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## REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: FEBRUARY 2004

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February. All four regions and 43 states plus the District of Columbia recorded shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less in their unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, unemployment rates declined in all regions and in 45 states and the District of Columbia. The national jobless rate, 5.6 percent in February, was unchanged from January. Nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 27 states in February.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South again had the lowest unemployment rate among the four regions in February, 5.1 percent. The West continued to report the highest rate, 5.9 percent. All four regions registered declines in their unemployment rates from February 2003, ranging from -0.3 percentage point in the Midwest to -0.6 point each in the South and West. (See table 1.)

In February, the West North Central and South Atlantic divisions reported the lowest unemployment rates among the nine geographic divisions, 4.5 and 4.6 percent, respectively. The Pacific division again had the highest unemployment rate, 6.2 percent, followed by the East North Central, 6.0 percent. All nine divisions recorded little or no change over the month in their unemployment rates, though all experienced declines from February 2003. The largest over-the-year rate decreases occurred in the Mountain, Pacific, and South Atlantic divisions (-0.7 percentage point each).

### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, North Dakota and South Dakota again reported the lowest unemployment rates, 3.1 and 3.2 percent, respectively. An additional six states recorded rates below 4.0 percent. Alaska and Oregon continued to post the highest jobless rates, 7.4 and 7.1 percent, respectively. Overall, 10 states and the District of Columbia reported rates of 6.0 percent or higher in February. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Compared with January, unemployment rates were lower in 24 states and the District of Columbia, higher in 19 states, and unchanged in 7 states. The largest over-the-month unemployment rate decreases were experienced in Montana and Oregon (-0.6 percentage point each) and Georgia (-0.5 point). As a result of the drop in its jobless rate, Montana recorded the lowest rate in its series. (Virtually all regional and state series begin in 1978.) No state reported an over-the-month jobless rate increase of more than 0.4 percentage point.

Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in 45 states and the District of Columbia; Hawaii, Indiana, and Maine reported small increases, and New Hampshire and New York registered no change. Washington recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-1.3 percentage points), followed by North Dakota and Utah (-1.1 points each) and Georgia, West Virginia, and Wyoming (-1.0 point each). An additional 23 states and the District of Columbia had over-the-year rate declines of 0.5 percentage point or more. No state posted an unemployment rate increase from February 2003 larger than 0.4 percentage point.

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From January to February, total nonfarm employment decreased in 27 states, increased in 20 states and the District of Columbia, and remained unchanged in 3 states. The largest employment decreases occurred in Missouri (-19,200), Georgia (-11,700), Ohio (-10,900), and Indiana (-9,600). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in Alaska (-0.8 percent), Missouri (-0.7 percent), Delaware and Hawaii (-0.5 percent each), and Kansas and Nebraska (-0.4 percent each). Adverse winter weather affected several states in the West North Central division during the reference week. The largest employment increases occurred in Florida (+16,100), Tennessee (+13,300), North Carolina (+11,900), Texas (+9,600), California (+8,800), and Wisconsin (+8,700). The largest over-the-month percentage increases occurred in Tennessee (+0.5 percent), Idaho, Nevada, and New Hampshire (+0.4 percent each), and Montana, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin (+0.3 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, employment increased in 34 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 16 states. The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+131,400), Virginia (+61,300), Arizona (+45,500), Nevada (+41,700), Tennessee (+36,800), and California and New Jersey (+33,900 each). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+3.9 percent), Arizona (+2.0 percent), Florida and Virginia (+1.8 percent each), and Rhode Island and Wyoming (+1.6 percent each). The largest over-the-year employment decreases were in Michigan (-71,800), Illinois (-43,500), Massachusetts (-43,400), Ohio (-38,400), Pennsylvania (-32,500), and Colorado (-27,600). The largest percentage declines in employment occurred in Michigan (-1.6 percent), Oklahoma (-1.5 percent), Massachusetts (-1.4 percent), Colorado (-1.3 percent), and Connecticut, Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio (-0.7 percent each). (See chart 2.)

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for February is scheduled to be issued on April 9. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for March is scheduled to be issued on April 23.

# Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1-4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 5 and 6). The LAUS and CES programs are both Federal-State cooperative endeavors.

## Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

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

**Method of estimation.** Effective January 1996, estimates for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Effective January 1998, estimates for census regions and divisions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component states and then calculating the unemployment rate.

**Annual revisions.** Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and any revisions in the other data sources. In addition, data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the two large substate areas noted are adjusted annually to equal the CPS annual averages, usually effective with January estimates. The regional and state data will not sum to national totals obtained from the CPS, since the monthly state estimates are not based directly on the CPS.

**Seasonal adjustment.** Seasonal adjustment of state (and Los Angeles-Long Beach and New York City) labor force levels are computed by aggregating independently seasonally adjusted employment and unemployment levels. Unemployment rates are then computed from these independently adjusted levels. Region and

division levels are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component states. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are usually made at the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with January 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.

**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.

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

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

## Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey 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 also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the special estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed, in most instances, from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

**Labor force and unemployment estimates.** Measures of sampling error, in the form of standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Measures of nonsampling error for CPS data are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

**Employment estimates.** Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available on the BLS Web site at

(<http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>). Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

### **Additional information**

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment for over 330 metropolitan areas are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at (<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,483.0	27,350.0	27,492.0	27,458.1	1,621.1	1,563.1	1,562.6	1,515.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.5
New England .....	7,563.0	7,539.3	7,562.3	7,549.9	406.0	410.7	381.2	374.3	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0
Middle Atlantic .....	19,920.0	19,810.7	19,929.8	19,908.2	1,215.1	1,152.4	1,181.4	1,141.4	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.7
<b>South</b> .....	50,944.0	51,413.5	51,668.2	51,632.2	2,914.8	2,868.8	2,695.1	2,639.0	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.1
South Atlantic .....	26,817.2	27,101.2	27,254.2	27,224.7	1,408.3	1,350.9	1,266.6	1,252.5	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.6
East South Central .....	8,284.6	8,349.8	8,396.9	8,390.6	477.9	492.4	454.8	443.4	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.3
West South Central .....	15,842.2	15,962.5	16,017.2	16,017.0	1,028.5	1,025.5	973.7	943.1	6.5	6.4	6.1	5.9
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,181.6	34,342.6	34,458.1	34,433.5	1,984.0	2,039.2	1,898.5	1,896.8	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.5
East North Central .....	23,466.7	23,589.2	23,675.5	23,642.9	1,466.0	1,504.1	1,423.6	1,408.4	6.2	6.4	6.0	6.0
West North Central .....	10,714.8	10,753.4	10,782.6	10,790.6	518.0	535.1	474.9	488.4	4.8	5.0	4.4	4.5
<b>West</b> .....	33,125.2	33,349.0	33,547.1	33,566.8	2,168.3	2,093.6	2,007.5	1,964.4	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9
Mountain .....	9,773.1	9,889.2	9,970.6	9,987.2	557.6	526.4	511.6	502.9	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.0
Pacific .....	23,352.2	23,459.8	23,576.5	23,579.6	1,610.7	1,567.1	1,495.9	1,461.5	6.9	6.7	6.3	6.2

<sup>1</sup> These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,318.7	27,272.1	27,292.9	27,267.6	1,775.2	1,718.9	1,774.9	1,670.7	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.1
New England .....	7,501.9	7,492.2	7,490.7	7,476.8	443.7	425.3	444.1	412.0	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.5
Middle Atlantic .....	19,816.8	19,779.9	19,802.2	19,790.9	1,331.5	1,293.6	1,330.8	1,258.7	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.4
<b>South</b> .....	50,325.3	51,081.6	50,483.2	51,159.0	3,051.9	2,855.8	2,985.9	2,708.8	6.1	5.6	5.9	5.3
South Atlantic .....	26,471.2	26,909.8	26,570.9	26,971.0	1,463.0	1,322.8	1,440.7	1,285.7	5.5	4.9	5.4	4.8
East South Central .....	8,193.7	8,311.2	8,221.8	8,325.9	513.2	492.0	504.3	467.7	6.3	5.9	6.1	5.6
West South Central .....	15,660.3	15,860.6	15,690.6	15,862.1	1,075.7	1,041.1	1,040.8	955.3	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.0
<b>Midwest</b> .....	33,759.6	34,052.2	33,840.7	34,087.9	2,191.5	2,142.1	2,197.0	2,108.9	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.2
East North Central .....	23,151.2	23,375.9	23,223.5	23,396.5	1,597.6	1,589.9	1,621.6	1,563.9	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.7
West North Central .....	10,608.4	10,676.3	10,617.2	10,691.4	593.8	552.2	575.4	545.1	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.1
<b>West</b> .....	32,892.6	33,308.6	32,948.6	33,388.6	2,328.8	2,164.6	2,290.3	2,086.1	7.1	6.5	7.0	6.2
Mountain .....	9,657.3	9,858.6	9,672.6	9,884.8	585.9	538.2	575.9	520.8	6.1	5.5	6.0	5.3
Pacific .....	23,235.3	23,450.1	23,275.9	23,503.8	1,742.9	1,626.4	1,714.4	1,565.3	7.5	6.9	7.4	6.7

<sup>1</sup> These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.

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NOTE: All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	2,126.5	2,163.0	2,169.2	2,156.0	120.9	126.1	130.5	119.8	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.6
Alaska .....	328.2	335.8	342.7	342.9	26.1	27.3	25.0	25.2	8.0	8.1	7.3	7.4
Arizona .....	2,678.8	2,699.4	2,743.1	2,750.4	157.6	134.3	141.9	144.7	5.9	5.0	5.2	5.3
Arkansas .....	1,270.9	1,259.2	1,307.9	1,310.6	72.8	79.3	67.9	71.8	5.7	6.3	5.2	5.5
California .....	17,429.0	17,487.0	17,576.9	17,569.9	1,185.0	1,139.8	1,096.8	1,082.5	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,791.1	4,766.8	4,795.6	4,774.1	328.1	330.1	305.6	293.0	6.8	6.9	6.4	6.1
Colorado .....	2,463.1	2,487.1	2,499.3	2,505.7	148.3	146.8	139.4	135.4	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.4
Connecticut .....	1,806.9	1,797.4	1,794.1	1,795.2	97.7	98.4	84.2	85.1	5.4	5.5	4.7	4.7
Delaware .....	414.9	418.0	421.2	421.6	17.6	18.3	14.5	14.3	4.3	4.4	3.4	3.4
District of Columbia .....	302.7	298.9	303.4	305.3	20.6	20.9	19.1	18.8	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.1
Florida .....	8,123.0	8,205.8	8,284.0	8,301.5	430.7	398.1	364.1	381.0	5.3	4.9	4.4	4.6
Georgia .....	4,366.8	4,441.2	4,419.6	4,395.9	210.4	190.2	191.2	168.2	4.8	4.3	4.3	3.8
Hawaii .....	609.2	627.5	628.0	625.1	23.3	27.8	24.7	26.0	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.2
Idaho .....	689.8	695.3	697.1	700.7	38.3	34.9	32.9	33.7	5.6	5.0	4.7	4.8
Illinois .....	6,310.9	6,342.0	6,389.5	6,391.6	417.5	423.1	400.4	397.3	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.2
Indiana .....	3,179.0	3,188.7	3,208.3	3,188.1	159.2	162.9	162.3	168.7	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.3
Iowa .....	1,630.3	1,600.2	1,621.6	1,629.0	69.6	73.5	66.8	67.0	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.1
Kansas .....	1,427.7	1,440.2	1,463.2	1,463.5	76.0	77.1	69.5	70.6	5.3	5.4	4.7	4.8
Kentucky .....	1,945.1	1,963.6	1,981.2	1,977.2	118.7	117.2	104.6	104.3	6.1	6.0	5.3	5.3
Louisiana .....	2,030.0	2,050.8	2,039.7	2,042.7	130.7	128.9	124.1	118.8	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.8
Maine .....	688.7	699.4	699.0	698.6	33.8	36.2	33.7	34.9	4.9	5.2	4.8	5.0
Maryland .....	2,895.1	2,908.7	2,946.0	2,937.1	128.9	133.2	124.8	116.6	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.0
Massachusetts .....	3,436.8	3,393.5	3,421.8	3,412.9	197.9	200.3	190.6	182.0	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.3
Michigan .....	5,018.1	5,050.3	5,073.9	5,071.2	344.2	385.1	336.1	332.7	6.9	7.6	6.6	6.6
Minnesota .....	2,918.1	2,928.5	2,944.3	2,949.3	139.6	151.5	135.3	137.2	4.8	5.2	4.6	4.7
Mississippi .....	1,300.7	1,312.7	1,311.6	1,313.9	82.3	74.0	74.5	72.8	6.3	5.6	5.7	5.5
Missouri .....	2,999.6	3,030.6	2,997.1	2,992.8	165.8	164.4	142.2	152.7	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.1
Montana .....	470.0	478.5	481.4	480.8	21.4	23.0	22.2	19.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.0
Nebraska .....	970.5	980.0	987.0	985.1	38.2	39.3	38.4	36.7	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7
Nevada .....	1,133.6	1,150.1	1,173.0	1,175.6	58.1	54.2	53.4	52.1	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.4
New Hampshire .....	710.5	725.3	725.3	726.3	30.2	30.0	29.6	30.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2
New Jersey .....	4,361.5	4,387.6	4,403.2	4,401.4	263.6	247.8	242.3	235.9	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.4
New Mexico .....	888.4	903.4	897.2	897.2	52.6	57.9	51.0	50.6	5.9	6.4	5.7	5.6
New York .....	9,347.4	9,289.3	9,325.2	9,294.1	584.3	586.9	610.9	587.5	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.3
New York City .....	3,722.6	3,661.4	3,672.6	3,656.8	319.6	296.3	309.8	292.6	8.6	8.1	8.4	8.0
North Carolina .....	4,183.3	4,250.7	4,204.1	4,195.2	266.8	265.1	244.6	250.8	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.0
North Dakota .....	345.6	346.5	347.4	347.8	14.4	12.9	10.4	10.7	4.2	3.7	3.0	3.1
Ohio .....	5,896.2	5,922.8	5,892.7	5,871.9	368.1	365.9	368.0	346.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9
Oklahoma .....	1,696.1	1,689.4	1,699.7	1,702.1	90.4	95.1	87.5	85.2	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.0
Oregon .....	1,855.7	1,854.8	1,869.7	1,870.4	146.1	140.6	144.6	133.5	7.9	7.6	7.7	7.1
Pennsylvania .....	6,211.1	6,133.8	6,201.4	6,212.7	367.1	317.8	328.2	318.1	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.1
Rhode Island .....	569.7	572.9	568.7	563.2	31.2	29.3	29.6	29.1	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.2
South Carolina .....	1,984.7	2,012.6	2,040.7	2,039.4	129.6	134.9	127.1	128.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	6.3
South Dakota .....	423.1	427.4	422.0	423.3	14.4	16.5	12.3	13.5	3.4	3.9	2.9	3.2
Tennessee .....	2,912.3	2,910.5	2,934.9	2,943.5	156.1	175.1	145.2	146.5	5.4	6.0	4.9	5.0
Texas .....	10,845.2	10,963.2	10,969.9	10,961.5	734.7	722.3	694.3	667.3	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.1
Utah .....	1,174.7	1,193.4	1,201.5	1,199.1	69.0	63.1	60.1	57.4	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.8
Vermont .....	350.3	350.8	353.4	353.8	15.1	16.5	13.5	13.0	4.3	4.7	3.8	3.7
Virginia .....	3,755.5	3,787.0	3,838.8	3,830.7	153.1	146.4	139.8	130.6	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.4
Washington .....	3,129.9	3,154.7	3,159.2	3,171.3	230.1	231.7	204.8	194.3	7.4	7.3	6.5	6.1
West Virginia .....	791.2	778.3	796.4	797.8	50.5	43.8	41.2	43.5	6.4	5.6	5.2	5.4
Wisconsin .....	3,062.5	3,085.4	3,111.1	3,120.2	177.1	167.2	156.8	163.2	5.8	5.4	5.0	5.2
Wyoming .....	274.7	281.9	278.1	277.6	12.2	12.2	10.9	9.8	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.5
Puerto Rico .....	1,375.5	1,399.5	1,395.9	1,374.3	166.2	162.3	163.3	141.4	12.1	11.6	11.7	10.3

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	January		February		January		February		January		February	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Alabama .....	2,097.8	2,148.9	2,115.0	2,144.6	119.4	128.9	121.4	120.2	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.6
Alaska .....	323.1	338.1	325.2	339.2	31.3	30.2	31.3	30.1	9.7	8.9	9.6	8.9
Arizona .....	2,647.2	2,709.7	2,646.5	2,717.4	150.2	134.5	148.0	135.2	5.7	5.0	5.6	5.0
Arkansas .....	1,253.7	1,286.7	1,257.3	1,296.9	83.9	80.2	81.7	80.6	6.7	6.2	6.5	6.2
California .....	17,334.3	17,480.4	17,376.6	17,519.1	1,272.2	1,182.0	1,239.7	1,137.8	7.3	6.8	7.1	6.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,744.6	4,754.3	4,799.8	4,783.7	334.5	314.6	327.3	292.4	7.0	6.6	6.8	6.1
Colorado .....	2,428.6	2,467.7	2,426.9	2,469.7	155.9	148.5	152.2	139.7	6.4	6.0	6.3	5.7
Connecticut .....	1,785.9	1,774.6	1,785.1	1,773.6	101.8	92.2	106.8	94.3	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.3
Delaware .....	412.8	418.2	413.3	419.8	20.0	17.2	20.7	17.4	4.8	4.1	5.0	4.1
District of Columbia .....	296.6	298.5	299.4	302.0	20.6	19.7	21.8	20.0	6.9	6.6	7.3	6.6
Florida .....	8,000.9	8,163.9	8,024.2	8,198.7	443.9	378.7	413.0	365.4	5.5	4.6	5.1	4.5
Georgia .....	4,314.0	4,369.0	4,344.2	4,373.8	204.7	178.7	209.3	167.1	4.7	4.1	4.8	3.8
Hawaii .....	608.7	628.2	606.9	622.5	22.5	23.7	21.4	24.0	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.8
Idaho .....	679.5	687.4	681.3	692.2	47.2	41.5	46.8	42.2	6.9	6.0	6.9	6.1
Illinois .....	6,249.6	6,314.5	6,255.3	6,334.7	454.9	439.2	452.7	430.2	7.3	7.0	7.2	6.8
Indiana .....	3,138.3	3,163.3	3,140.2	3,149.3	172.5	178.0	175.7	185.2	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.9
Iowa .....	1,625.9	1,612.5	1,622.3	1,620.3	84.2	82.7	84.2	81.0	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.0
Kansas .....	1,415.8	1,452.5	1,416.6	1,451.6	82.9	76.9	80.7	75.5	5.9	5.3	5.7	5.2
Kentucky .....	1,922.4	1,961.2	1,925.0	1,955.1	130.9	120.1	136.3	119.9	6.8	6.1	7.1	6.1
Louisiana .....	1,999.8	2,018.4	2,008.4	2,021.6	141.1	140.8	130.2	118.3	7.1	7.0	6.5	5.9
Maine .....	674.5	685.9	675.8	685.6	38.7	39.2	39.5	40.5	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9
Maryland .....	2,873.1	2,917.9	2,875.9	2,918.0	134.9	135.4	141.2	128.8	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.4
Massachusetts .....	3,420.6	3,395.5	3,404.2	3,379.5	213.5	209.6	209.6	193.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.7
Michigan .....	4,936.3	5,003.4	4,963.5	5,013.9	375.1	379.4	376.5	365.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.3
Minnesota .....	2,879.2	2,905.6	2,881.0	2,912.3	162.9	159.8	157.2	155.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.3
Mississippi .....	1,297.0	1,307.6	1,298.7	1,311.8	92.7	81.1	82.9	73.2	7.2	6.2	6.4	5.6
Missouri .....	2,978.5	2,977.9	2,979.1	2,972.5	186.8	161.7	177.2	163.8	6.3	5.4	5.9	5.5
Montana .....	461.5	474.2	465.3	476.1	26.2	26.6	26.7	24.5	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.1
Nebraska .....	958.2	976.7	965.9	980.6	40.8	41.8	42.4	41.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2
Nevada .....	1,124.2	1,164.5	1,132.3	1,174.5	64.7	59.7	60.8	54.8	5.8	5.1	5.4	4.7
New Hampshire .....	705.8	719.7	705.7	721.4	35.1	32.6	31.8	31.8	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.4
New Jersey .....	4,327.6	4,365.0	4,334.4	4,374.5	273.7	254.6	274.7	247.1	6.3	5.8	6.3	5.6
New Mexico .....	878.7	888.0	881.8	890.6	53.8	51.9	51.6	49.5	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.6
New York .....	9,315.4	9,268.1	9,312.9	9,259.7	647.6	665.8	638.2	641.8	7.0	7.2	6.9	6.9
New York City .....	3,728.2	3,664.2	3,732.1	3,666.7	339.2	326.7	337.0	310.5	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5
North Carolina .....	4,137.8	4,159.5	4,148.0	4,159.3	287.5	263.4	282.6	266.2	6.9	6.3	6.8	6.4
North Dakota .....	338.1	338.8	338.7	340.2	19.3	14.0	17.3	12.9	5.7	4.1	5.1	3.8
Ohio .....	5,801.2	5,812.5	5,821.1	5,798.2	393.0	409.4	404.0	383.3	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.6
Oklahoma .....	1,673.3	1,676.2	1,681.7	1,688.4	94.1	93.0	97.6	92.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.5
Oregon .....	1,838.0	1,851.1	1,842.7	1,857.4	166.2	164.5	169.3	156.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	8.4
Pennsylvania .....	6,173.9	6,146.8	6,154.9	6,156.7	410.1	373.1	417.9	369.8	6.6	6.1	6.8	6.0
Rhode Island .....	566.4	565.4	570.0	563.8	36.1	34.9	37.2	35.0	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.2
South Carolina .....	1,941.9	2,001.9	1,961.9	2,016.5	135.3	133.8	134.6	133.8	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.6
South Dakota .....	412.8	412.2	413.7	413.8	16.9	15.4	16.4	15.6	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.8
Tennessee .....	2,876.5	2,893.5	2,883.1	2,914.5	170.1	162.0	163.7	154.4	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.3
Texas .....	10,733.5	10,879.2	10,743.2	10,855.2	756.6	727.0	731.3	664.0	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.1
Utah .....	1,168.9	1,194.3	1,167.5	1,190.4	73.2	62.1	74.8	62.3	6.3	5.2	6.4	5.2
Vermont .....	348.6	351.0	349.9	352.8	18.6	16.9	19.2	16.5	5.3	4.8	5.5	4.7
Virginia .....	3,711.2	3,795.4	3,723.6	3,795.7	160.6	148.2	159.9	136.4	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.6
Washington .....	3,131.2	3,152.2	3,124.5	3,165.7	250.8	225.9	252.7	216.6	8.0	7.2	8.1	6.8
West Virginia .....	782.9	785.5	780.4	787.1	55.6	47.7	57.6	50.6	7.1	6.1	7.4	6.4
Wisconsin .....	3,025.8	3,082.2	3,043.5	3,100.4	202.2	184.0	212.7	199.7	6.7	6.0	7.0	6.4
Wyoming .....	268.5	272.8	271.1	274.0	14.8	13.4	15.0	12.6	5.5	4.9	5.5	4.6
Puerto Rico .....	1,374.9	1,386.1	1,384.0	1,383.2	156.5	156.7	173.4	149.2	11.4	11.3	12.5	10.8

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current

Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total <sup>1</sup>				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P
Alabama	1,881.1	1,872.3	1,878.3	1,874.3	100.4	99.0	99.9	100.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	298.5	301.3	304.8	302.3	15.9	17.4	17.3	16.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,278.2	2,314.6	2,321.6	2,323.7	173.5	184.9	186.0	186.5	177.2	172.7	173.4	174.0
Arkansas	1,144.4	1,145.7	1,144.2	1,145.4	51.7	50.0	49.9	50.3	209.1	205.1	203.8	204.1
California	14,417.6	14,416.6	14,442.7	14,451.5	783.0	799.6	807.1	811.9	1,574.8	1,527.5	1,526.4	1,524.7
Colorado	2,159.0	2,147.0	2,131.7	2,131.4	153.5	149.8	146.1	144.5	159.7	153.9	153.1	153.3
Connecticut	1,650.5	1,639.7	1,639.3	1,639.3	61.0	61.4	61.6	61.3	203.2	196.2	195.0	194.4
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	410.4	415.8	416.5	414.3	23.3	25.1	25.5	25.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	666.4	665.3	668.6	668.8	13.3	13.0	13.6	13.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,238.8	7,357.0	7,354.1	7,370.2	438.6	459.8	457.7	461.0	395.1	383.0	383.1	384.2
Georgia	3,864.8	3,875.3	3,896.9	3,885.2	194.3	200.9	201.9	200.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	565.2	574.2	576.2	573.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	572.0	573.1	576.4	578.9	37.0	37.0	37.6	37.7	63.7	60.6	60.9	61.2
Illinois	5,831.2	5,823.9	5,787.7	5,787.7	274.4	283.1	272.0	270.6	730.9	708.3	711.2	708.8
Indiana	2,895.4	2,898.1	2,913.6	2,904.0	143.4	147.7	151.7	150.4	581.0	569.3	569.1	568.3
Iowa	1,440.8	1,444.5	1,447.2	1,446.0	64.0	66.1	67.2	66.9	222.1	219.3	219.5	218.9
Kansas	1,315.6	1,313.9	1,314.0	1,308.4	63.6	63.3	63.7	59.8	176.0	170.3	173.3	171.8
Kentucky	1,780.6	1,785.7	1,793.4	1,787.7	81.0	85.1	86.3	84.2	269.0	266.1	266.9	265.8
Louisiana	1,908.6	1,900.7	1,910.5	1,910.8	119.6	118.2	120.3	119.9	157.8	153.8	155.3	155.2
Maine	605.1	609.1	607.7	607.3	29.9	31.2	31.1	30.9	64.8	63.0	62.1	61.2
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,471.1	2,486.0	2,486.4	2,489.3	166.7	168.2	170.7	169.2	150.7	144.6	144.8	144.9
Massachusetts	3,195.9	3,169.1	3,162.0	3,152.5	135.3	137.8	139.3	138.6	333.0	321.6	321.3	321.9
Michigan	4,439.6	4,391.7	4,374.8	4,367.8	189.7	191.2	188.4	185.8	742.5	717.3	714.5	714.8
Minnesota	2,650.1	2,657.3	2,659.4	2,657.4	123.1	127.4	127.6	126.8	347.1	344.6	345.6	344.1
Mississippi	1,118.9	1,120.0	1,119.7	1,120.1	52.3	50.9	50.6	49.3	181.2	177.7	177.3	178.7
Missouri	2,679.5	2,680.1	2,681.2	2,662.0	133.7	132.4	136.6	128.5	315.4	311.4	313.1	313.7
Montana	399.0	401.7	400.9	402.1	22.6	23.0	23.1	23.1	19.4	18.4	18.5	18.4
Nebraska	906.0	903.2	904.3	900.5	45.5	46.2	47.0	45.4	103.2	101.5	101.8	101.5
Nevada	1,074.6	1,108.8	1,112.4	1,116.3	96.9	104.6	105.0	106.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	614.0	622.3	614.6	617.2	27.9	29.0	27.9	28.7	81.1	78.7	77.8	77.5
New Jersey	3,964.1	3,999.2	3,999.7	3,998.0	158.2	158.7	160.7	159.9	355.8	348.3	348.7	349.1
New Mexico	772.3	782.4	780.4	780.4	46.4	47.4	47.2	47.2	36.9	36.0	35.7	35.4
New York	8,419.8	8,418.2	8,417.5	8,418.9	319.4	321.5	318.8	319.9	628.2	603.6	601.8	602.4
North Carolina	3,801.4	3,800.7	3,799.3	3,811.2	212.2	211.9	213.8	217.1	618.3	588.4	587.4	588.8
North Dakota	331.0	333.4	332.8	332.7	15.6	16.4	16.7	16.4	23.4	23.1	23.1	23.3
Ohio	5,406.1	5,354.7	5,378.6	5,367.7	228.7	225.9	230.0	230.7	862.1	826.9	829.1	827.9
Oklahoma	1,465.7	1,443.7	1,441.7	1,443.4	63.5	61.4	61.3	59.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,567.6	1,568.4	1,561.0	1,565.8	77.0	79.7	77.2	78.4	198.8	198.5	196.0	197.2
Pennsylvania	5,606.9	5,585.0	5,576.4	5,574.4	244.6	242.0	242.9	242.8	729.2	702.4	699.6	697.4
Rhode Island	481.0	485.7	487.2	488.5	19.4	21.9	22.4	22.7	59.6	58.4	58.1	58.8
South Carolina	1,815.1	1,811.6	1,821.7	1,819.6	113.5	111.8	112.0	111.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	377.2	379.6	379.8	379.1	19.0	20.0	19.7	19.5	37.8	37.7	37.3	38.1
Tennessee	2,659.2	2,681.1	2,682.7	2,696.0	114.6	116.2	117.1	115.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,396.1	9,381.6	9,385.4	9,395.0	555.8	550.0	552.3	551.1	915.3	889.0	888.4	888.8
Utah	1,071.3	1,081.8	1,085.0	1,082.0	68.0	66.6	69.2	68.8	112.5	112.2	113.2	113.1
Vermont	298.1	299.3	300.1	299.2	14.7	15.6	15.7	15.8	38.3	36.9	36.8	36.8
Virginia	3,485.5	3,519.9	3,549.4	3,548.6	212.0	224.9	228.7	228.5	314.2	295.4	295.2	295.4
Washington	2,657.6	2,669.0	2,675.7	2,680.8	155.5	158.2	158.3	161.5	272.8	261.5	260.8	260.0
West Virginia	725.9	721.8	724.0	722.2	32.1	33.2	33.8	33.3	65.4	63.1	64.2	64.4
Wisconsin	2,782.5	2,775.3	2,789.6	2,798.3	123.5	124.1	127.8	127.7	512.8	502.1	500.9	504.6
Wyoming	248.3	253.5	252.5	252.3	19.1	20.1	19.6	19.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.



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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P
Alabama	369.4	372.9	375.6	374.9	96.5	97.2	96.5	96.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	61.0	61.7	62.0	61.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	22.9	22.7	23.1	23.2
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	158.1	159.3	162.7	161.5	316.2	322.3	328.4	326.8
Arkansas	239.6	242.6	241.1	240.5	49.8	50.5	50.7	50.9	103.7	102.3	103.8	103.8
California	2,717.2	2,724.5	2,731.9	2,729.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,095.7	2,133.9	2,135.1	2,144.6
Colorado	407.8	400.3	399.1	399.4	152.8	155.8	153.3	153.9	287.6	285.6	280.7	282.1
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	142.4	143.6	143.2	143.2	198.8	194.2	194.6	194.8
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	77.5	78.1	79.6	78.7	45.5	45.3	45.5	44.6	58.7	59.5	59.3	59.7
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	140.0	142.6	143.5	143.9
Florida	1,462.9	1,468.2	1,460.6	1,461.6	479.9	488.5	490.4	490.3	1,230.5	1,280.6	1,284.0	1,290.1
Georgia	826.2	811.9	809.8	815.2	214.7	216.4	223.0	221.3	493.9	500.3	509.2	504.2
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	107.8	108.9	109.1	109.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	70.3	70.5	70.5	71.0
Illinois	1,191.2	1,193.7	1,176.9	1,179.2	401.0	404.4	402.3	402.9	772.0	764.6	754.6	757.7
Indiana	574.9	568.1	575.4	574.0	141.0	140.8	140.9	141.0	255.8	257.2	258.8	258.5
Iowa	303.9	304.2	303.3	300.8	94.9	96.7	97.3	97.7	105.0	105.1	104.5	104.8
Kansas	262.8	260.4	261.5	261.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	370.2	371.2	371.4	372.8	85.4	86.3	89.0	88.2	153.4	155.5	155.4	154.8
Louisiana	384.4	381.4	382.1	381.5	101.2	100.3	101.0	101.3	179.3	176.7	178.3	178.6
Maine	122.6	124.7	123.7	123.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	50.7	51.3	50.8	50.2
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	461.2	462.2	461.6	465.2	154.5	155.9	157.7	158.3	359.0	358.5	359.3	361.3
Massachusetts	573.9	571.3	565.8	565.0	225.3	221.9	223.2	223.3	440.8	432.9	429.5	426.8
Michigan	821.0	808.3	809.9	809.3	216.5	218.8	219.6	219.5	591.7	580.7	576.9	573.9
Minnesota	522.8	523.9	522.8	524.8	174.2	178.2	177.1	178.6	296.2	294.3	293.1	293.3
Mississippi	220.7	219.7	220.6	218.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	535.6	533.8	533.4	529.7	162.1	163.0	163.7	164.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.3	84.6	84.7	84.9	20.1	20.4	20.6	20.5	32.3	33.0	33.0	33.0
Nebraska	194.7	192.9	193.4	194.1	62.2	61.8	61.5	61.5	90.8	91.8	89.9	89.4
Nevada	193.6	201.8	202.2	201.6	57.3	60.2	60.3	60.5	118.2	124.4	126.1	126.5
New Hampshire	137.3	140.5	139.1	139.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	877.9	881.5	874.0	874.3	276.6	278.7	281.9	281.3	573.6	576.7	575.8	576.6
New Mexico	135.6	136.5	135.2	135.1	33.6	34.2	34.1	34.2	89.5	88.9	88.7	88.7
New York	1,474.9	1,477.7	1,476.3	1,474.3	695.5	699.6	702.1	700.8	1,041.0	1,043.7	1,038.2	1,039.6
North Carolina	721.8	722.6	723.6	724.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	417.3	422.2	418.0	425.6
North Dakota	71.6	72.0	71.9	72.2	18.2	18.7	18.5	18.5	23.9	23.6	23.7	23.7
Ohio	1,046.5	1,042.8	1,042.8	1,038.2	310.3	313.2	315.0	314.3	614.9	599.5	608.4	605.7
Oklahoma	279.4	276.7	274.6	272.6	82.8	83.7	84.9	85.7	159.0	154.2	153.6	156.4
Oregon	315.7	311.4	312.3	312.6	97.1	99.1	98.8	98.3	169.6	172.5	170.8	170.3
Pennsylvania	1,112.3	1,114.4	1,109.6	1,108.3	337.0	338.4	338.8	338.6	599.7	594.6	593.6	591.5
Rhode Island	80.6	81.1	80.7	81.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.9	49.1	49.5	50.0
South Carolina	348.3	346.1	347.8	349.6	90.5	90.9	91.7	91.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	76.4	77.4	77.4	76.4	27.7	28.1	27.9	28.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	579.4	581.2	584.8	584.3	138.6	139.3	141.2	141.1	287.3	290.5	292.3	292.7
Texas	1,937.2	1,926.2	1,934.5	1,931.6	583.7	586.0	585.3	586.9	1,047.0	1,049.2	1,039.2	1,040.6
Utah	213.4	214.6	213.7	213.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	130.4	133.9	132.0	130.7
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.2	20.1	20.2	20.4
Virginia	632.9	639.2	645.6	644.6	184.6	189.4	191.2	190.4	543.4	555.6	566.8	568.1
Washington	509.9	512.5	519.1	518.2	149.9	154.1	156.1	156.5	290.8	295.0	296.3	297.5
West Virginia	135.0	135.8	134.7	134.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.8	56.6	56.8	56.8
Wisconsin	535.7	538.4	543.6	543.0	156.0	160.2	160.1	162.4	244.5	243.4	247.2	249.5
Wyoming	48.4	48.8	48.7	48.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.4	15.6	15.2	15.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004P
Alabama	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	153.0	157.4	157.9	155.6	358.2	359.4	358.8	356.9
Alaska	32.3	33.9	34.3	34.2	29.7	29.7	30.8	30.4	81.6	81.7	82.2	81.7
Arizona	241.2	252.6	254.1	255.7	231.1	234.1	233.9	233.2	393.4	394.6	395.5	397.6
Arkansas	138.3	141.4	141.7	141.5	88.4	87.8	87.6	88.5	196.7	198.4	198.8	198.9
California	1,517.6	1,554.6	1,558.5	1,556.6	1,394.8	1,398.4	1,404.4	1,406.1	2,447.2	2,392.2	2,399.6	2,394.2
Colorado	211.2	216.5	217.4	218.4	245.0	247.6	244.0	243.2	357.2	354.8	356.2	356.1
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	247.7	244.2	245.3	242.4
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	49.7	49.9	50.6	50.2	37.2	38.5	37.5	37.6	57.2	58.2	57.7	57.3
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	49.6	49.8	51.1	50.4	232.0	231.1	229.8	230.5
Florida	876.4	894.1	895.5	900.4	806.2	817.0	824.2	822.3	1,051.8	1,063.7	1,058.4	1,057.2
Georgia	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	347.5	354.0	355.1	352.6	633.2	634.1	637.4	634.8
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	64.6	66.8	66.6	66.3	98.9	101.0	101.1	101.4	118.7	118.7	120.3	118.9
Idaho	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	54.1	53.8	54.0	54.3	112.4	113.2	113.9	114.8
Illinois	713.1	722.4	722.3	722.1	492.0	500.2	501.8	503.7	859.2	851.5	857.3	847.9
Indiana	357.3	361.7	364.2	362.6	268.3	274.7	273.8	275.6	419.8	425.0	426.4	420.5
Iowa	189.7	190.5	191.2	190.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	244.7	245.8	243.6	245.4
Kansas	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	108.8	109.4	110.0	110.2	250.8	250.7	250.8	250.4
Kentucky	226.9	229.7	230.2	229.4	154.1	158.4	156.9	160.7	314.6	306.7	309.2	305.1
Louisiana	243.0	248.0	248.9	247.8	197.2	198.7	200.6	201.2	378.5	377.9	377.7	379.5
Maine	105.9	107.5	107.7	107.8	58.2	59.1	59.2	59.4	103.7	103.8	104.1	104.0
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	335.5	342.1	343.8	342.9	215.7	217.8	219.0	221.6	461.7	459.9	460.0	459.6
Massachusetts	572.6	576.5	574.5	571.4	286.1	287.2	288.9	287.2	418.7	409.6	410.5	410.2
Michigan	541.6	552.2	545.3	544.5	395.7	397.6	397.1	399.3	689.4	678.4	676.7	675.2
Minnesota	364.5	367.2	371.0	371.2	229.8	236.7	236.4	236.4	400.3	399.0	400.2	397.6
Mississippi	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	123.7	123.6	123.2	124.2	241.3	245.1	244.8	244.5
Missouri	352.0	354.8	360.5	355.7	259.6	263.0	262.3	259.1	430.9	428.9	428.9	427.8
Montana	53.2	53.7	53.6	53.7	52.4	52.2	52.5	52.7	84.9	86.3	84.9	85.6
Nebraska	114.2	113.7	114.3	111.7	77.8	77.5	78.5	80.5	160.0	160.6	160.7	159.6
Nevada	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	302.6	304.4	305.3	305.9	134.3	136.3	136.0	136.3
New Hampshire	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	61.1	63.3	63.3	63.6	89.2	92.0	90.0	90.4
New Jersey	532.9	544.0	547.2	545.3	315.5	324.0	324.7	325.5	618.8	630.1	633.1	633.2
New Mexico	97.2	100.7	101.6	101.7	81.1	81.3	81.5	81.6	193.6	198.2	197.7	197.6
New York	1,488.6	1,509.9	1,515.5	1,517.7	644.9	649.8	653.8	652.3	1,490.6	1,485.2	1,484.4	1,484.8
North Carolina	424.4	431.4	434.1	431.5	331.5	337.9	338.6	335.9	637.9	651.8	649.9	649.0
North Dakota	47.2	47.5	47.5	47.3	29.8	30.0	29.4	29.3	75.1	75.9	75.6	75.8
Ohio	723.5	733.2	732.3	729.3	482.4	481.1	493.2	491.7	800.6	799.5	795.4	798.9
Oklahoma	176.7	174.8	175.9	176.2	126.5	124.8	125.7	127.1	296.4	290.2	289.8	290.9
Oregon	188.2	186.1	187.9	189.2	151.1	153.3	151.7	152.1	270.1	267.7	267.2	267.5
Pennsylvania	972.5	981.1	979.6	980.2	465.2	471.3	474.8	476.0	745.1	741.2	737.4	740.8
Rhode Island	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	48.5	49.9	50.5	50.5	66.2	66.6	66.5	66.6
South Carolina	174.8	180.9	182.0	183.2	192.0	204.8	207.4	205.4	327.1	332.7	332.8	330.0
South Dakota	55.0	55.5	55.7	55.6	39.6	38.8	40.1	40.0	74.3	74.5	74.9	74.6
Tennessee	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	246.0	248.5	251.0	250.8	409.7	413.2	409.5	423.1
Texas	1,109.9	1,132.5	1,136.7	1,140.3	855.0	863.9	867.8	867.4	1,648.7	1,647.6	1,646.3	1,650.4
Utah	117.4	121.9	122.4	121.8	99.6	101.8	102.1	102.4	196.1	198.0	198.8	197.8
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.8	52.2	51.8	51.5
Virginia	367.0	370.5	371.9	371.6	305.1	308.6	312.2	310.7	635.0	641.9	642.0	641.7
Washington	310.2	314.5	313.4	314.5	247.9	247.1	245.9	246.1	520.0	524.8	524.2	525.1
West Virginia	108.2	106.8	107.0	106.5	65.5	65.9	65.7	66.2	142.8	140.8	142.5	142.2
Wisconsin	362.2	371.8	374.3	373.7	243.0	244.2	249.7	246.9	418.1	409.2	407.0	412.0
Wyoming	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	30.6	30.9	30.9	30.9	63.4	64.0	63.9	64.3

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

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

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

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	1,857.0	1,863.6	1,863.9	1,864.9	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.4	97.3	97.6	97.6	98.3	298.6	288.5	298.2	288.3
Alaska	279.0	284.7	285.3	288.8	10.0	9.5	10.2	9.7	12.5	13.7	12.7	13.3	8.7	9.2	11.8	11.9
Arizona	2,253.0	2,304.2	2,279.4	2,328.6	8.2	7.8	8.0	7.9	168.7	182.3	169.0	183.5	177.0	173.1	176.2	172.9
Arkansas	1,128.7	1,130.8	1,133.1	1,136.7	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6	49.3	48.1	48.7	47.8	209.4	203.6	208.2	203.7
California	14,238.8	14,294.0	14,302.1	14,362.5	20.8	20.5	21.0	20.6	754.3	775.0	751.6	779.5	1,560.6	1,508.2	1,560.2	1,513.0
Colorado	2,129.6	2,111.6	2,133.6	2,116.6	12.5	12.7	12.6	12.6	145.2	137.2	143.1	135.8	158.9	152.8	158.1	152.8
Connecticut	1,630.9	1,616.7	1,626.0	1,617.0	.7	.7	.6	.6	56.2	56.0	54.3	54.9	204.1	195.3	202.4	194.2
Delaware	403.1	406.0	400.4	404.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	23.0	24.0	21.6	23.5	34.5	34.8	35.5	34.6
District of Columbia	656.9	658.5	659.0	662.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.0	13.1	12.8	13.1	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.4
Florida	7,187.8	7,322.9	7,243.5	7,385.3	7.1	7.3	7.0	7.4	430.4	453.6	434.8	458.3	395.4	383.2	394.7	384.8
Georgia	3,814.1	3,844.3	3,827.6	3,848.3	11.8	12.4	11.9	12.4	188.5	196.2	190.0	195.7	457.8	447.3	459.5	450.0
Hawaii	559.6	571.6	564.5	574.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	26.7	28.8	26.8	28.6	14.7	15.0	14.7	14.8
Idaho	555.3	561.0	556.5	565.8	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.3	32.3	32.8	32.0	32.5	63.3	60.4	62.9	60.4
Illinois	5,713.0	5,688.7	5,712.1	5,692.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	246.8	246.5	240.8	240.8	726.7	705.9	725.8	705.9
Indiana	2,850.2	2,865.6	2,849.4	2,872.8	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.9	131.7	138.0	128.5	136.5	577.9	564.9	577.2	565.5
Iowa	1,411.9	1,419.7	1,411.4	1,420.3	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	55.2	57.4	52.5	55.5	220.5	217.6	219.3	216.8
Kansas	1,300.0	1,299.8	1,300.8	1,296.3	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.4	58.0	58.0	58.1	54.2	173.6	170.7	174.6	170.4
Kentucky	1,755.6	1,766.2	1,753.3	1,766.7	19.4	18.6	19.3	18.4	76.6	80.6	74.2	78.8	269.2	267.5	267.9	265.5
Louisiana	1,886.0	1,894.1	1,896.2	1,902.6	47.3	48.0	47.3	47.3	117.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	156.6	153.3	155.5	153.0
Maine	584.0	587.2	585.1	588.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	27.0	28.0	26.0	27.1	64.2	61.7	63.4	60.6
Maryland	2,429.3	2,442.6	2,426.9	2,453.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	161.0	164.0	158.5	161.1	150.0	143.6	149.2	144.1
Massachusetts	3,151.6	3,108.9	3,137.0	3,105.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	126.9	128.6	120.6	125.0	334.5	321.7	331.3	321.3
Michigan	4,354.0	4,296.2	4,357.4	4,310.1	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.3	168.8	167.7	163.0	162.3	739.8	709.8	739.4	709.9
Minnesota	2,594.7	2,603.4	2,596.6	2,611.2	6.1	5.4	6.0	5.3	106.0	109.3	102.6	106.3	343.6	341.9	341.7	340.2
Mississippi	1,107.2	1,109.8	1,108.7	1,113.3	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.4	51.0	48.8	51.1	47.8	180.5	176.3	180.2	177.7
Missouri	2,640.4	2,642.3	2,643.1	2,634.9	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	125.3	126.2	123.1	117.7	315.4	312.3	314.6	312.4
Montana	386.4	390.9	388.7	393.4	6.0	6.4	5.9	6.4	19.2	20.1	19.0	19.7	19.1	18.3	18.8	18.2
Nebraska	891.9	888.9	892.0	888.9	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	41.4	43.0	40.6	40.9	102.8	101.4	102.5	101.2
Nevada	1,053.5	1,099.0	1,062.9	1,106.8	8.2	8.8	8.6	8.8	91.2	101.7	92.4	103.1	43.0	44.6	43.0	44.8
New Hampshire	603.6	608.1	602.6	610.2	.9	.9	.8	.9	25.7	26.4	24.9	26.1	81.7	77.8	81.0	77.5
New Jersey	3,908.0	3,941.2	3,898.5	3,944.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	149.1	149.9	144.3	146.4	353.2	345.2	352.6	346.8
New Mexico	759.5	766.9	765.2	773.9	13.8	14.3	13.9	14.5	44.4	45.1	44.2	45.1	36.2	34.7	36.0	34.6
New York	8,264.6	8,262.2	8,297.7	8,307.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	291.4	288.0	286.3	285.5	623.0	593.4	621.1	594.4
North Carolina	3,750.6	3,761.3	3,753.5	3,778.4	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	206.1	208.0	204.6	210.8	620.9	585.4	617.1	586.0
North Dakota	324.0	327.6	325.3	328.6	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	12.4	13.5	12.2	12.9	23.2	23.1	22.9	23.3
Ohio	5,309.8	5,282.6	5,307.0	5,292.2	11.5	11.4	11.3	11.8	207.5	205.6	200.8	204.0	861.0	826.1	856.9	825.4
Oklahoma	1,449.0	1,424.2	1,452.9	1,433.0	28.0	29.4	28.1	29.3	61.9	59.0	61.2	57.6	146.5	141.9	145.5	141.9
Oregon	1,540.0	1,537.6	1,545.0	1,548.8	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.8	72.1	73.1	72.0	74.1	195.2	192.6	194.8	193.5
Pennsylvania	5,522.5	5,482.0	5,530.4	5,509.4	17.2	16.8	17.1	16.7	223.8	220.9	218.3	217.2	730.5	694.6	722.9	692.0
Rhode Island	469.9	476.3	469.9	478.6	.2	.1	.1	.1	17.2	20.2	16.6	19.9	60.1	58.0	59.6	58.6
South Carolina	1,777.3	1,791.3	1,790.2	1,801.4	5.1	4.7	5.1	4.7	110.7	110.0	111.1	109.7	281.6	270.0	281.7	269.9
South Dakota	367.9	370.7	367.2	371.1	.8	.8	.8	.8	16.0	16.7	15.6	16.3	37.5	37.6	37.2	37.8
Tennessee	2,619.4	2,643.6	2,627.8	2,666.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	109.4	110.8	108.3	109.7	416.4	414.0	415.6	413.7
Texas	9,289.0	9,285.9	9,335.4	9,346.1	142.7	145.8	143.4	146.5	545.8	539.3	547.4	543.3	913.1	885.6	911.0	886.5
Utah	1,058.2	1,071.5	1,059.0	1,072.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	62.6	63.5	62.0	62.0	112.1	111.3	111.3	111.2
Vermont	297.2	298.3	297.8	299.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	13.0	14.0	12.4	13.5	37.9	36.5	37.8	36.4
Virginia	3,437.3	3,502.8	3,435.8	3,506.3	10.0	10.0	9.9	10.1	204.4	219.4	202.6	219.6	313.9	295.1	312.6	294.7
Washington	2,609.0	2,631.4	2,618.0	2,643.6	8.7	8.2	8.7	8.2	144.9	148.0	145.2	151.0	268.8	256.5	267.8	255.5
West Virginia	714.4	710.3	711.1	710.5	22.1	20.6	21.6	20.4	28.4	29.4	27.1	28.6	65.5	63.7	64.9	63.7
Wisconsin	2,710.5	2,734.1	2,718.4	2,750.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	108.6	112.5	105.0	109.4	509.3	498.0	504.9	499.6
Wyoming	238.9	243.5	238.4	243.2	17.1	19.1	17.2	19.1	16.6	17.1	16.2	16.4	9.2	9.1	8.9	9.1
Puerto Rico	991.7	1,001.0	991.6	998.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	68.3	67.4	70.1	68.5	116.1	115.5	116.4	116.2

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama .....	365.6	373.1	363.7	370.8	32.5	31.2	32.6	30.8	95.9	96.3	95.5	96.0	182.7	184.2	184.4	185.0
Alaska .....	57.2	57.8	56.9	57.4	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	13.7	14.2	13.7	14.2	22.0	21.7	21.9	22.0
Arizona .....	442.6	450.4	441.7	446.9	49.6	47.9	49.9	47.6	156.5	159.3	157.4	160.4	308.8	320.8	313.2	323.6
Arkansas .....	236.2	238.4	235.3	237.4	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.0	49.4	50.3	49.4	50.4	101.0	100.6	101.5	101.0
California .....	2,699.7	2,715.5	2,681.5	2,699.1	479.8	466.2	486.5	468.7	866.1	890.1	871.3	893.4	2,060.1	2,109.1	2,073.3	2,125.7
Colorado .....	405.6	397.1	401.6	393.1	86.5	82.7	86.1	82.1	152.4	154.2	152.8	154.6	278.7	275.9	279.7	276.5
Connecticut .....	306.3	303.2	300.9	300.7	40.1	39.1	39.9	38.9	142.4	142.7	141.7	142.5	193.5	190.5	193.4	190.3
Delaware .....	76.1	77.1	75.1	76.5	7.5	7.2	7.5	7.2	45.5	45.0	45.3	44.2	59.1	58.5	57.9	58.9
District of Columbia .....	27.5	27.6	27.3	27.6	25.0	24.3	25.3	24.2	30.8	30.6	30.8	30.6	137.7	141.1	137.9	142.0
Florida .....	1,462.2	1,462.6	1,454.8	1,455.9	172.3	171.7	172.6	171.3	475.9	486.8	477.7	488.6	1,211.4	1,269.6	1,229.7	1,289.3
Georgia .....	819.1	812.2	814.0	810.6	130.3	126.8	129.4	127.2	213.1	218.2	213.0	218.3	483.4	494.6	488.1	495.9
Hawaii .....	107.4	109.8	107.0	108.6	10.8	9.9	10.9	9.8	27.7	28.6	27.9	28.5	69.0	70.2	68.6	70.7
Idaho .....	113.8	114.4	113.0	113.9	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	26.1	27.0	26.1	27.0	66.2	68.5	67.0	68.9
Illinois .....	1,180.2	1,171.4	1,168.0	1,162.9	136.4	131.7	136.3	131.3	398.9	400.7	398.1	401.0	747.5	742.1	746.3	743.5
Indiana .....	568.8	568.7	561.7	564.7	41.0	41.0	40.7	40.6	139.5	140.2	139.5	140.2	246.5	251.6	246.5	252.2
Iowa .....	299.5	299.3	295.7	294.5	33.6	33.7	33.9	34.0	94.2	96.9	94.2	97.2	102.3	102.7	102.2	102.5
Kansas .....	260.2	259.3	258.0	257.1	48.8	47.3	48.1	47.3	68.5	70.8	68.5	70.9	122.5	120.8	122.0	120.6
Kentucky .....	366.0	367.7	362.9	367.3	30.5	30.1	30.6	30.1	84.8	87.2	84.7	86.9	151.0	151.7	149.7	151.4
Louisiana .....	380.1	378.9	378.8	377.6	29.2	29.2	28.9	29.5	100.8	100.4	101.0	100.8	177.8	177.4	178.8	178.5
Maine .....	119.5	120.8	116.9	118.5	11.3	11.1	11.4	11.1	34.8	34.4	34.8	34.6	49.2	49.1	49.1	48.8
Maryland .....	456.0	456.4	450.1	452.6	50.4	49.0	50.5	49.0	153.2	156.0	153.3	156.6	351.8	353.3	350.0	355.2
Massachusetts .....	568.8	561.9	560.2	555.1	93.7	88.6	93.1	88.6	224.7	221.7	223.2	221.3	433.5	421.3	428.3	417.5
Michigan .....	807.5	797.3	798.5	790.3	71.0	69.1	70.8	68.4	214.7	216.2	214.7	215.9	576.8	566.1	575.2	564.2
Minnesota .....	518.6	516.2	511.2	512.9	62.5	61.4	62.3	61.3	172.0	176.0	172.6	177.0	287.8	286.2	288.1	287.3
Mississippi .....	217.7	218.0	217.1	216.9	15.5	14.6	15.3	14.6	45.8	46.3	45.7	46.6	76.9	79.4	77.1	79.8
Missouri .....	529.4	529.5	524.8	521.8	68.0	65.3	68.5	65.9	160.5	162.6	160.4	162.7	299.2	295.3	299.7	298.0
Montana .....	82.5	83.3	81.8	82.8	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.6	19.9	20.5	19.9	20.4	31.2	31.8	31.3	32.1
Nebraska .....	192.6	192.2	191.1	191.1	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.2	61.7	61.2	61.8	61.3	88.3	89.0	89.0	88.9
Nevada .....	190.2	198.5	189.7	197.5	16.1	15.7	16.0	15.6	56.6	59.7	56.9	60.0	117.4	125.6	117.8	125.8
New Hampshire .....	136.0	138.8	133.3	137.2	12.7	11.5	12.4	11.5	36.8	37.3	36.8	37.1	52.3	52.7	52.0	52.8
New Jersey .....	873.8	872.3	863.9	862.1	102.8	99.1	102.4	99.7	274.5	279.9	273.8	279.2	562.2	566.3	559.0	569.5
New Mexico .....	134.1	134.1	133.3	133.0	16.3	15.6	16.1	15.7	33.3	33.8	33.4	33.9	87.7	86.8	88.6	87.5
New York .....	1,464.5	1,468.5	1,445.7	1,448.9	277.0	270.3	281.0	273.6	692.2	696.3	690.1	695.6	1,018.7	1,019.1	1,018.5	1,024.8
North Carolina .....	710.8	716.4	707.9	712.6	76.2	74.7	76.1	75.2	187.1	190.7	187.7	191.0	407.8	416.9	409.4	424.0
North Dakota .....	70.9	71.4	70.2	71.0	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.7	18.2	18.4	18.1	18.4	23.2	23.2	23.5	23.4
Ohio .....	1,034.7	1,031.4	1,023.7	1,019.3	98.2	95.6	97.7	94.9	307.9	312.2	308.7	311.4	597.8	596.7	597.4	595.6
Oklahoma .....	276.6	272.2	274.5	268.9	33.5	29.8	33.2	30.1	81.6	84.5	81.7	84.7	154.3	149.7	154.8	153.6
Oregon .....	310.4	307.6	308.3	305.5	35.0	33.4	34.7	33.4	95.9	97.4	96.2	97.3	163.8	166.6	165.0	167.5
Pennsylvania .....	1,107.8	1,104.8	1,092.1	1,091.0	124.1	121.1	123.5	120.8	335.3	336.6	335.2	336.0	588.6	581.0	586.3	581.9
Rhode Island .....	79.6	80.6	78.5	79.7	11.1	10.7	11.1	10.8	33.1	33.4	33.2	33.1	46.4	47.4	46.5	47.5
South Carolina .....	342.3	343.7	341.5	344.0	27.5	26.2	27.6	26.4	88.8	91.3	88.8	90.8	180.4	181.5	183.0	183.3
South Dakota .....	75.1	75.7	74.3	75.2	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	27.6	27.8	27.6	27.8	23.9	23.4	24.1	23.7
Tennessee .....	571.2	576.7	569.1	574.8	52.1	51.2	51.9	51.0	137.8	139.0	137.8	139.0	281.3	287.2	282.2	287.8
Texas .....	1,926.7	1,921.3	1,912.2	1,909.8	238.6	228.5	237.9	228.3	577.8	581.1	579.8	583.3	1,027.9	1,024.5	1,032.2	1,030.4
Utah .....	211.1	211.1	209.6	210.4	30.1	30.0	30.0	30.1	64.1	65.3	64.8	65.7	126.5	129.7	126.4	129.5
Vermont .....	57.9	57.1	57.4	56.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.9	19.3	19.5	19.4	19.7
Virginia .....	625.3	640.9	618.4	631.0	101.3	101.1	101.6	101.4	182.6	189.9	183.3	188.8	535.9	557.8	535.9	561.6
Washington .....	502.2	509.7	498.0	504.9	92.2	92.7	92.0	93.4	148.2	154.0	148.9	154.6	282.3	290.0	284.6	292.7
West Virginia .....	133.5	133.1	131.7	132.0	12.9	12.6	12.8	12.6	30.8	30.9	30.8	30.6	55.5	56.0	55.4	56.1
Wisconsin .....	528.3	537.1	521.9	531.2	50.7	49.1	50.1	49.0	154.3	159.8	154.9	161.5	234.9	241.1	236.4	242.6
Wyoming .....	47.1	47.6	46.5	46.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.3	9.8	10.5	9.8	10.5	14.3	14.6	14.5	14.6
Puerto Rico .....	179.1	183.3	176.2	181.3	21.1	20.7	21.0	20.9	41.0	42.0	41.3	42.0	96.2	93.7	97.0	94.8

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.		Jan.		Feb.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
Alabama	184.4	186.0	186.2	187.9	146.1	151.7	148.0	151.5	83.1	82.3	83.3	82.7	358.3	360.3	362.0	361.2
Alaska	31.5	33.7	32.3	33.8	25.6	26.0	25.7	26.1	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.2	79.9	80.9	82.1	82.3
Arizona	239.8	253.8	242.5	256.4	228.0	231.3	232.2	235.0	85.0	85.7	85.3	86.1	388.8	391.8	404.0	408.3
Arkansas	137.3	141.2	138.6	141.9	82.6	83.1	84.3	85.2	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.2	196.7	198.8	200.3	202.5
California	1,502.6	1,545.6	1,524.4	1,562.5	1,346.1	1,367.7	1,362.9	1,382.5	497.6	496.3	503.2	500.6	2,451.1	2,399.8	2,466.2	2,416.9
Colorado	209.8	216.8	211.1	218.6	243.8	245.0	242.8	244.1	85.7	86.2	85.2	85.6	350.5	351.0	360.5	360.8
Connecticut	261.1	263.2	264.3	267.1	114.7	119.1	114.6	118.9	61.5	62.4	61.3	62.0	250.3	244.5	252.6	246.9
Delaware	49.7	50.2	49.6	50.2	33.3	34.2	33.0	34.0	17.7	18.2	17.6	18.1	56.7	56.8	57.3	57.4
District of Columbia	88.3	88.0	89.7	91.4	47.4	48.3	47.7	48.7	55.0	54.4	55.3	54.6	229.6	228.6	229.6	228.3
Florida	868.3	891.5	878.6	901.2	797.6	812.7	812.6	829.2	314.5	319.5	317.5	323.5	1,052.7	1,064.4	1,063.5	1,075.8
Georgia	380.5	387.6	383.8	388.1	331.8	340.5	334.6	341.2	164.8	170.6	165.3	169.6	633.0	637.9	638.0	639.3
Hawaii	63.1	65.8	64.6	66.7	97.8	100.6	98.5	101.3	23.5	24.2	23.9	24.2	118.9	118.7	121.6	121.5
Idaho	61.3	64.1	61.4	65.0	51.4	51.7	51.4	52.1	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.9	110.6	111.7	112.6	115.6
Illinois	709.0	718.1	712.2	722.1	464.7	475.1	463.5	475.2	246.6	245.6	246.4	246.1	847.1	842.5	865.6	854.3
Indiana	357.5	364.6	359.6	366.6	253.9	260.7	253.2	262.4	104.1	104.0	104.7	104.8	422.7	425.0	431.1	432.4
Iowa	189.9	191.5	191.9	193.3	116.6	119.8	116.0	119.8	55.6	55.6	55.5	55.7	243.0	243.6	248.7	249.4
Kansas	156.0	157.0	156.3	157.5	103.4	105.9	103.9	106.0	52.2	52.2	52.5	52.2	250.6	251.3	252.6	253.7
Kentucky	225.8	228.7	226.6	229.2	144.1	150.3	144.7	151.4	75.5	77.8	75.6	77.9	312.7	306.0	317.1	309.8
Louisiana	242.2	249.1	243.2	248.9	190.0	195.6	193.3	197.7	70.3	69.1	70.4	68.8	374.5	374.9	381.7	382.3
Maine	104.3	106.1	106.3	108.2	48.0	48.6	47.9	48.8	20.1	21.4	20.1	21.3	102.9	103.4	106.5	107.2
Maryland	333.6	341.1	335.2	343.8	201.0	206.7	198.2	207.5	113.1	114.6	113.5	115.3	459.2	457.9	468.4	468.0
Massachusetts	568.3	568.7	578.1	578.3	262.2	266.2	260.9	264.8	115.0	115.8	114.8	115.6	422.5	412.8	425.0	416.5
Michigan	538.6	543.0	540.8	549.2	369.0	378.0	368.0	377.5	170.1	167.8	170.2	168.6	690.1	673.7	709.2	696.5
Minnesota	360.2	368.2	366.7	373.1	216.6	223.3	215.1	222.8	117.7	116.2	117.9	116.2	403.6	399.3	412.4	408.8
Mississippi	114.3	115.7	114.7	117.1	118.7	120.5	119.7	120.9	37.2	36.1	37.3	36.5	241.3	245.5	242.2	247.0
Missouri	349.7	356.6	352.0	357.1	235.5	246.1	237.0	243.7	115.6	115.6	116.0	114.5	437.4	428.3	442.6	436.6
Montana	53.2	53.7	53.6	54.0	48.6	49.4	49.0	49.8	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	83.1	84.0	85.7	86.5
Nebraska	114.4	111.5	115.1	111.8	73.8	74.5	73.9	76.2	34.4	34.1	34.5	34.4	159.7	159.4	160.7	160.9
Nevada	73.5	77.4	74.4	78.3	296.5	302.3	298.0	303.2	29.4	30.9	29.6	31.1	131.4	133.8	136.5	138.6
New Hampshire	92.1	94.6	92.9	95.2	56.3	59.0	56.0	59.1	20.4	19.2	20.3	19.1	88.7	89.9	92.2	93.7
New Jersey	532.3	544.4	532.5	544.9	293.7	300.6	292.7	301.7	148.6	150.6	148.5	150.7	616.4	631.5	627.4	642.1
New Mexico	97.7	102.0	98.5	103.0	78.0	78.3	78.3	78.9	27.5	28.0	27.6	28.2	190.5	194.2	195.3	199.5
New York	1,470.7	1,499.7	1,498.6	1,527.0	598.8	607.1	603.4	612.2	344.6	343.3	345.7	344.6	1,479.3	1,472.1	1,502.9	1,496.2
North Carolina	420.3	431.0	423.4	432.5	313.2	315.2	313.5	315.5	158.6	157.9	158.9	159.5	642.0	657.6	647.4	663.9
North Dakota	46.9	47.3	47.0	47.3	28.1	28.4	28.2	28.2	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.3	75.4	76.2	77.5	78.0
Ohio	719.1	728.2	725.2	733.5	449.1	459.2	447.1	459.4	224.7	223.8	225.1	224.1	798.3	792.4	813.1	812.8
Oklahoma	176.2	175.5	176.8	176.7	120.9	118.9	121.4	121.5	74.4	74.3	74.6	73.4	295.1	289.0	301.1	295.3
Oregon	186.7	187.7	189.4	191.0	143.7	145.3	144.1	146.2	55.6	56.8	55.9	57.9	272.7	268.3	275.7	273.6
Pennsylvania	964.1	967.2	984.0	990.0	435.7	444.3	433.4	446.0	255.9	257.7	255.5	258.8	739.5	737.0	762.1	759.0
Rhode Island	89.6	90.0	91.6	92.5	43.3	45.6	43.4	46.1	22.2	23.0	22.2	22.9	67.1	67.3	67.1	67.4
South Carolina	173.2	181.9	174.5	184.1	176.1	184.6	180.0	187.3	63.4	64.4	63.9	65.1	328.2	333.0	333.0	336.1
South Dakota	55.2	55.5	55.1	55.7	35.6	36.3	35.5	36.2	15.5	15.6	15.5	15.6	73.9	74.6	74.8	75.3
Tennessee	307.2	314.8	310.5	317.3	229.9	235.8	231.6	237.6	101.5	102.2	101.3	101.9	408.4	407.7	415.3	429.7
Texas	1,098.8	1,129.5	1,107.8	1,139.6	821.9	833.1	831.9	845.4	352.9	354.9	354.0	356.9	1,642.8	1,642.3	1,677.8	1,676.1
Utah	117.4	121.6	118.4	122.4	97.7	100.1	98.4	101.3	31.9	32.4	31.9	32.5	198.1	200.0	199.7	201.2
Vermont	50.9	53.2	51.4	53.9	35.9	35.6	35.4	35.5	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.9	52.1	52.2	53.9	53.9
Virginia	368.2	374.5	369.7	376.1	283.5	289.2	282.7	289.8	178.3	183.2	179.0	184.3	633.9	641.7	640.1	648.9
Washington	307.8	312.6	311.4	316.0	235.7	235.2	237.2	236.2	97.5	98.6	97.9	99.0	520.7	525.9	526.3	532.1
West Virginia	108.4	106.4	108.2	106.8	61.8	63.6	61.7	63.5	54.7	55.1	54.6	54.9	140.8	138.9	142.3	141.3
Wisconsin	359.8	371.5	361.6	375.4	225.6	234.9	224.0	231.6	131.5	126.9	131.6	127.0	404.3	400.1	424.9	419.7
Wyoming	20.4	21.2	20.5	21.1	27.5	27.1	27.5	27.3	9.5	9.3	9.5	9.2	63.3	63.8	63.7	64.8
Puerto Rico	85.8	89.9	88.0	91.1	65.6	67.6	66.1	68.2	16.1	15.8	16.1	15.6	301.2	303.9	298.2	298.8

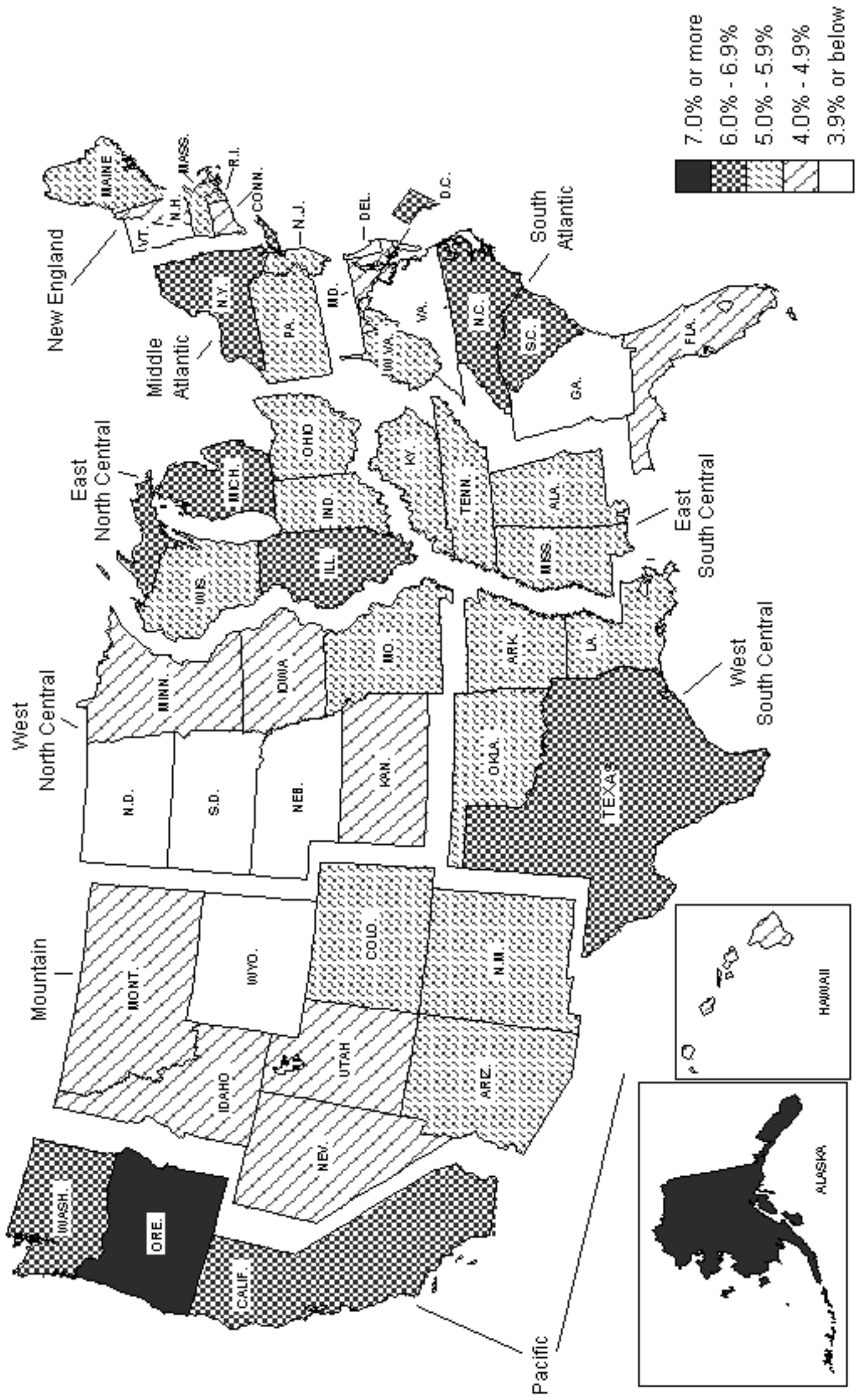
<sup>1</sup> Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.  
P = preliminary.

2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from

# Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted February 2004

(U.S. rate = 5.6 percent)



**Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, February 2003 – February 2004**

