516	223,525	2.3	104
Tucson, Az	331,882	335,562	1.1	75
Tulsa, Ok	380,720	369,065	-3.1	70
Tuscaloosa, Al	76,746	76,742	0.0	221
Tyler, Tx	85,589	85,613	0.0	209
Utica-Rome, NY	127,489	126,258	-1.0	165
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, Ca	186,235	188,567	1.3	118
Ventura, Ca	299,434	301,637	0.7	82
Victoria, Tx	36,839	35,897	-2.6	311
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ	59,109	60,143	1.7	260
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, Ca	134,556	133,096	-1.1	161
Waco, Tx	98,238	98,118	-0.1	190
Washington, DC-Md-Va-WV	2,762,274	2,806,055	1.6	5
Waterloo-Cedar Fall, Ia	70,558	70,849	0.4	234
Wausau, Wi	68,702	68,313	-0.6	241
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fl	522,384	521,810	-0.1	60
Wheeling, WV-Oh	62,392	62,609	0.3	252
Wichita, Ks	274,664	270,409	-1.5	90
Wichita Falls, Tx	57,395	56,226	-2.0	267
Williamsport, Pa	52,389	52,463	0.1	277
Wilmington-Newark, De-Md	307,703	310,766	1.0	78
Wilmington, NC	109,603	111,918	2.1	180
Yakima, Wa	85,240	86,023	0.9	207
Yolo, Ca	87,468	93,903	7.4	195
York, Pa	165,619	166,276	0.4	131
Youngstown-Warren, Oh	228,552	224,870	-1.6	103
Yuba City, Ca	42,204	42,815	1.4	300
Yuma, Az	71,650	75,181	4.9	224

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.