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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MARCH 2004

In March, 257 metropolitan areas recorded lower unemployment rates than a year earlier, 65 areas had higher rates, and 9 areas had rates that were unchanged, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Ten areas posted unemployment rates below 3.0 percent, with eight of these located in the South and two in the Midwest. Thirteen metropolitan areas had jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent; nine of these were located in California and three were along the Mexican border in other states. The national unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, not seasonally adjusted, in March.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Sixty-three metropolitan areas reported jobless rates below 4.0 percent in March, up from 40 areas a year earlier. Fifty-eight areas recorded rates of at least 7.0 percent, down from 79 areas in March 2003. The lowest unemployment rates again were posted in areas with major state universities: Bryan-College Station, Texas, 2.0 percent, Columbia, Mo., 2.2 percent, Athens, Ga., 2.3 percent, and Gainesville, Fla., 2.4 percent. Six areas in California reported the highest unemployment rates for March—Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, 18.5 percent, Merced, 18.3 percent, Yuba City, 17.0 percent, Fresno, 15.8 percent, Bakersfield, 15.0 percent, and Salinas, 14.7 percent. (See table 1 and the map.)

Rocky Mount, N.C., experienced the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-2.1 percentage points), followed by San Jose, Calif. (-1.9 points). Sixty-six additional areas recorded jobless rate declines of at least 1.0 percentage point from March 2003. Among these 68 areas, 9 were located in North Carolina, 7 in Washington, 6 in Colorado, and 5 each in Louisiana, New Jersey, and Texas. Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va., registered the largest over-the-year jobless rate increase (+2.6 percentage points). Decatur, Ala., posted the next largest rate increase (+1.6 percentage points). Six additional areas—including four in New York—had over-the-year rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point.

Of the 51 metropolitan areas with a 1990 Census population of 1 million or more, 44 areas reported lower jobless rates than in March 2003, and 7 recorded higher rates. Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va., continued to register the lowest jobless rate among the large areas, 3.0 percent, with Orange County, Calif., again recording the next lowest rate, 3.6 percent. Three additional areas, all in the South, had rates below 4.0 percent in March. Detroit, Mich., and Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., posted the highest unemployment rates, 7.6 percent each, closely followed by two New York areas—New York and Buffalo-Niagara Falls, 7.5 and 7.4 percent, respectively. Over the year, San Jose, Calif., reported the largest jobless rate decrease (-1.9 percentage points), followed by Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash. (-1.5 points). Eight

additional large areas reported rate declines of at least 1.0 percentage point over the year. Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y., registered the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase (+1.1 percentage points), with Rochester, N.Y., reporting the next largest increase (+0.5 point).

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the 274 metropolitan areas for which March nonfarm payroll data were available, 182 reported increases in employment, 87 recorded decreases, and 5 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment increases were posted in Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+60,600), Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+35,000), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (+34,800), Orlando, Fla. (+19,400), Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+16,300), and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (+16,100). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment were reported in Green Bay, Wis. (+4.7 percent), Bloomington, Ind. (+4.5 percent), Benton Harbor, Mich., and Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+4.3 percent each), McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas (+3.7 percent), and Reno, Nev. (+3.5 percent).

The largest over-the-year employment decreases were reported in Detroit, Mich. (-48,000), Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-27,800), San Jose, Calif. (-19,000), San Francisco, Calif. (-16,200), Oakland, Calif. (-13,400), and Denver, Colo. (-13,000). The largest over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were reported in Columbia, S.C. (-3.5 percent), Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va. (-3.2 percent), Lawton, Okla. (-3.0 percent), Omaha, Neb.-Iowa (-2.7 percent), Tuscaloosa, Ala. (-2.6 percent), and Toledo, Ohio (-2.5 percent).

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 26 of the 39 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2003. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment in these metropolitan areas were posted in Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+4.3 percent), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz., and Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+2.2 percent each), Orlando, Fla. (+2.1 percent), Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind. (+1.8 percent), and Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+1.5 percent). Among the 39 large areas, Detroit, Mich., had the largest over-the-year percentage decline in employment (-2.3 percent), followed by San Jose, Calif. (-2.2 percent), San Francisco, Calif. (-1.7 percent), Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-1.5 percent), Oakland, Calif. (-1.3 percent), and Denver, Colo. (-1.1 percent).

Employment growth was most widespread in education and health services, with 217 of 274 metropolitan areas experiencing over-the-year employment gains in this industry sector. Growth also was prevalent in leisure and hospitality; construction; financial activities; and trade, transportation, and utilities. Manufacturing remained the weakest industry, with 191 metropolitan areas experiencing employment losses over the year. Employment losses also were pronounced in the government sector, where 125 areas saw decreases in over-the-year employment.

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for April is scheduled to be issued on May 21. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for April is scheduled to be issued on June 2.

NOTE: Each year, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program publishes provisional metropolitan area labor force and unemployment estimates for the prior year in the January-March news release tables (and in the supplemental ranking tables on the BLS Web site) for comparison purposes. Data available through the Labstat query system on the BLS Web site, however, will not reflect these revisions until estimates for all 7,000 substate areas for all months of 2003 are issued on May 5, 2004. For more information, see the "Important Information" document at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/launews1.htm>.

Correction of Nonfarm Payroll Employment Data for Idaho

Statewide nonfarm payroll employment data for Idaho presented in table 2 of this release have been corrected back to 1994.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (table 1) for 337 metropolitan areas, including those in Puerto Rico. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (table 2) are provided for over 270 of these 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 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. 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 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 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. All other substate estimates are adjusted to add to the revised (benchmarked) state 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, 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 the standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Error measures cannot be computed for substate areas because of the special estimation processes used. 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>).

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, dated June 30, 1996. A detailed list of the geographic definitions 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 Superintendent 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 two 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://stats.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://stats.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			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Alabama	2,115.0	2,145.9	2,118.7	2,148.0	121.4	120.3	112.2	118.2	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.5
Anniston	52.9	54.2	53.0	53.5	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.5	5.6	5.0	4.9	4.7
Auburn-Opelika	52.9	54.7	53.1	54.6	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.0	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.7
Birmingham	469.2	478.3	470.4	478.1	20.7	19.9	19.3	20.4	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.3
Decatur	70.5	71.5	70.4	71.7	4.5	5.4	4.1	5.3	6.3	7.5	5.8	7.4
Dothan	66.2	67.0	65.9	67.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.3
Florence	63.1	62.2	62.8	61.5	5.4	4.8	4.9	4.2	8.6	7.8	7.8	6.9
Gadsden	46.7	46.7	46.8	46.6	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.0
Huntsville	180.3	187.3	181.5	186.5	7.6	9.0	7.5	8.8	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.7
Mobile	267.3	273.5	268.5	273.4	16.6	16.4	15.3	16.3	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.0
Montgomery	163.3	167.4	163.4	167.0	7.8	8.2	7.2	8.2	4.8	4.9	4.4	4.9
Tuscaloosa	85.4	85.5	86.2	88.1	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4
Alaska	325.2	339.2	323.0	336.4	31.3	30.1	28.2	26.3	9.6	8.9	8.7	7.8
Anchorage	147.1	154.0	145.7	152.7	9.7	9.1	8.8	8.2	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.4
Arizona	2,646.5	2,717.2	2,657.8	2,728.1	148.0	134.8	145.5	123.7	5.6	5.0	5.5	4.5
Flagstaff	67.0	69.3	67.3	69.7	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.2	7.1	6.8	6.4	6.0
Phoenix-Mesa	1,780.5	1,829.5	1,787.9	1,836.0	93.7	82.9	91.9	75.2	5.3	4.5	5.1	4.1
Tucson	423.5	432.3	425.8	435.6	19.1	17.1	19.1	16.4	4.5	4.0	4.5	3.8
Yuma	68.2	69.8	68.5	68.9	9.8	10.1	10.3	9.5	14.4	14.5	15.0	13.8
Arkansas	1,257.3	1,296.9	1,265.5	1,308.1	81.7	80.6	78.4	74.8	6.5	6.2	6.2	5.7
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	165.1	175.4	166.3	177.4	4.9	5.5	4.8	5.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.8
Fort Smith	97.9	100.7	98.5	101.6	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.9
Jonesboro	43.9	45.8	44.2	46.0	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.5	5.2	5.9	5.0	5.4
Little Rock-North Little Rock	306.0	317.2	308.1	321.2	15.5	15.4	15.1	15.3	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.8
Pine Bluff	36.2	37.6	36.4	38.1	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.2	9.9	8.8	9.5	8.3
California	17,376.6	17,537.2	17,405.1	17,513.2	1,239.7	1,158.5	1,209.7	1,161.2	7.1	6.6	7.0	6.6
Bakersfield	296.1	301.3	297.1	301.5	41.6	42.2	42.8	45.3	14.0	14.0	14.4	15.0
Chico-Paradise	92.0	92.1	91.9	92.3	8.2	8.1	7.8	8.2	8.9	8.8	8.5	8.9
Fresno	452.4	454.7	449.1	452.6	77.2	69.5	76.2	71.7	17.1	15.3	17.0	15.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,799.8	4,791.4	4,803.5	4,774.7	327.3	300.2	317.5	290.5	6.8	6.3	6.6	6.1
Merced	88.5	92.8	89.1	93.4	16.6	16.7	16.1	17.1	18.7	18.0	18.1	18.3
Modesto	213.6	217.3	215.5	217.8	28.3	27.9	28.1	28.7	13.2	12.8	13.1	13.2
Oakland	1,274.5	1,269.9	1,276.9	1,268.2	82.0	74.1	81.1	74.6	6.4	5.8	6.3	5.9
Orange County	1,558.7	1,593.4	1,563.8	1,586.7	62.3	56.7	60.6	57.0	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.6
Redding	80.0	82.0	80.7	81.6	7.2	8.0	7.1	8.0	9.0	9.7	8.8	9.8
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,668.8	1,728.3	1,679.3	1,724.1	96.7	96.4	94.6	98.1	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.7
Sacramento	864.6	888.7	866.2	888.3	48.2	50.6	46.4	51.5	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.8
Salinas	195.4	199.5	196.8	200.8	31.8	30.7	28.6	29.5	16.3	15.4	14.5	14.7
San Diego	1,465.9	1,498.7	1,472.0	1,501.1	64.0	60.4	63.6	61.3	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.1
San Francisco	909.8	896.7	902.0	893.9	53.6	44.8	52.8	44.9	5.9	5.0	5.9	5.0
San Jose	905.6	876.2	903.1	875.2	80.1	60.4	78.2	59.7	8.8	6.9	8.7	6.8
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles	120.0	121.1	120.0	120.3	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	203.4	210.3	204.2	213.0	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.6	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.5
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	137.6	139.3	138.1	139.8	16.0	14.6	15.1	14.6	11.6	10.5	10.9	10.4
Santa Rosa	257.1	255.9	255.1	255.1	13.1	13.0	12.9	13.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.1
Stockton-Lodi	274.6	279.2	277.9	281.7	31.3	31.8	30.3	31.9	11.4	11.4	10.9	11.3
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	278.5	283.3	279.9	283.8	16.5	16.4	16.0	16.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.9
Ventura	425.9	433.7	427.6	434.7	22.3	21.6	21.0	21.4	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.9
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville	172.2	174.8	173.5	176.4	32.4	30.8	32.3	32.6	18.8	17.6	18.6	18.5
Yolo	96.9	99.9	97.9	100.1	6.3	6.3	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.4
Yuba City	59.3	59.1	58.7	58.6	9.9	9.7	9.7	10.0	16.7	16.4	16.5	17.0
Colorado	2,426.9	2,471.8	2,436.8	2,455.6	152.2	142.1	158.2	128.6	6.3	5.7	6.5	5.2
Boulder-Longmont ¹	172.8	175.1	174.5	174.2	10.6	8.6	11.1	7.9	6.1	4.9	6.3	4.5
Colorado Springs	275.1	282.8	277.8	281.2	18.5	16.3	19.2	14.8	6.7	5.8	6.9	5.3
Denver ¹	1,230.0	1,244.5	1,231.5	1,234.0	77.9	74.3	81.8	67.2	6.3	6.0	6.6	5.4
Fort Collins-Loveland	149.6	152.5	150.4	150.4	9.1	8.6	9.4	7.6	6.1	5.6	6.3	5.1
Grand Junction	64.6	66.7	65.0	66.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.5	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.2
Greeley	98.9	101.9	99.1	101.5	7.1	7.0	7.4	6.4	7.2	6.9	7.4	6.3
Pueblo	61.7	63.4	62.5	63.2	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.5	7.8	7.6	7.9	7.1
Connecticut	1,785.1	1,774.4	1,801.7	1,779.0	106.8	94.8	107.1	91.7	6.0	5.3	5.9	5.2
Bridgeport	228.9	226.9	231.5	227.6	16.2	14.5	16.3	13.8	7.1	6.4	7.0	6.1
Danbury	114.2	114.7	115.5	115.2	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.1	4.1	3.7	4.1	3.5
Hartford	609.9	601.8	613.6	601.6	39.5	34.8	39.7	33.7	6.5	5.8	6.5	5.6
New Haven-Meriden	289.3	287.7	292.1	287.5	16.0	14.8	16.1	14.4	5.5	5.1	5.5	5.0
New London-Norwich	165.7	165.6	167.6	166.6	8.9	8.1	8.7	7.9	5.4	4.9	5.2	4.7
Stamford-Norwalk	189.5	190.4	192.3	191.6	7.4	6.4	7.5	6.3	3.9	3.4	3.9	3.3
Waterbury	118.3	117.5	119.6	118.4	9.7	8.2	9.7	8.0	8.2	7.0	8.1	6.8
Delaware	413.3	420.1	415.0	424.0	20.7	17.5	20.0	16.8	5.0	4.2	4.8	4.0
Dover	75.9	77.2	76.0	78.2	3.7	2.9	3.5	2.6	4.9	3.7	4.6	3.4
Wilmington-Newark	307.6	309.7	308.9	312.0	16.9	13.7	17.1	13.3	5.5	4.4	5.5	4.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
District of Columbia	299.4	302.2	301.8	302.6	21.8	20.1	20.4	20.5	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.8
Washington	2,815.9	2,881.9	2,827.3	2,892.3	108.3	91.8	103.8	88.0	3.8	3.2	3.7	3.0
Florida	8,024.2	8,210.0	8,073.1	8,259.2	413.0	377.0	400.5	370.7	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.5
Daytona Beach	216.9	224.3	217.8	225.4	11.1	10.5	10.6	10.3	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.6
Fort Lauderdale	865.5	887.4	869.8	891.5	48.7	43.1	47.5	42.6	5.6	4.9	5.5	4.8
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	214.4	221.8	216.1	223.3	8.6	7.6	8.5	7.4	4.0	3.4	3.9	3.3
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie	141.7	147.0	143.1	147.3	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.4	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.0
Fort Walton Beach	87.6	90.4	89.6	92.5	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.5
Gainesville	111.9	116.2	112.9	117.0	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.4
Jacksonville	576.3	596.0	581.5	601.6	28.9	29.6	28.7	29.6	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9
Lakeland-Winter Haven	214.4	219.3	215.6	220.1	11.4	10.9	11.4	10.5	5.3	5.0	5.3	4.8
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	221.1	226.3	221.5	227.3	11.6	9.9	11.2	9.7	5.2	4.4	5.0	4.2
Miami	1,095.9	1,102.0	1,098.8	1,105.4	81.1	71.2	78.4	70.7	7.4	6.5	7.1	6.4
Naples	120.3	126.4	120.8	127.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.1	3.5	2.9
Ocala	103.4	106.5	103.6	106.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.2
Orlando	952.3	975.1	956.0	981.4	47.4	43.7	46.4	43.3	5.0	4.5	4.9	4.4
Panama City	69.7	70.9	71.2	72.9	4.5	3.8	3.7	3.3	6.5	5.4	5.2	4.5
Pensacola	176.6	181.1	178.5	183.3	7.8	7.1	7.3	6.8	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.7
Punta Gorda	53.3	53.9	53.5	54.7	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.8
Sarasota-Bradenton	297.4	309.7	299.7	310.4	9.9	10.0	9.8	9.7	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1
Tallahassee	154.4	156.6	155.2	157.9	5.3	4.8	5.3	4.9	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.1
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,305.5	1,329.1	1,316.2	1,336.3	58.8	52.9	57.6	52.2	4.5	4.0	4.4	3.9
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	577.3	588.6	580.2	592.1	30.2	28.1	29.1	27.6	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.7
Georgia	4,344.2	4,375.4	4,373.1	4,383.4	209.3	167.6	216.6	159.9	4.8	3.8	5.0	3.6
Albany	56.1	56.6	57.5	57.3	2.8	2.2	3.4	2.4	5.0	3.9	5.9	4.1
Athens	79.1	78.3	79.7	79.0	2.2	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.3
Atlanta	2,398.4	2,429.3	2,413.5	2,424.2	120.4	95.5	122.4	91.9	5.0	3.9	5.1	3.8
Augusta-Aiken	211.9	219.3	211.9	219.2	10.5	9.7	9.8	9.4	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.3
Columbus	127.4	130.9	128.6	129.8	6.7	5.9	6.6	5.6	5.3	4.5	5.1	4.3
Macon	158.0	162.3	159.8	161.7	6.4	5.6	6.6	5.4	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.3
Savannah	144.3	149.5	145.8	149.2	5.4	4.8	5.5	4.6	3.8	3.2	3.8	3.1
Hawaii	606.9	622.4	608.4	624.7	21.4	24.0	23.1	22.2	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.5
Honolulu	430.2	439.8	431.1	442.3	13.7	15.6	14.5	14.7	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.3
Idaho	681.3	691.1	685.0	697.2	46.8	41.8	45.0	39.1	6.9	6.0	6.6	5.6
Boise City	246.9	250.8	248.3	252.5	15.0	13.0	15.0	11.8	6.1	5.2	6.0	4.7
Pocatello	41.2	41.1	41.4	41.3	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.0	6.3	5.5	5.8	5.0
Illinois	6,255.3	6,336.6	6,277.6	6,333.0	452.7	431.4	444.1	407.0	7.2	6.8	7.1	6.4
Bloomington-Normal	93.6	95.2	93.5	94.5	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2
Champaign-Urbana	99.8	101.7	101.4	102.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4
Chicago	4,188.9	4,243.3	4,197.0	4,240.0	307.0	289.4	304.2	277.0	7.3	6.8	7.2	6.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	185.9	187.0	186.4	187.1	11.0	10.5	10.7	10.0	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.4
Decatur	55.5	55.6	55.9	55.4	4.6	3.8	4.4	3.7	8.3	6.9	7.9	6.6
Kankakee	52.2	53.1	52.4	53.0	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.1
Peoria-Pekin	178.1	179.5	178.9	179.3	11.3	10.1	10.8	9.2	6.3	5.6	6.0	5.1
Rockford	194.4	195.1	194.9	194.2	17.7	17.0	17.4	16.1	9.1	8.7	8.9	8.3
Springfield	103.2	105.4	103.6	105.2	5.9	6.2	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.3
Indiana	3,140.2	3,149.6	3,151.0	3,168.1	175.7	185.7	170.7	178.2	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.6
Bloomington	65.8	68.6	65.9	68.8	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.1
Elkhart-Goshen	96.4	97.1	96.6	97.7	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.4
Evansville-Henderson	164.3	162.0	164.5	163.4	7.3	7.4	7.1	6.9	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.2
Fort Wayne	266.8	264.2	267.3	265.2	14.9	16.8	14.9	16.3	5.6	6.4	5.6	6.2
Gary	300.9	302.2	300.9	303.9	18.4	20.8	17.9	20.0	6.1	6.9	6.0	6.6
Indianapolis	889.6	897.3	893.0	903.7	43.7	47.4	43.6	46.1	4.9	5.3	4.9	5.1
Kokomo	50.2	50.1	50.2	50.7	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.7
Lafayette	93.9	93.4	94.0	93.6	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.6
Muncie	60.2	59.3	60.2	59.6	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.6	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.1
South Bend	135.3	136.5	135.5	137.6	6.9	7.3	6.7	7.2	5.1	5.3	4.9	5.2
Terre Haute	71.0	73.9	71.4	74.4	4.5	5.5	4.2	5.1	6.4	7.4	5.9	6.9
Iowa	1,622.3	1,620.8	1,621.0	1,616.6	84.2	81.3	85.0	79.7	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.9
Cedar Rapids	118.0	115.3	117.7	114.6	6.3	5.8	6.4	5.6	5.4	5.0	5.4	4.9
Des Moines	272.0	274.7	272.0	273.5	12.1	11.3	12.5	10.9	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.0
Dubuque	50.5	51.3	50.6	51.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.9
Iowa City	75.0	75.2	76.4	75.6	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.4
Sioux City	63.5	63.2	63.5	62.9	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.5	4.9	5.5	5.2	5.5
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	71.6	72.1	71.4	71.7	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.1

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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			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Kansas	1,416.6	1,452.5	1,425.5	1,459.8	80.7	76.3	80.2	73.1	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.0
Lawrence	57.9	60.2	58.5	61.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.4
Topeka	88.1	92.5	88.5	92.5	4.3	5.3	4.2	4.8	4.9	5.7	4.7	5.1
Wichita	285.1	291.2	286.9	292.3	19.3	17.7	20.1	17.6	6.8	6.1	7.0	6.0
Kentucky	1,925.0	1,956.5	1,933.0	1,968.7	136.3	121.2	126.4	114.5	7.1	6.2	6.5	5.8
Lexington	249.4	253.9	251.6	255.8	12.2	10.3	11.4	10.3	4.9	4.1	4.5	4.0
Louisville	544.3	550.2	546.5	553.7	31.8	29.7	30.4	28.9	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.2
Owensboro	47.7	48.2	47.8	48.6	3.5	2.8	3.1	2.6	7.4	5.7	6.5	5.3
Louisiana	2,008.4	2,021.6	2,024.8	2,018.1	130.2	118.7	130.8	107.0	6.5	5.9	6.5	5.3
Alexandria	59.2	59.6	59.7	59.6	3.5	2.9	3.7	2.6	5.9	4.9	6.1	4.3
Baton Rouge	305.4	313.1	307.0	311.7	17.7	16.6	17.9	14.8	5.8	5.3	5.8	4.7
Houma	97.5	98.8	98.6	99.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.6
Lafayette	178.2	178.8	180.1	178.9	9.9	8.7	9.7	7.8	5.5	4.9	5.4	4.4
Lake Charles	89.4	87.8	89.1	88.4	5.8	4.5	5.8	4.3	6.5	5.2	6.5	4.8
Monroe	72.9	73.2	73.7	73.0	4.2	4.1	4.3	3.7	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.0
New Orleans	597.4	602.4	601.5	603.0	32.6	32.2	32.7	29.2	5.5	5.3	5.4	4.8
Shreveport-Bossier City	180.4	181.9	182.4	181.9	13.6	11.6	13.5	10.7	7.5	6.4	7.4	5.9
Maine	675.8	685.2	680.8	685.2	39.5	40.1	38.8	38.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6
Bangor	53.7	55.2	54.2	54.8	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.3	3.8	4.2	3.6	4.2
Lewiston-Auburn	54.3	55.5	54.8	55.3	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.6	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.7
Portland	138.1	141.8	139.3	141.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2
Maryland	2,875.9	2,917.3	2,881.7	2,920.1	141.2	128.5	134.2	117.7	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.0
Baltimore	1,331.1	1,342.1	1,337.1	1,342.5	70.1	65.8	67.9	60.4	5.3	4.9	5.1	4.5
Cumberland	44.1	44.0	43.7	43.9	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.5	7.9	8.7	7.3	8.0
Hagerstown	72.5	72.3	71.2	71.7	4.2	3.7	4.0	3.2	5.8	5.1	5.6	4.5
Massachusetts	3,404.2	3,380.6	3,411.4	3,380.6	209.6	194.7	217.5	188.6	6.2	5.8	6.4	5.6
Barnstable-Yarmouth	77.5	79.4	78.4	79.1	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.1	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.5
Boston	1,876.6	1,848.0	1,877.9	1,845.9	99.8	89.4	103.8	86.7	5.3	4.8	5.5	4.7
Brockton	138.8	142.3	140.5	142.8	8.6	8.8	9.2	8.6	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.0
Fitchburg-Leominster	71.4	71.2	71.7	71.4	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.4	8.1	8.0	8.4	7.6
Lawrence	211.6	209.3	212.4	209.3	17.2	16.3	17.8	16.0	8.1	7.8	8.4	7.6
Lowell	177.8	178.5	178.4	178.9	12.6	10.8	13.2	10.6	7.1	6.0	7.4	5.9
New Bedford	84.8	83.8	84.9	83.8	8.3	7.7	8.3	7.3	9.8	9.2	9.8	8.7
Pittsfield	40.9	40.9	40.8	41.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.6	6.9	6.4	6.8	6.2
Springfield	294.1	295.1	295.4	296.6	18.7	18.4	19.6	17.8	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.0
Worcester	267.5	267.3	268.0	267.4	18.3	16.9	18.9	16.4	6.8	6.3	7.1	6.1
Michigan	4,963.5	5,014.2	4,985.2	5,040.5	376.5	367.2	383.2	383.8	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.6
Ann Arbor	310.6	319.8	310.3	320.4	13.4	13.2	13.7	14.2	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.4
Benton Harbor	76.0	82.0	77.0	82.4	5.7	6.1	5.7	6.2	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5
Detroit	2,213.1	2,215.9	2,221.5	2,227.2	161.3	159.9	164.2	169.7	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.6
Flint	184.4	185.2	185.6	186.0	18.2	17.9	18.5	18.2	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.8
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	600.0	605.5	601.4	610.4	46.8	43.0	47.6	44.1	7.8	7.1	7.9	7.2
Jackson	78.0	79.3	78.2	79.7	6.4	5.9	6.7	6.1	8.3	7.5	8.5	7.6
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	228.6	233.7	230.1	234.9	14.7	15.1	14.5	15.4	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.6
Lansing-East Lansing	247.0	251.1	247.8	252.4	12.1	13.1	12.3	13.4	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.3
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	193.1	193.2	193.8	194.4	16.9	16.5	17.6	17.2	8.7	8.5	9.1	8.8
Minnesota	2,881.0	2,913.6	2,891.1	2,927.5	157.2	156.5	157.3	155.8	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3
Duluth-Superior	132.7	133.2	131.4	133.4	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,810.0	1,826.5	1,811.3	1,836.6	88.3	86.6	88.6	87.1	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.7
Rochester	82.8	83.8	83.2	84.3	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2
St. Cloud	105.8	107.7	106.1	108.3	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.0
Mississippi	1,298.7	1,311.8	1,307.1	1,305.1	82.9	73.3	88.3	59.8	6.4	5.6	6.8	4.6
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula	173.1	178.5	173.3	178.2	8.1	7.3	8.4	6.1	4.7	4.1	4.9	3.4
Hattiesburg	54.5	56.3	54.4	56.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.1
Jackson	235.8	241.9	237.5	242.3	10.3	8.9	11.1	7.6	4.4	3.7	4.7	3.2
Missouri	2,979.1	2,979.3	2,995.4	2,990.4	177.2	165.6	172.2	153.9	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.1
Columbia	88.4	89.3	88.8	89.8	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Joplin	83.1	84.3	83.5	84.6	4.4	3.7	4.4	3.6	5.3	4.3	5.3	4.3
Kansas City	1,012.9	1,016.3	1,017.2	1,019.0	62.2	58.9	61.5	56.7	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.6
St. Joseph	52.9	52.8	52.9	52.9	3.5	3.1	3.3	2.8	6.6	5.9	6.2	5.3
St. Louis ¹	1,378.2	1,381.2	1,383.4	1,383.1	81.6	79.4	80.5	75.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.4
Springfield	175.3	181.3	176.1	181.8	7.8	6.9	7.3	6.4	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.5
Montana	465.3	476.3	467.3	473.9	26.7	24.6	26.1	24.1	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.1
Billings	70.4	76.3	70.6	75.1	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.6	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.5
Great Falls	36.3	36.7	36.4	36.2	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	5.4	4.9	5.2	4.6
Missoula	54.6	58.8	55.8	59.2	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.3	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.0

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Nebraska	965.9	980.3	969.9	981.3	42.4	41.1	42.0	37.8	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.9
Lincoln	156.0	155.1	157.1	156.9	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.8
Omaha	417.0	412.4	417.5	413.7	19.3	19.5	19.6	18.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.5
Nevada	1,132.3	1,174.7	1,126.0	1,170.8	60.8	55.0	59.9	51.7	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.4
Las Vegas	897.8	935.1	894.0	932.8	47.4	42.8	47.3	40.7	5.3	4.6	5.3	4.4
Reno	198.4	205.1	197.0	204.5	9.9	9.2	9.3	8.4	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.1
New Hampshire	705.7	721.1	710.1	722.2	31.8	31.7	33.0	31.2	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.3
Manchester	116.8	120.8	117.7	121.1	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.2
Nashua	109.8	111.2	110.1	111.5	5.9	5.7	6.2	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.6	4.9
Portsmouth-Rochester	134.0	136.6	134.6	136.4	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.3	4.3	4.1	4.4	3.9
New Jersey	4,334.4	4,375.2	4,350.3	4,388.8	274.7	247.0	276.3	235.8	6.3	5.6	6.4	5.4
Atlantic-Cape May	171.4	176.2	171.9	176.2	16.8	16.3	16.2	14.9	9.8	9.2	9.4	8.5
Bergen-Passaic	675.4	680.1	678.8	681.4	41.2	36.9	42.1	35.6	6.1	5.4	6.2	5.2
Jersey City	289.9	286.3	289.0	286.1	23.7	19.6	24.0	19.1	8.2	6.8	8.3	6.7
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	658.8	664.3	661.7	666.2	33.7	29.7	34.3	28.6	5.1	4.5	5.2	4.3
Monmouth-Ocean	557.2	573.0	561.4	577.3	34.3	31.9	34.4	29.4	6.2	5.6	6.1	5.1
Newark	1,063.0	1,072.0	1,067.2	1,076.0	68.6	61.0	69.5	58.6	6.5	5.7	6.5	5.4
Trenton	189.7	192.2	190.8	192.6	9.8	8.5	9.7	8.3	5.2	4.4	5.1	4.3
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	65.7	66.9	66.3	67.0	6.6	5.8	6.5	5.4	10.1	8.7	9.8	8.1
New Mexico	881.8	891.3	890.8	901.8	51.6	49.2	53.0	49.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	5.5
Albuquerque	385.1	389.1	390.3	394.8	18.8	17.9	19.4	17.9	4.9	4.6	5.0	4.5
Las Cruces	76.5	78.4	77.6	79.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.5	7.1	7.5	7.1
Santa Fe	80.1	81.9	80.6	82.6	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.2
New York	9,312.9	9,259.0	9,295.6	9,291.1	638.2	642.1	606.5	625.8	6.9	6.9	6.5	6.7
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	467.5	467.6	466.0	467.1	20.8	23.2	19.6	23.1	4.5	5.0	4.2	4.9
Binghamton	124.4	123.0	123.7	123.0	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.2	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.7
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	572.2	571.6	571.8	570.7	37.8	42.4	36.1	42.0	6.6	7.4	6.3	7.4
Dutchess County	129.5	130.8	129.8	131.3	5.5	6.3	5.1	6.0	4.3	4.8	4.0	4.6
Elmira	43.3	42.3	43.0	42.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.2	7.1	7.5	6.5	7.5
Glens Falls	60.4	60.7	59.6	60.6	3.9	4.2	3.6	4.2	6.5	6.9	6.1	6.9
Jamestown	65.4	64.6	65.0	65.0	4.3	4.9	4.1	4.8	6.5	7.5	6.2	7.4
Nassau-Suffolk	1,457.9	1,472.3	1,470.5	1,477.8	64.9	70.4	61.3	68.5	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.6
New York	4,402.7	4,349.1	4,390.1	4,374.1	364.2	341.3	348.0	328.9	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.5
New York City	3,732.1	3,666.6	3,713.2	3,689.8	337.0	310.5	322.1	298.9	9.0	8.5	8.7	8.1
Newburgh	189.3	192.7	189.1	193.5	9.1	10.8	8.8	10.7	4.8	5.6	4.6	5.5
Rochester	573.5	569.6	571.6	569.8	36.2	37.3	34.2	36.8	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.5
Syracuse	370.1	369.8	367.8	368.6	22.7	25.4	21.2	24.9	6.1	6.9	5.8	6.8
Utica-Rome	144.3	142.7	143.7	143.1	8.7	9.7	8.3	9.5	6.0	6.8	5.7	6.6
North Carolina	4,148.0	4,158.8	4,159.1	4,160.5	282.6	267.4	268.2	219.6	6.8	6.4	6.4	5.3
Asheville	117.6	119.3	117.9	119.6	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.4
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	850.8	869.9	854.0	870.4	55.7	60.5	52.9	50.5	6.6	7.0	6.2	5.8
Fayetteville	129.5	128.0	129.4	127.9	7.6	6.5	7.3	5.4	5.9	5.1	5.6	4.2
Goldensboro	50.9	50.3	50.9	50.5	3.0	2.6	3.0	2.3	6.0	5.2	5.8	4.5
Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point	677.5	674.9	679.4	674.2	42.9	41.7	40.9	34.0	6.3	6.2	6.0	5.0
Greenville	71.9	71.1	72.1	70.9	4.5	4.4	4.8	3.6	6.3	6.2	6.6	5.1
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir	177.2	171.3	177.0	170.1	15.2	14.6	14.7	11.9	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.0
Jacksonville	50.6	50.7	50.4	50.8	3.3	2.7	3.1	2.3	6.5	5.3	6.2	4.4
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	700.4	709.1	701.9	711.5	35.9	29.3	34.5	24.7	5.1	4.1	4.9	3.5
Rocky Mount	69.6	69.0	69.6	68.7	6.9	6.1	6.6	5.0	10.0	8.8	9.4	7.3
Wilmington	124.9	125.8	125.4	126.1	8.1	6.6	7.3	5.1	6.4	5.3	5.8	4.1
North Dakota	338.7	340.2	341.6	343.0	17.3	12.9	18.3	13.3	5.1	3.8	5.4	3.9
Bismarck	54.8	55.3	55.0	55.6	2.6	2.0	2.6	1.9	4.7	3.6	4.7	3.5
Fargo-Moorhead	106.7	108.0	106.6	108.5	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.6	2.9
Grand Forks	54.0	54.8	54.2	55.0	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.2	4.6	3.9	4.9	4.0
Ohio	5,821.1	5,805.1	5,859.6	5,812.0	404.0	386.5	397.0	358.6	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.2
Akron	369.7	373.8	371.0	373.6	24.7	23.4	24.1	21.7	6.7	6.3	6.5	5.8
Canton-Massillon	203.1	202.4	203.9	201.5	15.8	14.8	15.3	13.3	7.8	7.3	7.5	6.6
Cincinnati	858.5	874.4	865.7	877.3	48.7	47.4	46.8	44.0	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.0
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,108.5	1,109.4	1,115.2	1,110.6	84.2	80.6	82.8	74.8	7.6	7.3	7.4	6.7
Columbus	881.8	875.8	886.9	877.3	48.0	45.1	48.0	42.8	5.4	5.1	5.4	4.9
Dayton-Springfield	470.1	464.0	472.9	464.9	32.6	29.5	32.2	27.4	6.9	6.4	6.8	5.9
Hamilton-Middletown	200.4	202.5	201.3	203.9	10.3	9.3	9.9	8.6	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.2
Lima	75.8	75.6	76.3	75.6	5.6	4.9	5.6	4.5	7.4	6.5	7.3	6.0
Mansfield	82.6	81.1	83.0	81.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.6	8.6	8.7	8.4	8.1
Steubenville-Weirton	55.2	55.2	55.7	55.7	3.8	5.3	3.7	5.1	6.9	9.5	6.6	9.2
Toledo	323.0	314.3	324.0	313.9	24.4	24.4	24.0	22.9	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.3
Youngstown-Warren	273.5	271.0	274.3	270.2	22.9	21.6	22.3	20.4	8.4	8.0	8.1	7.6

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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			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Oklahoma	1,681.7	1,687.8	1,690.6	1,694.8	97.6	90.1	93.5	82.2	5.8	5.3	5.5	4.8
Enid	26.2	25.9	26.6	26.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	3.6	3.2	3.6	2.9
Lawton	42.7	42.6	42.9	42.4	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.6	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.7
Oklahoma City	567.7	578.0	568.5	584.2	28.8	26.2	27.1	24.5	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.2
Tulsa	424.4	420.9	424.3	424.3	28.4	24.3	27.3	22.1	6.7	5.8	6.4	5.2
Oregon	1,842.7	1,857.4	1,855.9	1,863.3	169.3	156.1	167.5	150.9	9.2	8.4	9.0	8.1
Corvallis	41.3	41.7	41.8	41.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.1
Eugene-Springfield	171.6	173.3	171.9	173.3	14.2	13.5	14.0	13.2	8.3	7.8	8.1	7.6
Medford-Ashland	96.3	98.6	97.1	98.8	8.4	8.0	8.2	7.6	8.8	8.1	8.5	7.7
Portland-Vancouver	1,097.1	1,095.5	1,102.4	1,096.5	99.8	86.6	99.9	83.8	9.1	7.9	9.1	7.6
Salem	176.7	179.1	179.3	180.9	15.3	15.2	15.4	14.9	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.2
Pennsylvania	6,154.9	6,157.4	6,163.0	6,196.9	417.9	369.9	384.8	356.3	6.8	6.0	6.2	5.8
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	331.1	331.6	334.2	334.1	23.5	20.4	22.1	20.2	7.1	6.2	6.6	6.0
Altoona	65.0	65.3	64.8	65.6	4.4	3.8	3.9	3.5	6.7	5.8	6.0	5.4
Erie	140.9	141.1	140.7	141.3	12.0	10.5	11.1	10.0	8.5	7.4	7.9	7.1
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	358.6	361.5	358.8	363.9	16.6	14.8	15.6	14.3	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.9
Johnstown	103.7	102.6	102.9	102.9	9.7	8.2	8.2	7.5	9.3	8.0	8.0	7.3
Lancaster	252.3	256.5	253.7	259.4	12.8	11.0	11.8	10.1	5.1	4.3	4.7	3.9
Philadelphia	2,616.4	2,619.1	2,618.8	2,633.0	161.5	147.8	152.7	144.5	6.2	5.6	5.8	5.5
Pittsburgh	1,183.1	1,173.5	1,185.4	1,180.8	81.0	70.9	73.6	69.0	6.8	6.0	6.2	5.8
Reading	183.8	183.2	183.8	185.0	14.4	11.4	13.3	11.4	7.8	6.2	7.3	6.1
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre—Hazleton	310.6	309.3	311.2	311.6	23.5	21.2	21.7	20.7	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.6
Sharon	58.7	57.4	58.6	58.0	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.9
State College	69.7	70.3	69.7	70.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.8
Williamsport	57.0	57.5	57.0	57.9	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.1	7.9	7.5	7.0	7.0
York	197.3	198.9	197.3	199.9	11.8	10.6	10.9	9.7	6.0	5.3	5.5	4.9
Rhode Island	570.0	563.8	568.0	563.4	37.2	35.2	33.4	33.5	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.9
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	643.7	640.3	642.0	639.2	44.3	42.5	41.1	40.5	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.3
South Carolina	1,961.9	2,016.6	1,972.9	2,034.4	134.6	133.7	119.5	127.2	6.9	6.6	6.1	6.3
Charleston-North Charleston	285.9	299.1	288.4	302.4	12.7	12.8	11.3	12.4	4.5	4.3	3.9	4.1
Columbia	285.8	289.3	288.7	293.6	11.4	11.3	10.7	12.5	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.2
Florence	63.3	65.9	63.2	66.8	5.3	5.5	4.6	5.4	8.3	8.3	7.3	8.0
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	493.3	514.2	496.6	515.6	30.2	30.8	27.0	29.3	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.7
Myrtle Beach	101.4	110.2	104.3	113.7	7.3	7.3	5.6	6.2	7.2	6.7	5.3	5.5
Sumter	45.3	44.8	45.4	45.2	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3	7.9	7.2	7.3	7.4
South Dakota	413.7	413.9	417.8	418.3	16.4	15.7	17.1	16.5	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.0
Rapid City	49.6	49.3	49.8	49.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.6
Sioux Falls	110.7	111.0	111.5	112.0	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.4
Tennessee	2,883.1	2,914.4	2,893.2	2,913.8	163.7	154.4	165.0	152.4	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.2
Chattanooga	237.8	240.4	238.5	240.5	8.9	8.7	9.0	8.5	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.5
Clarksville-Hopkinsville	91.1	92.5	91.0	92.2	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.5
Jackson	58.4	59.1	58.4	58.9	3.3	2.9	3.3	2.9	5.6	4.8	5.7	4.8
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	231.0	231.4	232.4	231.6	13.8	12.9	13.4	12.6	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.4
Knoxville	373.1	380.9	374.2	381.5	16.6	16.0	15.6	14.9	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.9
Memphis	575.2	581.7	577.0	584.0	31.8	32.3	33.1	32.6	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.6
Nashville	677.7	687.2	677.9	688.3	27.9	26.8	28.5	27.2	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.0
Texas	10,743.2	10,856.3	10,790.6	10,870.5	731.3	663.7	716.7	652.1	6.8	6.1	6.6	6.0
Abilene	59.9	62.0	60.3	62.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	4.3	3.9	4.2	3.8
Amarillo	116.1	118.7	116.8	118.8	4.6	4.0	4.4	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.2
Austin-San Marcos	759.5	766.0	765.1	766.2	44.2	36.9	45.6	36.0	5.8	4.8	6.0	4.7
Beaumont-Port Arthur	179.4	181.3	180.4	181.6	16.2	15.9	16.4	15.5	9.1	8.8	9.1	8.5
Brazoria	113.0	113.9	113.0	113.9	9.3	9.2	9.5	9.3	8.3	8.1	8.4	8.1
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	141.6	143.7	143.0	144.2	15.2	15.1	15.0	14.5	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.1
Bryan-College Station	83.0	85.6	83.2	85.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0
Corpus Christi	180.1	180.9	181.6	180.8	11.6	10.9	11.8	10.7	6.4	6.0	6.5	5.9
Dallas	2,007.9	2,017.2	2,015.1	2,023.0	148.2	126.9	144.2	125.9	7.4	6.3	7.2	6.2
El Paso	295.5	296.0	293.8	295.1	28.7	23.0	26.9	22.9	9.7	7.8	9.2	7.8
Fort Worth-Arlington	946.4	952.9	952.9	954.1	61.3	55.0	61.0	54.2	6.5	5.8	6.4	5.7
Galveston-Texas City	123.1	125.3	125.1	125.9	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.6
Houston	2,287.9	2,312.6	2,291.0	2,315.0	150.6	145.0	148.5	144.5	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.2
Killeen-Temple	122.3	122.5	122.9	123.0	7.0	5.8	6.9	5.8	5.8	4.8	5.6	4.7
Laredo	83.3	86.0	83.5	86.2	6.7	6.0	6.3	5.8	8.0	7.0	7.6	6.7
Longview-Marshall	104.3	106.8	105.3	107.4	7.1	6.0	7.0	5.9	6.8	5.6	6.7	5.5
Lubbock	128.9	130.3	129.6	130.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	231.7	238.6	231.0	237.3	34.5	31.1	31.2	29.1	14.9	13.0	13.5	12.3
Odessa-Midland	124.8	126.8	125.4	126.7	7.5	6.5	7.3	6.3	6.0	5.2	5.9	5.0
San Angelo	50.6	51.8	51.0	52.0	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.7	3.8	3.3	3.8	3.4
San Antonio	811.3	826.9	815.1	829.4	43.6	42.7	42.7	41.9	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1
Sherman-Denison	51.0	51.5	51.3	51.1	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.3	6.7	6.6	7.0	6.4
Texarkana	56.9	58.5	57.1	58.7	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.6	5.6	4.8	5.2	4.5

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	February		March		February		March		February		March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Texas—Continued												
Tyler	95.1	97.4	95.9	97.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.4
Victoria	44.7	45.3	45.0	45.5	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.0	5.4	4.6	5.2	4.5
Waco	103.4	105.3	104.4	105.4	5.0	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.4	5.0	4.3
Wichita Falls	64.4	64.9	65.0	64.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.7	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.1
Utah	1,167.5	1,190.1	1,162.2	1,187.0	74.8	61.8	72.9	64.0	6.4	5.2	6.3	5.4
Provo-Orem	179.9	183.2	179.7	183.4	9.9	8.0	9.8	8.3	5.5	4.4	5.5	4.5
Salt Lake City-Ogden	735.5	746.1	731.8	741.9	47.0	38.8	46.2	40.7	6.4	5.2	6.3	5.5
Vermont	349.9	352.7	349.8	352.9	19.2	16.5	18.2	14.9	5.5	4.7	5.2	4.2
Burlington	105.3	108.2	105.8	108.4	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.4	4.1	3.5	3.9	3.2
Virginia	3,723.6	3,798.5	3,744.6	3,809.5	159.9	137.0	155.1	129.9	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.4
Charlottesville	78.3	78.3	78.7	78.3	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6
Danville	57.4	57.4	57.3	57.2	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.4	7.5	8.0	7.4	7.7
Lynchburg	104.3	103.8	104.6	104.1	5.4	4.8	5.3	4.7	5.2	4.6	5.0	4.5
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	779.3	796.5	783.7	798.6	34.4	32.5	32.7	31.4	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.9
Richmond-Petersburg	538.3	537.6	540.9	539.5	23.1	20.4	22.4	19.7	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.7
Roanoke	128.3	128.7	128.7	129.3	4.8	4.1	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.0
Washington	3,124.5	3,166.8	3,122.4	3,176.3	252.7	218.0	246.1	206.3	8.1	6.9	7.9	6.5
Bellingham	89.2	90.6	89.3	90.8	5.7	5.0	5.9	4.6	6.4	5.5	6.6	5.1
Bremerton	102.2	103.8	101.8	104.0	7.4	5.6	7.0	5.5	7.2	5.4	6.9	5.3
Olympia	110.9	113.4	110.9	113.6	6.6	5.8	6.5	5.6	5.9	5.1	5.9	4.9
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco	101.3	103.0	100.7	103.8	9.0	8.0	7.9	7.1	8.9	7.8	7.9	6.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,398.0	1,415.2	1,392.5	1,417.8	100.2	85.5	98.8	83.1	7.2	6.0	7.1	5.9
Spokane	218.5	223.2	218.1	223.1	17.1	15.3	16.0	13.7	7.8	6.9	7.3	6.1
Tacoma	353.8	363.5	354.7	365.2	28.4	24.9	28.3	24.3	8.0	6.9	8.0	6.7
Yakima	106.7	108.1	107.1	108.8	13.5	12.6	12.4	11.5	12.6	11.6	11.5	10.6
West Virginia	780.4	786.9	781.7	787.3	57.6	50.7	54.0	47.2	7.4	6.4	6.9	6.0
Charleston	125.9	126.4	125.8	126.8	7.2	6.2	6.6	5.9	5.7	4.9	5.3	4.7
Huntington-Ashland	133.4	134.9	134.7	135.8	9.3	8.6	8.8	8.5	7.0	6.4	6.5	6.2
Parkersburg-Marietta	75.9	75.6	76.0	75.5	5.4	5.0	5.1	4.5	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.0
Wheeling	72.2	71.3	72.4	71.7	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.4	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.1
Wisconsin	3,043.5	3,099.7	3,046.8	3,092.8	212.7	200.1	209.8	191.2	7.0	6.5	6.9	6.2
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	234.6	235.4	234.6	235.2	14.5	13.4	14.3	12.6	6.2	5.7	6.1	5.4
Eau Claire	87.3	89.9	87.0	89.6	6.1	5.5	6.0	5.3	7.0	6.1	6.9	5.9
Green Bay	143.3	150.8	143.0	151.1	9.0	8.3	8.6	8.1	6.3	5.5	6.0	5.4
Janesville-Beloit	78.1	79.4	78.1	79.5	6.3	6.0	6.1	5.5	8.1	7.5	7.8	6.9
Kenosha	85.2	85.0	84.7	85.3	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.1	6.7	6.3	6.7	5.9
La Crosse	73.0	76.9	73.7	77.0	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.1	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.3
Madison	281.9	289.0	281.8	288.7	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.0	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1
Milwaukee-Waukesha	819.7	828.2	818.6	826.3	54.9	52.2	54.4	50.1	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.1
Racine	94.3	94.3	93.8	94.0	8.8	7.9	8.8	7.5	9.3	8.3	9.3	8.0
Sheboygan	63.7	65.5	63.6	65.9	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.3	6.0	5.2	5.8	5.0
Wausau	76.2	78.3	76.8	78.0	4.9	4.5	5.2	4.0	6.4	5.8	6.8	5.1
Wyoming	271.1	274.1	273.7	275.0	15.0	12.6	13.9	10.9	5.5	4.6	5.1	4.0
Casper	35.9	36.7	36.3	37.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.5	5.4	4.6	5.0	4.0
Cheyenne	43.6	44.0	43.8	43.7	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.1
Puerto Rico	1,384.0	1,383.2	1,394.8	1,413.6	173.4	149.2	169.0	165.7	12.5	10.8	12.1	11.7
Aguadilla	49.6	49.8	50.3	51.0	8.3	6.8	8.5	7.4	16.8	13.7	16.9	14.5
Arecibo	56.7	56.8	56.9	57.2	9.0	7.1	8.8	7.9	15.9	12.6	15.4	13.8
Caguas	122.4	124.4	123.7	126.7	14.5	13.0	13.9	14.6	11.8	10.4	11.2	11.5
Mayaguez	89.8	88.6	90.2	90.6	13.7	11.0	13.4	12.1	15.3	12.5	14.9	13.3
Ponce	108.4	106.7	109.4	109.8	17.9	14.3	17.7	16.2	16.5	13.4	16.2	14.8
San Juan-Bayamon	783.8	781.8	792.0	796.1	76.8	69.7	75.6	76.7	9.8	8.9	9.5	9.6

¹ Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

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. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	February		March		Change March 2003 to March 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,863.9	1,866.5	1,875.0	1,876.5	1.5	0.1
Birmingham	470.5	472.4	473.0	475.4	2.4	.5
Huntsville	186.5	189.5	187.8	190.0	2.2	1.2
Mobile	221.6	223.8	223.7	224.9	1.2	.5
Montgomery	162.1	163.3	162.6	164.0	1.4	.9
Tuscaloosa	83.2	81.7	84.1	81.9	-2.2	-2.6
Alaska	285.3	289.2	288.3	292.3	4.0	1.4
Anchorage	138.2	141.1	139.1	142.0	2.9	2.1
Arizona	2,279.4	2,328.9	2,292.3	2,337.4	45.1	2.0
Phoenix-Mesa	1,606.3	1,644.0	1,614.7	1,649.5	34.8	2.2
Tucson	346.7	351.9	348.8	353.7	4.9	1.4
Arkansas	1,133.1	1,136.4	1,140.4	1,143.8	3.4	.3
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	169.3	173.7	170.1	174.3	4.2	2.5
Fort Smith	98.6	98.7	99.4	99.1	-.3	-.3
Little Rock-North Little Rock	313.8	314.5	316.3	315.4	-.9	-.3
Pine Bluff	35.3	36.0	35.6	36.2	.6	1.7
California	14,302.1	14,351.4	14,381.3	14,423.0	41.7	.3
Bakersfield	205.2	206.7	207.8	207.8	.0	.0
Fresno	308.8	311.8	311.7	313.6	1.9	.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach	3,982.4	3,978.8	4,004.0	3,998.0	-6.0	-.1
Modesto	148.5	149.5	150.1	150.0	-.1	-.1
Oakland	1,028.6	1,014.3	1,032.4	1,019.0	-13.4	-1.3
Orange County	1,406.9	1,421.4	1,414.1	1,423.7	9.6	.7
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,077.0	1,099.7	1,086.4	1,102.7	16.3	1.5
Sacramento	743.4	750.3	747.4	754.1	6.7	.9
Salinas	127.9	128.2	128.8	128.4	-.4	-.3
San Diego	1,228.0	1,238.7	1,234.4	1,248.1	13.7	1.1
San Francisco	957.3	937.7	957.0	940.8	-16.2	-1.7
San Jose	858.0	835.4	859.1	840.1	-19.0	-2.2
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	164.0	166.2	164.1	167.4	3.3	2.0
Santa Rosa	180.2	176.9	180.5	177.5	-3.0	-1.7
Stockton-Lodi	194.8	194.8	196.8	195.5	-1.3	-.7
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	179.8	180.3	181.2	181.4	.2	.1
Ventura	280.1	281.4	282.4	282.6	.2	.1
Colorado	2,133.6	2,115.7	2,137.5	2,131.3	-6.2	-.3
Boulder-Longmont	155.9	154.5	156.3	155.5	-.8	-.5
Colorado Springs	233.8	234.5	234.5	236.2	1.7	.7
Denver	1,134.5	1,114.0	1,133.8	1,120.8	-13.0	-1.1
Connecticut	1,626.0	1,617.7	1,630.8	1,623.1	-7.7	-.5
Bridgeport	183.2	181.9	184.2	183.3	-.9	-.5
Danbury	87.1	87.5	87.6	87.9	.3	.3
Hartford	592.1	587.6	592.8	587.8	-5.0	-.8
New Haven-Meriden	255.6	253.9	255.6	253.4	-2.2	-.9
New London-Norwich	141.2	142.2	142.0	142.9	.9	.6
Stamford-Norwalk	191.8	192.5	192.2	193.4	1.2	.6
Waterbury	81.6	81.7	82.1	82.5	.4	.5
Delaware	400.4	405.3	404.6	410.6	6.0	1.5
Dover	56.7	57.9	57.3	59.0	1.7	3.0
Wilmington-Newark	311.2	315.6	313.8	319.5	5.7	1.8
District of Columbia	659.0	663.5	665.2	670.4	5.2	.8
Washington PMSA	2,775.8	2,834.8	2,800.8	2,861.4	60.6	2.2
Florida	7,243.5	7,384.7	7,298.9	7,436.7	137.8	1.9
Daytona Beach	171.5	176.4	172.5	177.2	4.7	2.7
Fort Lauderdale	716.1	733.2	720.3	736.4	16.1	2.2
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	189.4	195.0	190.7	196.4	5.7	3.0
Gainesville	123.3	126.6	124.2	127.6	3.4	2.7
Jacksonville	553.1	566.5	557.8	571.4	13.6	2.4
Lakeland-Winter Haven	186.2	190.2	187.7	191.6	3.9	2.1
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	191.4	195.7	192.0	196.8	4.8	2.5
Miami	1,006.6	1,010.5	1,010.5	1,012.9	2.4	.2
Orlando	915.8	933.2	919.8	939.2	19.4	2.1
Pensacola	155.3	158.6	157.6	161.0	3.4	2.2
Sarasota-Bradenton	280.1	289.1	281.9	289.7	7.8	2.8
Tallahassee	158.6	159.6	159.4	160.8	1.4	.9
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,213.7	1,231.0	1,224.1	1,238.0	13.9	1.1
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	528.9	536.1	531.7	539.5	7.8	1.5

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	February		March		Change March 2003 to March 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Georgia	3,827.6	3,848.1	3,847.6	3,862.4	14.8	0.4
Albany	55.8	56.6	56.7	57.0	.3	.5
Athens	74.6	73.4	75.0	73.9	-1.1	-1.5
Atlanta	2,139.8	2,154.8	2,150.8	2,161.9	11.1	.5
Augusta-Aiken	198.8	201.6	199.2	201.9	2.7	1.4
Columbus	115.0	117.2	116.4	117.2	.8	.7
Macon	147.4	150.2	149.0	150.2	1.2	.8
Savannah	136.7	140.3	138.1	140.6	2.5	1.8
Hawaii	564.5	574.4	567.9	576.4	8.5	1.5
Honolulu	418.8	424.2	421.0	425.9	4.9	1.2
Idaho ¹	556.5	563.6	561.2	571.0	9.8	1.7
Boise City	224.8	230.5	226.3	233.8	7.5	3.3
Illinois	5,712.1	5,694.4	5,742.5	5,731.2	-11.3	-.2
Bloomington-Normal	90.7	90.7	90.5	90.5	.0	.0
Champaign-Urbana	103.5	103.6	105.4	105.3	-.1	-.1
Chicago	4,007.9	4,000.2	4,026.8	4,024.8	-2.0	.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	174.8	174.5	175.6	175.3	-.3	-.2
Decatur	53.1	53.1	53.8	53.2	-.6	-1.1
Kankakee	42.4	42.4	42.6	42.6	.0	.0
Peoria-Pekin	164.7	163.9	165.8	165.3	-.5	-.3
Rockford	167.8	166.0	168.6	166.6	-2.0	-1.2
Springfield	108.0	108.0	108.9	108.8	-.1	-.1
Indiana	2,849.4	2,872.1	2,868.6	2,891.7	23.1	.8
Bloomington	67.8	71.1	68.2	71.3	3.1	4.5
Elkhart-Goshen	117.4	119.4	118.0	120.1	2.1	1.8
Evansville-Henderson	160.2	158.1	160.8	159.3	-1.5	-.9
Fort Wayne	262.1	258.9	263.1	259.9	-3.2	-1.2
Gary	255.8	256.4	257.9	258.3	.4	.2
Indianapolis	870.2	878.1	875.9	883.9	8.0	.9
Kokomo	49.1	49.4	49.2	49.9	.7	1.4
Lafayette	95.0	94.4	95.3	94.9	-.4	-.4
Muncie	55.6	54.9	55.9	55.4	-.5	-.9
South Bend	129.6	131.3	130.4	132.4	2.0	1.5
Terre Haute	66.4	68.7	67.2	69.5	2.3	3.4
Iowa	1,411.4	1,421.0	1,420.5	1,431.0	10.5	.7
Cedar Rapids	115.5	113.6	116.3	114.2	-2.1	-1.8
Des Moines	279.0	283.2	280.1	285.8	5.7	2.0
Dubuque	50.5	51.9	50.9	52.4	1.5	2.9
Iowa City	73.9	73.9	75.9	75.2	-.7	-.9
Sioux City	61.3	60.6	61.4	60.9	-.5	-.8
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	71.9	72.8	72.1	73.1	1.0	1.4
Kansas	1,300.8	1,296.7	1,307.0	1,310.1	3.1	.2
Lawrence	50.7	50.6	51.1	51.8	.7	1.4
Topeka	98.5	98.9	99.5	99.6	.1	.1
Wichita	276.0	272.7	277.2	274.3	-2.9	-1.0
Kentucky	1,753.3	1,767.2	1,768.0	1,777.7	9.7	.5
Lexington	271.7	274.3	274.3	275.4	1.1	.4
Louisville	552.4	553.8	557.0	556.0	-1.0	-.2
Owensboro	42.4	42.9	42.8	43.2	.4	.9
Louisiana	1,896.2	1,901.5	1,902.4	1,907.3	4.9	.3
Alexandria	55.9	56.5	55.9	56.9	1.0	1.8
Baton Rouge	304.3	310.2	304.9	310.0	5.1	1.7
Houma	83.8	83.8	83.9	84.3	.4	.5
Lafayette	169.0	169.0	170.1	170.0	-.1	-.1
Lake Charles	86.5	85.2	86.0	85.9	-.1	-.1
Monroe	73.6	73.2	74.1	73.4	-.7	-.9
New Orleans	613.2	611.5	614.8	614.4	-.4	-.1
Shreveport-Bossier City	169.9	170.9	170.8	172.0	1.2	.7
Maine	585.1	588.8	587.8	591.3	3.5	.6
Lewiston-Auburn	45.9	46.1	46.2	46.3	.1	.2
Portland	152.9	153.0	153.0	153.8	.8	.5

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	February		March		Change March 2003 to March 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Maryland	2,426.9	2,452.8	2,452.7	2,478.6	25.9	1.1
Baltimore PMSA	1,223.0	1,228.1	1,235.3	1,239.6	4.3	.3
Baltimore City	381.8	382.5	381.5	381.4	-.1	.0
Suburban Maryland-D.C.	917.2	932.2	927.4	941.8	14.4	1.6
Massachusetts	3,137.0	3,106.5	3,149.7	3,119.1	-30.6	-1.0
Barnstable-Yarmouth	58.6	59.8	59.2	60.0	.8	1.4
Boston	1,911.2	1,883.4	1,917.0	1,889.2	-27.8	-1.5
Brockton	96.5	98.7	97.6	99.3	1.7	1.7
Fitchburg-Leominster	50.7	50.2	50.9	50.8	-.1	-.2
Lawrence	152.0	149.6	152.7	150.2	-2.5	-1.6
Lowell	119.7	121.0	120.1	121.6	1.5	1.2
New Bedford	63.0	62.8	63.2	63.4	.2	.3
Pittsfield	40.9	41.0	41.0	41.1	.1	.2
Springfield	250.2	250.7	251.9	253.3	1.4	.6
Worcester	227.0	227.2	227.8	228.5	.7	.3
Michigan	4,357.4	4,308.1	4,368.3	4,326.1	-42.2	-1.0
Ann Arbor	287.6	288.5	286.7	288.6	1.9	.7
Benton Harbor	64.9	68.1	65.6	68.4	2.8	4.3
Detroit	2,045.9	2,002.3	2,052.0	2,004.0	-48.0	-2.3
Flint	159.3	156.5	160.7	157.1	-3.6	-2.2
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	556.2	551.0	556.1	555.2	-.9	-.2
Jackson	61.3	61.1	61.3	61.4	.1	.2
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	207.8	206.1	208.8	207.3	-1.5	-.7
Lansing-East Lansing	238.4	234.8	238.7	236.2	-2.5	-1.0
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	169.0	165.1	168.8	165.5	-3.3	-2.0
Minnesota	2,596.6	2,611.1	2,602.6	2,620.7	18.1	.7
Duluth-Superior	114.7	114.7	114.5	114.2	-.3	-.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,693.7	1,705.2	1,696.2	1,706.4	10.2	.6
Rochester	87.3	87.7	87.7	88.2	.5	.6
St. Cloud	92.7	93.8	92.9	94.4	1.5	1.6
Mississippi	1,108.7	1,112.7	1,112.1	1,118.2	6.1	.5
Jackson	228.4	233.2	230.2	234.0	3.8	1.7
Missouri	2,643.1	2,642.3	2,664.8	2,674.7	9.9	.4
Kansas City	928.6	927.6	933.0	936.5	3.5	.4
St. Louis	1,275.6	1,279.3	1,284.1	1,293.2	9.1	.7
Springfield	168.4	169.1	169.8	171.3	1.5	.9
Montana	388.7	393.5	390.4	395.3	4.9	1.3
Billings	67.9	69.4	67.8	69.8	2.0	2.9
Missoula	51.0	53.4	52.5	53.8	1.3	2.5
Nebraska	892.0	887.2	895.6	895.9	.3	.0
Lincoln	158.6	154.9	160.3	156.4	-3.9	-2.4
Omaha	424.0	412.7	425.4	413.8	-11.6	-2.7
Nevada	1,062.9	1,106.8	1,071.8	1,116.5	44.7	4.2
Las Vegas	803.2	839.0	811.1	846.1	35.0	4.3
Reno	194.6	201.4	196.8	203.7	6.9	3.5
New Hampshire	602.6	609.9	605.1	611.8	6.7	1.1
Manchester	107.1	108.9	107.5	109.4	1.9	1.8
Nashua	94.0	94.0	93.8	94.4	.6	.6
Portsmouth-Rochester	121.1	121.8	121.8	122.3	.5	.4
New Jersey	3,898.5	3,946.1	3,922.2	3,976.6	54.4	1.4
Atlantic-Cape May	177.4	182.1	178.8	183.7	4.9	2.7
Bergen-Passaic	644.0	648.5	647.1	652.1	5.0	.8
Camden	506.0	516.0	511.4	520.6	9.2	1.8
Jersey City	248.7	247.8	248.7	248.5	-.2	-.1
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	631.9	637.0	635.1	640.6	5.5	.9
Monmouth-Ocean	390.9	401.8	394.4	407.2	12.8	3.2
Newark	995.4	1,004.8	999.7	1,012.2	12.5	1.3
Trenton	223.0	226.3	224.8	227.3	2.5	1.1
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	59.1	60.5	59.9	60.9	1.0	1.7

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	February		March		Change March 2003 to March 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
New Mexico	765.2	775.7	769.9	782.2	12.3	1.6
Albuquerque	356.1	360.0	358.8	362.5	3.7	1.0
Las Cruces	60.8	62.7	61.3	62.8	1.5	2.4
Santa Fe	77.6	79.1	78.0	79.4	1.4	1.8
New York	8,297.7	8,305.4	8,341.4	8,363.6	22.2	.3
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	452.4	453.5	453.8	456.0	2.2	.5
Binghamton	111.9	111.7	111.9	112.2	-.3	-.3
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	537.8	535.3	540.5	538.3	-2.2	-.4
Dutchess County	118.3	119.8	119.4	121.3	1.9	1.6
Elmira	41.0	40.2	41.2	40.3	-.9	-2.2
Glens Falls	49.3	50.3	49.2	50.3	1.1	2.2
Nassau-Suffolk	1,191.1	1,202.0	1,206.0	1,216.9	10.9	.9
New York PMSA	4,055.0	4,054.6	4,072.6	4,079.6	7.0	.2
New York City	3,514.3	3,506.8	3,524.9	3,525.9	1.0	.0
Newburgh	133.4	136.0	133.9	137.0	3.1	2.3
Rochester	525.0	525.2	527.4	527.9	.5	.1
Rockland County	111.6	114.4	112.4	114.6	2.2	2.0
Syracuse	339.6	340.9	340.7	341.5	.8	.2
Utica-Rome	129.2	129.1	130.1	129.9	-.2	-.2
Westchester County	405.7	408.8	411.8	414.5	2.7	.7
North Carolina	3,753.5	3,774.9	3,776.9	3,797.9	21.0	.6
Asheville	109.7	110.6	110.5	111.3	.8	.7
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	814.4	820.6	821.0	827.0	6.0	.7
Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point	631.3	626.2	635.7	629.4	-6.3	-1.0
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	670.9	682.3	674.4	685.3	10.9	1.6
North Dakota	325.3	328.2	327.2	330.0	2.8	.9
Bismarck	52.4	52.8	52.5	53.1	.6	1.1
Fargo-Moorhead	103.8	104.9	103.8	104.9	1.1	1.1
Grand Forks	49.1	49.8	49.2	49.9	.7	1.4
Ohio	5,307.0	5,298.0	5,339.4	5,325.5	-13.9	-.3
Akron	316.4	322.3	318.5	323.9	5.4	1.7
Canton-Massillon	174.1	174.8	175.4	175.6	.2	.1
Cincinnati	849.0	867.4	856.9	872.6	15.7	1.8
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,086.3	1,094.2	1,091.9	1,100.5	8.6	.8
Columbus	860.0	858.9	862.6	862.3	-.3	.0
Dayton-Springfield	449.2	447.0	451.0	449.5	-1.5	-.3
Hamilton-Middletown	132.0	134.2	133.0	135.7	2.7	2.0
Lima	75.4	76.3	75.8	76.6	.8	1.1
Mansfield	75.8	74.7	76.0	75.1	-.9	-1.2
Steubenville-Weirton	49.5	48.1	50.3	48.7	-1.6	-3.2
Toledo	310.8	302.6	311.2	303.5	-7.7	-2.5
Youngstown-Warren	227.0	226.2	228.4	226.6	-1.8	-.8
Oklahoma	1,452.9	1,438.2	1,456.4	1,452.7	-3.7	-.3
Enid	23.0	22.3	22.9	22.5	-.4	-1.7
Lawton	39.6	38.5	39.7	38.5	-1.2	-3.0
Oklahoma City	530.5	530.5	532.4	537.6	5.2	1.0
Tulsa	383.3	374.7	383.8	379.6	-4.2	-1.1
Oregon	1,545.0	1,553.7	1,549.1	1,559.9	10.8	.7
Eugene-Springfield	141.0	141.6	140.6	141.5	.9	.6
Medford-Ashland	73.8	75.3	74.3	75.9	1.6	2.2
Portland-Vancouver	921.0	917.4	922.5	920.0	-2.5	-.3
Salem	135.0	135.3	135.6	136.1	.5	.4
Pennsylvania	5,530.4	5,510.7	5,569.3	5,547.8	-21.5	-.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	282.4	283.4	285.3	285.3	.0	.0
Altoona	60.2	60.5	60.6	61.0	.4	.7
Erie	128.1	128.7	128.7	129.5	.8	.6
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	361.3	362.9	362.9	365.4	2.5	.7
Johnstown	84.7	85.8	85.8	86.3	.5	.6
Lancaster	222.8	225.3	225.5	227.5	2.0	.9
Philadelphia PMSA	2,375.4	2,385.1	2,392.6	2,401.7	9.1	.4
Philadelphia City	680.1	674.9	681.6	676.5	-5.1	-.7
Pittsburgh	1,094.0	1,085.8	1,103.6	1,094.6	-9.0	-.8
Reading	161.1	161.7	162.1	162.8	.7	.4
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	275.2	274.2	278.1	276.7	-1.4	-.5
Sharon	49.2	48.4	49.6	48.9	-.7	-1.4
State College	71.7	71.6	71.8	72.2	.4	.6
Williamsport	52.6	52.7	52.8	53.1	.3	.6
York	165.2	166.3	166.0	167.5	1.5	.9

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	February		March		Change March 2003 to March 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
Rhode Island	469.9	478.3	473.5	480.0	6.5	1.4
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	521.8	528.4	524.8	530.1	5.3	1.0
South Carolina	1,790.2	1,801.9	1,806.9	1,820.1	13.2	.7
Charleston-North Charleston	261.3	260.4	263.3	262.9	-.4	-.2
Columbia	307.9	296.4	310.2	299.3	-10.9	-3.5
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	475.4	471.4	479.7	473.7	-6.0	-1.3
South Dakota	367.2	371.1	368.9	373.1	4.2	1.1
Rapid City	49.6	49.5	49.5	49.9	.4	.8
Sioux Falls	114.4	115.6	114.9	116.1	1.2	1.0
Tennessee	2,627.8	2,666.6	2,645.8	2,667.4	21.6	.8
Chattanooga	232.6	234.2	234.0	234.9	.9	.4
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	196.1	197.8	198.0	198.2	.2	.1
Knoxville	345.7	354.1	349.7	355.3	5.6	1.6
Memphis	585.9	591.4	589.4	592.5	3.1	.5
Nashville	671.7	683.4	674.8	683.8	9.0	1.3
Texas	9,335.4	9,349.5	9,369.7	9,403.4	33.7	.4
Abilene	55.4	56.8	56.0	57.1	1.1	2.0
Amarillo	98.2	99.9	99.2	100.6	1.4	1.4
Austin-San Marcos	648.7	650.4	649.4	652.1	2.7	.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur	155.3	155.0	155.5	155.8	.3	.2
Brazoria	78.5	78.2	78.5	78.4	-.1	-.1
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	114.4	114.5	115.1	115.4	.3	.3
Bryan-College Station	80.5	81.6	80.6	82.2	1.6	2.0
Corpus Christi	160.7	159.5	161.1	159.7	-1.4	-.9
Dallas	1,891.6	1,891.2	1,894.5	1,900.3	5.8	.3
El Paso	255.1	257.2	255.4	257.3	1.9	.7
Ft. Worth-Arlington	771.9	771.2	774.7	774.3	-.4	-.1
Galveston-Texas City	87.4	88.0	88.6	88.5	-.1	-.1
Houston	2,094.0	2,092.1	2,100.6	2,100.9	.3	.0
Killeen-Temple	104.6	104.2	104.9	104.8	-.1	-.1
Laredo	74.9	77.0	75.1	77.4	2.3	3.1
Longview-Marshall	90.6	92.4	91.2	93.4	2.2	2.4
Lubbock	121.6	121.1	122.1	121.7	-.4	-.3
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	174.0	180.5	174.8	181.2	6.4	3.7
Odessa-Midland	104.6	105.5	105.5	106.1	.6	.6
San Angelo	43.6	43.8	43.7	44.2	.5	1.1
San Antonio	719.6	723.7	724.9	729.2	4.3	.6
Sherman-Denison	43.9	43.5	43.7	43.5	-.2	-.5
Texarkana	52.8	53.5	53.1	53.8	.7	1.3
Tyler	84.5	85.4	84.6	85.6	1.0	1.2
Victoria	36.8	37.0	37.0	37.2	.2	.5
Waco	100.0	100.8	100.4	101.1	.7	.7
Wichita Falls	59.0	58.8	59.2	59.0	-.2	-.3
Utah	1,059.0	1,073.5	1,062.3	1,077.2	14.9	1.4
Provo-Orem	151.1	153.0	152.0	154.2	2.2	1.4
Salt Lake City-Ogden	697.1	703.2	697.7	703.6	5.9	.8
Vermont	297.8	299.7	296.9	300.0	3.1	1.0
Barre-Montpelier	33.5	34.4	33.5	34.1	.6	1.8
Burlington	106.2	107.3	106.0	107.7	1.7	1.6
Virginia	3,435.8	3,512.6	3,464.0	3,542.2	78.2	2.3
Bristol	38.8	38.8	39.4	39.2	-.2	-.5
Charlottesville	86.7	86.6	87.2	86.5	-.7	-.8
Danville	45.7	45.0	45.6	45.1	-.5	-1.1
Lynchburg	98.0	97.5	98.5	98.2	-.3	-.3
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	713.4	728.1	720.3	732.9	12.6	1.7
Northern Virginia	1,164.3	1,210.8	1,173.6	1,223.6	50.0	4.3
Richmond-Petersburg	558.6	558.3	563.2	562.3	-.9	-.2
Roanoke	141.0	141.8	141.6	142.9	1.3	.9
Washington	2,618.0	2,642.9	2,624.3	2,663.8	39.5	1.5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,327.8	1,331.6	1,326.7	1,337.8	11.1	.8
Spokane	194.3	196.8	195.6	198.4	2.8	1.4
Tacoma	243.7	249.0	245.4	250.9	5.5	2.2

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	February		March		Change March 2003 to March 2004 ^P	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	Number	Percent
West Virginia	711.1	710.1	719.6	717.1	-2.5	-0.3
Charleston	130.4	131.2	132.0	132.4	.4	.3
Huntington-Ashland	119.4	120.7	121.3	121.6	.3	.2
Parkersburg-Marietta	68.1	68.0	68.5	68.5	.0	.0
Wheeling	64.6	64.0	65.1	64.7	-.4	-.6
Wisconsin	2,718.4	2,748.0	2,726.6	2,761.4	34.8	1.3
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	200.6	198.9	201.3	199.9	-1.4	-.7
Eau Claire	76.0	77.4	75.8	77.6	1.8	2.4
Green Bay	143.3	149.6	143.7	150.4	6.7	4.7
Janesville-Beloit	65.6	66.0	66.0	66.6	.6	.9
Kenosha	54.1	53.4	54.1	53.9	-.2	-.4
La Crosse	69.3	72.3	70.3	72.6	2.3	3.3
Madison	291.5	294.1	292.0	294.9	2.9	1.0
Milwaukee-Waukesha	822.8	821.8	824.9	823.2	-1.7	-.2
Racine	77.9	77.4	77.7	77.6	-.1	-.1
Sheboygan	60.1	61.3	60.3	62.0	1.7	2.8
Wausau	67.8	68.6	68.0	69.1	1.1	1.6
Wyoming	238.4	243.7	240.0	244.5	4.5	1.9
Casper	33.1	33.9	33.5	34.6	1.1	3.3
Puerto Rico	991.6	998.3	999.0	998.6	-.4	.0
Caguas	66.5	68.6	67.3	68.2	.9	1.3
Mayaguez	62.6	64.1	63.0	63.8	.8	1.3
Ponce	70.7	71.2	71.1	71.9	.8	1.1
San Juan-Bayamon	649.3	649.5	654.3	650.4	-3.9	-6
Virgin Islands	41.8	41.6	42.1	41.4	-.7	-1.7

¹ Statewide data for Idaho have been corrected back to 1994.

^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. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Unemployment rates for metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted, March 2004

(U.S. rate = 6.0 percent)

