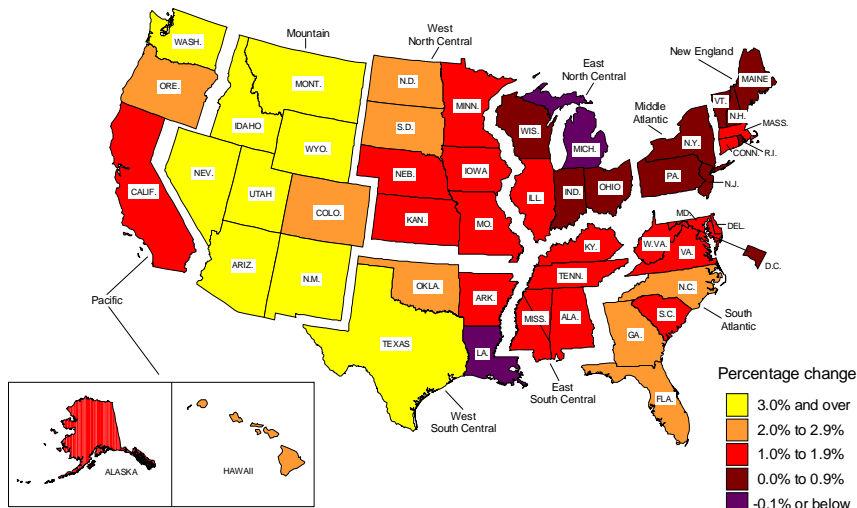


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NOTE: Percent change in nonfarm payroll employment from 2005 to 2006, annual averages.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- Employment increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia, with 38 states posting increases of 1.0 percent or more over the year. Employment was down in two states, Louisiana and Michigan.
- The largest over-the-year increases in employment occurred in states of the Mountain division: Arizona (5.4 percent), Wyoming (4.9 percent), Nevada and Utah (4.8 percent each), and Idaho (4.6 percent).
- Reflecting the continuing impact of Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana recorded the largest percentage decrease in employment (-1.9 percent) from 2005 to 2006.