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## **REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: SEPTEMBER 2004**

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in September. All four regions and 42 states recorded shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less in their jobless rates from August, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, unemployment rates declined in all four regions and in 46 states. The national unemployment rate, 5.4 percent in September, was unchanged from August. Nonfarm payroll employment rose in 33 states over the month.

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four regions, the South again registered the lowest unemployment rate, 4.9 percent in September. The West posted the highest rate, 5.6 percent, followed closely by the Midwest, 5.5 percent. All regions experienced over-the-year jobless rate declines: -0.9 percentage point each in the South and West, -0.7 point in the Northeast, and -0.5 point in the Midwest. (See table 1.)

### **Hurricane Effects on State Payroll Employment**

Four hurricanes struck the U.S. during August and September: Charley in mid-August, Frances early in September, Ivan in mid-September, and Jeanne late in the month. BLS made additional data collection efforts for the hurricane-affected counties. Establishment survey response rates in September were within the normal range for these areas as well as for the U.S. as a whole.

For weather conditions to reduce the estimate of payroll employment, people have to be off work for an entire pay period and not be paid for the time missed. While some employed persons were off payrolls during the survey reference period because of the hurricane effects, some jobs were added as part of recovery efforts.

As a result of the hurricanes, all of Florida and parts of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania were declared disaster areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Although some of these states experienced weakness in employment in September, it is not possible to quantify precisely the net impact of this unusual string of severe weather events on the state payroll employment data.

In the labor force data, people who miss work for weather-related events are counted as employed whether or not they are paid for the time off.

In September, the New England and South Atlantic divisions registered the lowest unemployment rates among the nine geographic divisions, 4.5 percent each, followed by the West North Central, 4.7 percent, and Mountain, 4.8 percent. The East North Central and Pacific divisions again recorded the highest unemployment rates, 5.9 percent each. Over the month, the New England division posted the largest change, -0.4 percentage point. All nine divisions had over-the-year jobless rate declines of at least 0.3 percentage point, with the largest decreases in the West South Central (-1.3 percentage points) and the New England and Pacific divisions (-1.0 point each).

#### State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hawaii again reported the lowest state unemployment rate, 3.1 percent in September, followed by Virginia, 3.2 percent, and Vermont, 3.3 percent. Seven additional states recorded jobless rates below 4.0 percent. Alaska and Oregon again posted the highest state unemployment rates, 7.6 and 7.3 percent, respectively. Five additional states and the District of Columbia reported unemployment rates of 6.0 percent or more in September. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Compared with August, unemployment rates in September were lower in 23 states, higher in 22 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 5 states. The largest over-the-month jobless rate decrease was in Massachusetts (-0.8 percentage point), followed by Washington (-0.6 point) and Kentucky, Rhode Island, and West Virginia (-0.5 point each). South Carolina posted the largest rate increase (+0.5 percentage point).

Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in 46 states, higher in 3 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 1 state. Washington recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-2.1 percentage points), followed by Vermont (-1.7 points) and Kentucky and North Carolina (-1.6 points each). Twelve additional states had over-the-year rate declines of at least 1.0 percentage point. No state posted an unemployment rate increase from September 2003 larger than 0.3 percentage point. The District of Columbia had a rate increase of 1.1 percentage points over the year.

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From August to September, total nonfarm employment increased in 33 states, decreased in 16 states and the District of Columbia, and remained unchanged in 1 state. The largest employment increases occurred in Kansas (+12,400), New Jersey (+12,000), Missouri (+10,400), Nevada (+6,700), and Texas (+6,500). Kansas reported the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.9 percent), followed by Delaware (+0.8 percent), Hawaii and Nevada (+0.6 percent each), and Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and West Virginia (+0.4 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Michigan (-14,800), Florida (-9,500), Wisconsin (-7,000), Louisiana (-6,300), and Alabama and North Carolina (-5,600 each). Florida's employment decline is likely linked to the effects of multiple hurricanes that struck the state. Additionally, the declines in Alabama, Louisiana, and North Carolina may be attributable in part to the effects of the adverse weather conditions. The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in the District of Columbia and Montana (-0.7 percent each), Maine (-0.4 percent), and Alabama, Louisiana, Michigan, and Oregon (-0.3 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 47 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 3 states. The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+125,500), Texas (+123,700), California (+121,900), Virginia (+81,900), and New Jersey (+68,800). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+4.6 percent), Hawaii (+3.3 percent), Idaho and Utah (+3.2 percent each), and

Arizona and New Mexico (+2.4 percent each). The over-the-year employment decreases were registered in Michigan (-52,500, -1.2 percent), Ohio (-17,900, -0.3 percent), and Massachusetts (-1,000, 0.0 percent).

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The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for September is scheduled to be issued on November 3. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on November 19.

# 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			
	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004 <sup>P</sup>	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,373.8	27,580.8	27,565.1	27,553.7	1,597.2	1,473.9	1,460.9	1,395.5	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.1
New England .....	7,548.1	7,565.2	7,556.5	7,527.2	411.6	366.0	368.7	337.7	5.5	4.8	4.9	4.5
Middle Atlantic .....	19,825.8	20,015.6	20,008.6	20,026.5	1,185.6	1,107.9	1,092.2	1,057.8	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.3
<b>South</b> .....	51,378.1	51,822.9	51,842.8	51,843.0	2,960.3	2,569.6	2,583.1	2,519.9	5.8	5.0	5.0	4.9
South Atlantic .....	27,095.0	27,388.6	27,416.0	27,364.5	1,403.2	1,227.7	1,260.1	1,221.8	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.5
East South Central .....	8,347.5	8,405.8	8,410.6	8,410.9	505.0	437.9	453.9	443.0	6.1	5.2	5.4	5.3
West South Central .....	15,935.6	16,028.4	16,016.2	16,067.6	1,052.1	904.0	869.1	855.2	6.6	5.6	5.4	5.3
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,340.0	34,450.1	34,466.7	34,493.7	2,056.9	1,892.7	1,925.2	1,913.4	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.5
East North Central .....	23,599.6	23,584.8	23,580.1	23,622.8	1,516.4	1,394.8	1,408.5	1,397.3	6.4	5.9	6.0	5.9
West North Central .....	10,740.4	10,865.3	10,886.6	10,870.9	540.6	497.9	516.8	516.0	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.7
<b>West</b> .....	33,280.8	33,759.4	33,754.9	33,795.5	2,170.6	1,932.9	1,888.7	1,885.1	6.5	5.7	5.6	5.6
Mountain .....	9,870.3	10,048.9	10,069.4	10,083.6	553.3	472.5	472.3	480.2	5.6	4.7	4.7	4.8
Pacific .....	23,410.5	23,710.5	23,685.5	23,711.9	1,617.3	1,460.3	1,416.3	1,405.0	6.9	6.2	6.0	5.9

<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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Northeast</b> .....	27,694.3	27,867.9	27,222.0	27,391.9	1,572.9	1,430.9	1,527.9	1,328.3	5.7	5.1	5.6	4.8
New England .....	7,664.2	7,668.8	7,512.4	7,491.0	408.5	363.8	391.4	319.4	5.3	4.7	5.2	4.3
Middle Atlantic .....	20,030.1	20,199.1	19,709.6	19,900.8	1,164.5	1,067.1	1,136.5	1,008.9	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.1
<b>South</b> .....	51,674.0	52,183.2	51,414.6	51,872.4	3,026.2	2,622.7	2,918.8	2,485.2	5.9	5.0	5.7	4.8
South Atlantic .....	27,313.5	27,665.9	27,139.1	27,411.4	1,451.4	1,295.7	1,400.5	1,221.8	5.3	4.7	5.2	4.5
East South Central .....	8,354.6	8,423.5	8,333.4	8,396.2	499.3	448.4	481.8	424.2	6.0	5.3	5.8	5.1
West South Central .....	16,006.0	16,093.9	15,942.1	16,064.8	1,075.6	878.7	1,036.4	839.3	6.7	5.5	6.5	5.2
<b>Midwest</b> .....	34,548.9	34,693.8	34,232.8	34,381.0	1,971.6	1,841.7	1,900.4	1,765.8	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.1
East North Central .....	23,787.1	23,777.5	23,534.9	23,551.4	1,451.2	1,346.1	1,399.7	1,286.3	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.5
West North Central .....	10,761.8	10,916.3	10,697.9	10,829.6	520.4	495.6	500.7	479.6	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.4
<b>West</b> .....	33,533.1	33,986.9	33,318.9	33,822.7	2,170.9	1,862.0	2,076.3	1,793.4	6.5	5.5	6.2	5.3
Mountain .....	9,958.2	10,160.0	9,920.3	10,131.5	568.0	476.3	538.8	466.6	5.7	4.7	5.4	4.6
Pacific .....	23,574.9	23,826.9	23,398.6	23,691.2	1,602.9	1,385.7	1,537.4	1,326.8	6.8	5.8	6.6	5.6

<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			
	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P
Alabama .....	2,160.0	2,167.4	2,171.0	2,161.2	125.6	122.5	130.5	122.7	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.7
Alaska .....	333.9	344.3	345.8	347.4	26.7	24.8	26.3	26.5	8.0	7.2	7.6	7.6
Arizona .....	2,696.2	2,762.7	2,765.2	2,770.5	147.3	119.8	122.3	133.3	5.5	4.3	4.4	4.8
Arkansas .....	1,263.6	1,318.2	1,321.3	1,326.7	83.2	73.5	70.9	73.3	6.6	5.6	5.4	5.5
California .....	17,464.7	17,684.9	17,646.9	17,693.3	1,170.2	1,097.9	1,037.1	1,046.5	6.7	6.2	5.9	5.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,778.0	4,830.6	4,798.0	4,805.0	344.0	307.5	288.5	290.5	7.2	6.4	6.0	6.0
Colorado .....	2,485.2	2,517.2	2,521.6	2,530.7	148.6	128.9	127.6	123.0	6.0	5.1	5.1	4.9
Connecticut .....	1,800.4	1,793.9	1,788.3	1,791.0	99.4	82.3	83.0	84.1	5.5	4.6	4.6	4.7
Delaware .....	418.6	426.8	424.1	427.4	18.8	16.9	15.3	16.8	4.5	3.9	3.6	3.9
District of Columbia .....	301.9	297.5	301.0	304.9	20.7	23.2	22.6	24.2	6.8	7.8	7.5	7.9
Florida .....	8,191.8	8,382.5	8,400.6	8,387.7	415.8	375.0	387.7	375.1	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.5
Georgia .....	4,440.8	4,423.5	4,439.5	4,418.0	200.4	180.0	187.4	179.3	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.1
Hawaii .....	624.0	630.3	630.9	630.2	28.2	18.7	18.0	19.6	4.5	3.0	2.9	3.1
Idaho .....	693.1	706.1	710.5	708.4	36.4	34.5	35.5	35.6	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.0
Illinois .....	6,340.1	6,385.1	6,388.3	6,426.5	435.2	389.2	391.7	382.5	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.0
Indiana .....	3,188.4	3,170.9	3,147.2	3,152.4	166.4	162.5	160.0	164.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2
Iowa .....	1,599.2	1,626.0	1,632.6	1,630.0	73.5	71.6	74.3	76.4	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.7
Kansas .....	1,436.3	1,466.3	1,471.0	1,473.4	77.0	68.3	71.0	69.3	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.7
Kentucky .....	1,962.8	1,990.0	1,982.5	1,981.1	122.0	106.2	101.9	91.6	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.6
Louisiana .....	2,041.0	2,048.0	2,033.0	2,059.9	131.9	125.5	100.9	108.7	6.5	6.1	5.0	5.3
Maine .....	696.6	697.5	701.5	698.1	36.1	29.2	31.9	32.5	5.2	4.2	4.5	4.7
Maryland .....	2,905.5	2,951.8	2,948.5	2,955.6	131.7	121.4	125.8	119.9	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.1
Massachusetts .....	3,402.9	3,415.2	3,413.0	3,389.0	199.6	180.9	184.1	155.4	5.9	5.3	5.4	4.6
Michigan .....	5,058.1	5,047.0	5,053.0	5,060.5	383.4	344.0	338.3	342.5	7.6	6.8	6.7	6.8
Minnesota .....	2,923.1	2,953.1	2,969.4	2,960.9	149.1	130.4	142.6	134.9	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.6
Mississippi .....	1,315.1	1,328.1	1,325.9	1,326.6	80.1	78.4	78.6	79.5	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.0
Missouri .....	3,029.7	3,056.7	3,048.9	3,038.3	171.5	168.8	167.7	171.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.6
Montana .....	477.5	481.8	484.0	483.8	23.0	20.8	23.0	24.7	4.8	4.3	4.8	5.1
Nebraska .....	979.2	989.1	990.2	991.7	40.1	33.5	36.0	36.9	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.7
Nevada .....	1,146.9	1,187.7	1,185.9	1,184.6	61.0	52.3	47.1	46.5	5.3	4.4	4.0	3.9
New Hampshire .....	722.7	731.7	730.5	729.4	30.9	28.8	26.7	25.6	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.5
New Jersey .....	4,379.1	4,422.5	4,425.1	4,409.4	252.8	222.9	214.3	209.8	5.8	5.0	4.8	4.8
New Mexico .....	900.8	905.7	910.9	911.1	59.5	48.4	49.2	48.6	6.6	5.3	5.4	5.3
New York .....	9,303.9	9,329.7	9,308.4	9,327.4	600.0	552.7	525.7	515.2	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.5
New York City .....	3,675.6	3,705.7	3,688.4	3,716.6	313.9	279.0	248.6	256.9	8.5	7.5	6.7	6.9
North Carolina .....	4,253.9	4,191.5	4,183.6	4,156.9	274.3	212.2	208.2	199.6	6.4	5.1	5.0	4.8
North Dakota .....	347.3	349.1	350.6	351.3	13.6	10.9	11.5	12.6	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.6
Ohio .....	5,923.6	5,872.9	5,876.0	5,867.1	358.8	353.5	368.2	353.3	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.0
Oklahoma .....	1,695.2	1,709.2	1,698.8	1,704.6	98.0	76.1	70.0	74.5	5.8	4.5	4.1	4.4
Oregon .....	1,845.1	1,855.2	1,850.8	1,831.3	151.2	125.7	136.9	133.7	8.2	6.8	7.4	7.3
Pennsylvania .....	6,142.7	6,263.4	6,275.0	6,289.6	332.8	332.3	352.3	332.9	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.3
Rhode Island .....	573.6	572.6	568.9	567.1	28.0	33.0	31.2	28.2	4.9	5.8	5.5	5.0
South Carolina .....	2,014.9	2,066.9	2,068.9	2,082.0	140.5	124.6	132.6	142.6	7.0	6.0	6.4	6.9
South Dakota .....	425.7	425.1	424.0	425.3	15.7	14.3	13.7	14.7	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.4
Tennessee .....	2,909.6	2,920.3	2,931.1	2,941.9	177.3	130.7	142.8	149.1	6.1	4.5	4.9	5.1
Texas .....	10,935.9	10,953.0	10,963.2	10,976.3	739.0	628.8	627.3	598.6	6.8	5.7	5.7	5.5
Utah .....	1,190.3	1,208.2	1,211.4	1,214.0	65.4	57.7	57.2	57.7	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.8
Vermont .....	351.9	354.2	354.3	352.6	17.6	11.8	11.8	11.8	5.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
Virginia .....	3,782.8	3,847.0	3,846.1	3,828.9	154.1	132.8	136.7	123.7	4.1	3.5	3.6	3.2
Washington .....	3,142.7	3,195.8	3,211.1	3,209.7	241.0	193.2	198.1	178.7	7.7	6.0	6.2	5.6
West Virginia .....	784.8	801.1	803.7	803.0	46.9	41.7	43.9	40.5	6.0	5.2	5.5	5.0
Wisconsin .....	3,089.3	3,109.0	3,115.6	3,116.3	172.6	145.6	150.3	154.9	5.6	4.7	4.8	5.0
Wyoming .....	280.4	279.6	279.9	280.4	12.1	10.1	10.4	10.9	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.9
Puerto Rico .....	1,373.8	1,400.2	1,429.0	1,432.6	162.5	135.6	153.9	135.0	11.8	9.7	10.8	9.4

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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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Alabama .....	2,155.9	2,169.2	2,158.9	2,159.3	131.7	134.9	127.2	123.2	6.1	6.2	5.9	5.7
Alaska .....	340.2	353.1	335.2	348.7	23.7	23.3	23.3	23.3	7.0	6.6	6.9	6.7
Arizona .....	2,719.8	2,787.6	2,709.8	2,782.3	167.7	136.8	154.9	139.8	6.2	4.9	5.7	5.0
Arkansas .....	1,272.5	1,329.9	1,261.8	1,322.0	76.9	67.5	74.5	66.3	6.0	5.1	5.9	5.0
California .....	17,584.0	17,757.8	17,474.3	17,697.8	1,171.1	1,026.5	1,124.4	1,000.4	6.7	5.8	6.4	5.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,807.4	4,814.3	4,804.6	4,829.3	361.1	306.1	351.4	298.9	7.5	6.4	7.3	6.2
Colorado .....	2,519.8	2,556.7	2,515.5	2,560.9	148.6	124.5	144.1	118.7	5.9	4.9	5.7	4.6
Connecticut .....	1,833.1	1,818.5	1,784.7	1,776.0	102.2	84.2	89.1	74.2	5.6	4.6	5.0	4.2
Delaware .....	420.9	427.1	414.1	422.5	20.1	16.2	18.3	16.4	4.8	3.8	4.4	3.9
District of Columbia .....	306.1	304.5	300.8	303.1	22.2	23.3	20.0	23.6	7.3	7.6	6.7	7.8
Florida .....	8,313.3	8,525.8	8,241.0	8,431.3	452.6	416.8	437.2	394.6	5.4	4.9	5.3	4.7
Georgia .....	4,415.5	4,423.9	4,442.6	4,425.2	205.5	188.8	206.4	186.5	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.2
Hawaii .....	625.5	634.1	619.9	626.0	30.0	19.9	29.0	20.3	4.8	3.1	4.7	3.2
Idaho .....	700.9	717.9	695.0	710.1	33.8	31.8	29.5	29.0	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.1
Illinois .....	6,370.9	6,419.1	6,324.5	6,407.0	431.0	392.5	411.4	363.0	6.8	6.1	6.5	5.7
Indiana .....	3,218.4	3,170.3	3,189.3	3,151.6	163.0	154.4	153.6	150.5	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8
Iowa .....	1,601.4	1,633.5	1,596.0	1,625.1	66.9	68.1	65.5	68.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Kansas .....	1,435.8	1,469.3	1,424.4	1,460.3	74.6	67.9	72.1	64.7	5.2	4.6	5.1	4.4
Kentucky .....	1,968.3	1,991.7	1,951.7	1,970.8	111.1	93.7	112.0	84.8	5.6	4.7	5.7	4.3
Louisiana .....	2,039.6	2,041.9	2,031.7	2,051.5	139.9	103.2	125.6	103.1	6.9	5.1	6.2	5.0
Maine .....	712.2	718.7	699.8	701.8	30.2	26.3	32.4	28.8	4.2	3.7	4.6	4.1
Maryland .....	2,931.3	2,973.8	2,903.6	2,953.9	128.9	123.9	126.7	115.6	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.9
Massachusetts .....	3,455.7	3,462.2	3,386.3	3,370.7	201.1	184.9	199.3	156.5	5.8	5.3	5.9	4.6
Michigan .....	5,080.9	5,096.0	5,042.0	5,041.2	354.6	315.3	352.0	313.8	7.0	6.2	7.0	6.2
Minnesota .....	2,949.2	2,992.1	2,926.0	2,963.2	135.1	130.3	142.9	129.1	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.4
Mississippi .....	1,305.3	1,315.0	1,299.9	1,311.7	81.4	77.0	73.7	73.4	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.6
Missouri .....	3,007.7	3,039.0	3,009.7	3,022.4	178.9	172.6	161.4	162.8	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4
Montana .....	486.1	491.9	475.4	481.8	19.2	19.3	18.9	20.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.3
Nebraska .....	978.2	990.7	968.8	981.4	37.4	33.3	36.1	33.0	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.4
Nevada .....	1,148.4	1,188.7	1,151.6	1,187.6	60.2	46.0	60.2	45.8	5.2	3.9	5.2	3.9
New Hampshire .....	732.1	739.6	715.5	722.4	31.3	27.0	29.0	23.8	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.3
New Jersey .....	4,406.8	4,446.5	4,349.2	4,378.0	258.7	213.6	247.3	203.1	5.9	4.8	5.7	4.6
New Mexico .....	899.2	910.3	899.1	910.0	59.7	49.6	58.9	48.5	6.6	5.4	6.5	5.3
New York .....	9,398.5	9,408.5	9,233.2	9,258.1	580.9	512.6	581.8	499.3	6.2	5.4	6.3	5.4
New York City .....	3,678.7	3,702.9	3,644.5	3,687.8	307.9	249.1	306.5	252.8	8.4	6.7	8.4	6.9
North Carolina .....	4,280.8	4,218.1	4,259.9	4,168.1	276.0	206.8	255.5	183.1	6.4	4.9	6.0	4.4
North Dakota .....	356.2	359.6	348.7	352.9	13.1	10.9	9.8	9.3	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.6
Ohio .....	5,994.2	5,946.3	5,905.2	5,851.9	337.9	344.9	338.6	332.6	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.7
Oklahoma .....	1,698.7	1,701.9	1,695.5	1,704.6	93.4	65.0	94.1	71.2	5.5	3.8	5.6	4.2
Oregon .....	1,884.0	1,871.1	1,852.4	1,835.3	147.1	127.9	138.0	120.2	7.8	6.8	7.4	6.5
Pennsylvania .....	6,224.8	6,344.1	6,127.1	6,264.8	324.9	340.9	307.4	306.5	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.9
Rhode Island .....	578.8	573.7	573.8	566.9	28.9	30.6	26.3	25.9	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.6
South Carolina .....	2,030.3	2,092.5	2,017.3	2,084.3	139.7	135.7	137.7	140.2	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.7
South Dakota .....	433.2	432.0	424.3	424.2	14.5	12.6	12.9	12.0	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.8
Tennessee .....	2,925.0	2,947.5	2,922.9	2,954.3	175.1	142.8	168.9	142.8	6.0	4.8	5.8	4.8
Texas .....	10,995.3	11,020.2	10,953.1	10,986.7	765.4	643.0	742.1	598.6	7.0	5.8	6.8	5.4
Utah .....	1,200.6	1,223.3	1,193.5	1,218.3	68.7	59.8	62.1	55.0	5.7	4.9	5.2	4.5
Vermont .....	352.3	356.0	352.3	353.2	14.8	10.8	15.3	10.3	4.2	3.0	4.3	2.9
Virginia .....	3,820.3	3,889.0	3,774.9	3,821.0	159.9	142.6	157.4	127.0	4.2	3.7	4.2	3.3
Washington .....	3,141.2	3,210.9	3,116.8	3,183.3	231.0	188.2	222.8	162.6	7.4	5.9	7.2	5.1
West Virginia .....	795.2	811.1	785.0	802.1	46.5	41.5	41.2	34.9	5.8	5.1	5.2	4.4
Wisconsin .....	3,122.6	3,145.9	3,073.8	3,099.8	164.7	139.0	144.1	126.5	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.1
Wyoming .....	283.4	283.6	280.3	280.6	10.2	8.6	10.2	9.1	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.3
Puerto Rico .....	1,378.5	1,419.9	1,361.0	1,420.2	168.4	162.1	166.2	138.5	12.2	11.4	12.2	9.8

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			
	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P
Alabama	1,872.9	1,883.4	1,888.1	1,882.5	98.7	100.7	101.9	101.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	299.7	303.6	302.6	303.6	16.9	17.8	17.5	17.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,297.4	2,338.2	2,350.9	2,351.8	178.5	192.7	192.4	192.9	172.4	171.1	171.2	171.3
Arkansas	1,144.8	1,152.2	1,155.9	1,155.6	50.4	50.6	50.9	51.1	204.2	203.0	203.8	203.3
California	14,407.9	14,520.6	14,524.9	14,529.8	791.4	814.2	819.7	824.7	1,525.2	1,534.4	1,530.6	1,528.7
Colorado	2,145.6	2,168.2	2,176.0	2,176.8	147.8	144.4	146.5	148.6	153.9	155.1	154.4	154.6
Connecticut	1,639.1	1,638.1	1,642.7	1,643.6	61.8	62.4	62.6	62.3	196.6	195.8	195.6	195.4
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	416.9	419.5	420.0	423.5	24.6	25.5	25.3	25.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	663.0	672.0	674.9	669.9	12.7	13.7	13.5	13.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,316.9	7,439.6	7,451.9	7,442.4	451.3	466.1	465.6	462.5	385.7	385.2	384.0	383.3
Georgia	3,868.3	3,882.4	3,899.0	3,899.9	196.2	197.7	198.5	202.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	567.8	579.8	583.3	586.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	572.0	586.3	588.1	590.1	36.4	40.1	40.4	40.7	61.3	60.5	60.8	61.0
Illinois	5,818.0	5,822.0	5,823.4	5,826.6	277.5	275.4	276.7	278.5	710.9	708.9	705.9	705.3
Indiana	2,902.5	2,912.0	2,916.0	2,916.5	144.9	151.4	151.9	152.5	569.5	568.5	569.5	568.9
Iowa	1,440.8	1,446.4	1,450.7	1,452.0	65.7	67.0	66.9	67.3	219.4	220.8	220.9	220.8
Kansas	1,310.0	1,322.1	1,321.1	1,333.5	62.5	63.4	63.5	63.6	170.2	171.5	170.9	171.7
Kentucky	1,782.7	1,800.7	1,797.1	1,799.8	83.0	87.8	88.1	88.3	265.1	259.0	262.9	263.6
Louisiana	1,900.0	1,914.5	1,909.3	1,903.0	118.7	117.0	115.6	115.0	154.5	154.9	153.7	154.7
Maine	607.0	611.4	614.8	612.3	30.6	31.5	32.0	32.2	63.1	60.5	60.9	60.9
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	2,483.5	2,536.8	2,534.6	2,532.2	169.1	178.3	177.6	178.1	145.0	144.3	144.6	144.4
Massachusetts	3,177.1	3,182.9	3,176.9	3,176.1	136.5	139.5	138.6	137.8	320.8	326.2	324.4	323.6
Michigan	4,407.4	4,349.5	4,369.7	4,354.9	191.0	194.5	190.2	189.2	717.3	685.3	706.7	701.0
Minnesota	2,657.8	2,672.6	2,677.6	2,675.4	126.8	128.0	130.4	130.6	343.3	351.4	348.5	349.5
Mississippi	1,116.3	1,125.3	1,123.9	1,127.9	50.9	49.9	50.4	51.1	176.0	181.0	180.5	179.6
Missouri	2,680.8	2,714.5	2,708.4	2,718.8	132.3	138.3	133.4	135.6	311.4	314.0	316.2	315.3
Montana	400.5	409.1	407.8	404.8	23.7	24.4	24.6	25.1	18.5	19.3	19.0	18.5
Nebraska	904.4	907.1	906.6	910.0	46.2	48.2	47.6	47.7	101.5	101.7	101.5	101.7
Nevada	1,096.4	1,137.1	1,140.3	1,147.0	102.6	111.3	113.1	114.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	619.6	626.6	628.0	628.4	29.4	30.5	30.4	30.5	79.6	78.6	78.3	78.3
New Jersey	3,992.6	4,045.4	4,049.4	4,061.4	160.2	164.2	164.7	164.4	349.8	347.0	345.9	345.4
New Mexico	776.3	790.8	793.1	795.1	47.4	49.5	49.8	50.3	36.1	35.9	35.6	35.4
New York	8,399.8	8,451.0	8,453.8	8,452.9	319.1	321.0	324.9	325.3	606.4	590.5	593.1	590.1
North Carolina	3,810.8	3,860.5	3,864.9	3,859.3	211.7	215.9	219.6	218.6	593.5	585.4	581.8	580.6
North Dakota	334.7	332.2	334.4	335.7	16.7	16.1	16.1	16.7	23.0	24.2	24.0	23.2
Ohio	5,389.8	5,378.4	5,366.4	5,371.9	230.3	229.9	228.5	231.5	835.1	829.1	824.3	823.7
Oklahoma	1,439.3	1,460.0	1,460.8	1,464.2	62.5	64.0	63.9	63.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,562.9	1,599.6	1,599.8	1,595.5	77.6	81.0	81.2	81.5	194.6	198.9	199.2	198.9
Pennsylvania	5,599.5	5,636.2	5,642.5	5,647.1	245.3	252.1	252.2	252.3	707.4	694.6	693.4	691.3
Rhode Island	485.1	490.3	489.2	489.6	21.3	22.2	22.4	22.5	58.2	58.7	57.9	57.9
South Carolina	1,814.3	1,836.0	1,835.6	1,832.2	111.2	113.7	112.7	111.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	380.1	382.0	381.4	382.9	19.3	19.3	19.1	19.7	37.8	38.8	38.5	38.4
Tennessee	2,675.0	2,683.9	2,690.1	2,690.1	116.1	116.4	116.9	117.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,344.0	9,451.7	9,461.2	9,467.7	547.7	549.9	552.2	553.7	892.1	886.9	885.5	883.9
Utah	1,074.6	1,099.2	1,106.6	1,108.8	67.0	70.4	71.7	72.1	111.3	112.8	112.5	113.2
Vermont	299.4	299.9	301.3	302.0	15.6	15.6	15.7	15.6	36.7	37.2	37.2	37.5
Virginia	3,505.4	3,590.4	3,591.9	3,587.3	219.1	231.6	231.6	233.5	300.7	295.5	295.0	295.2
Washington	2,660.3	2,718.0	2,714.7	2,719.1	156.0	165.1	165.1	165.1	263.5	261.8	260.4	259.7
West Virginia	726.8	733.2	736.2	739.5	32.4	33.5	33.9	34.6	64.1	63.2	63.6	63.2
Wisconsin	2,782.0	2,839.4	2,841.5	2,834.5	122.9	125.9	125.5	124.2	503.6	517.0	517.1	516.1
Wyoming	250.9	255.8	255.7	256.5	20.2	19.8	19.5	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			
	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P
Alabama	373.5	378.5	379.2	377.4	96.9	96.0	96.3	95.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	60.9	61.8	62.0	62.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	22.8	22.9	22.8	22.8
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	159.7	161.1	161.7	161.1	323.0	330.1	330.8	329.3
Arkansas	239.9	240.8	241.0	242.1	50.5	51.2	51.2	51.4	103.1	103.8	104.6	104.1
California	2,729.8	2,747.1	2,743.1	2,747.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,116.9	2,167.2	2,171.1	2,189.9
Colorado	404.4	405.8	406.5	406.1	155.3	153.9	155.3	157.0	286.6	297.5	300.5	303.0
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	143.4	143.2	143.6	143.3	195.3	193.8	194.2	194.8
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	78.6	78.6	78.6	79.4	45.3	45.5	45.7	46.6	58.8	60.0	60.5	60.8
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	142.0	145.6	145.6	146.1
Florida	1,464.1	1,471.4	1,472.8	1,469.9	488.9	496.6	498.4	495.9	1,272.4	1,311.7	1,313.8	1,320.6
Georgia	824.9	831.6	829.1	825.6	219.3	218.3	218.9	218.2	495.0	499.2	504.4	505.5
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	108.0	111.1	112.3	113.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	70.3	74.8	75.1	75.9
Illinois	1,187.4	1,184.9	1,186.9	1,188.9	405.1	404.0	405.1	407.3	769.1	770.1	771.0	770.3
Indiana	572.8	570.1	570.5	568.0	141.5	140.8	141.1	141.5	256.3	259.8	260.0	259.6
Iowa	302.7	300.1	301.7	301.2	95.6	100.0	100.6	101.0	105.4	104.4	105.3	104.5
Kansas	262.2	262.0	261.3	261.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	372.1	371.4	371.0	371.6	86.6	86.8	86.9	87.1	153.9	154.3	153.9	153.2
Louisiana	378.4	383.5	383.3	381.4	101.8	101.0	100.9	100.9	178.5	178.3	178.1	177.5
Maine	123.2	124.3	125.8	125.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	51.0	50.9	51.4	52.3
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	462.8	464.3	464.7	466.6	156.4	158.2	158.4	159.6	360.9	373.1	374.9	374.0
Massachusetts	572.1	567.5	567.4	567.6	222.5	221.7	222.4	221.7	434.9	433.6	432.2	431.1
Michigan	814.2	806.9	799.8	797.7	219.2	214.1	214.3	214.1	587.0	586.6	592.8	588.1
Minnesota	521.2	522.9	523.0	523.8	176.4	176.9	177.0	176.5	296.0	297.0	299.2	298.4
Mississippi	219.6	217.2	217.3	219.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	532.7	533.7	533.0	533.5	162.4	163.8	164.3	166.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.5	85.9	85.4	84.1	20.4	20.9	20.9	20.9	32.7	33.9	33.7	33.9
Nebraska	194.7	196.2	194.6	194.6	61.9	62.4	62.6	63.2	92.1	92.3	92.4	91.6
Nevada	195.2	200.1	200.4	202.2	59.0	62.2	61.5	61.4	122.9	130.6	130.9	131.8
New Hampshire	140.3	141.2	141.9	142.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	879.0	876.4	876.3	883.0	277.9	286.8	286.8	287.1	576.6	586.9	588.0	588.6
New Mexico	135.6	137.2	138.2	138.4	34.2	34.4	34.6	34.6	88.1	89.7	90.2	90.7
New York	1,471.7	1,476.4	1,474.9	1,477.2	697.9	704.6	701.7	705.1	1,040.8	1,060.7	1,058.5	1,060.9
North Carolina	722.7	729.6	728.6	722.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	427.8	441.1	443.9	446.6
North Dakota	72.1	72.3	72.4	72.8	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.6	23.8	23.7	23.8	24.0
Ohio	1,046.4	1,040.3	1,037.8	1,038.5	312.7	313.7	313.9	314.5	605.6	607.3	606.4	607.4
Oklahoma	275.6	275.0	277.0	277.5	83.7	84.2	84.4	84.4	154.9	158.6	159.2	158.5
Oregon	315.2	317.9	317.7	317.3	98.3	98.7	98.8	99.1	170.0	178.5	178.6	178.6
Pennsylvania	1,114.7	1,121.5	1,121.9	1,125.8	338.6	339.4	340.4	341.0	598.8	605.7	607.2	607.4
Rhode Island	81.0	81.6	81.6	81.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	49.8	49.5	48.7	48.7
South Carolina	346.5	350.7	350.1	349.9	91.5	93.4	93.4	92.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	76.8	78.1	78.2	78.0	27.3	27.7	27.7	27.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	581.1	586.5	587.2	586.2	138.6	140.2	140.1	139.1	288.4	285.8	287.5	286.3
Texas	1,923.8	1,950.9	1,954.0	1,952.7	587.7	588.6	589.3	589.8	1,038.5	1,057.4	1,063.1	1,068.2
Utah	213.7	218.5	218.9	219.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	132.0	138.4	141.0	141.3
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.4	20.7	20.7	20.6
Virginia	634.6	654.3	652.1	648.7	188.8	192.7	192.5	196.2	549.7	579.8	581.9	581.6
Washington	511.3	521.5	521.1	520.0	154.1	157.8	156.8	156.9	291.8	303.5	304.6	305.6
West Virginia	135.7	137.2	137.5	138.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.2	57.0	57.1	56.9
Wisconsin	542.1	551.2	550.6	552.9	158.9	161.1	161.2	161.5	247.0	261.2	263.2	263.1
Wyoming	48.7	49.3	49.3	49.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.8	15.8	15.4	15.3

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			
	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P	Sept. 2003	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sept. 2004P
Alabama	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	155.3	155.4	156.0	156.9	360.4	359.3	360.8	360.8
Alaska	33.1	35.0	34.9	35.0	29.8	30.2	30.2	82.4	82.4	81.0	80.9	81.8
Arizona	249.4	255.1	258.9	261.0	231.5	235.5	236.6	237.5	393.5	396.9	405.6	405.1
Arkansas	140.6	143.3	145.2	144.4	88.4	91.5	92.0	90.6	199.9	199.4	198.7	200.5
California	1,543.8	1,564.0	1,563.8	1,558.3	1,400.6	1,417.9	1,418.9	1,418.1	2,418.2	2,395.2	2,391.2	2,384.1
Colorado	213.9	219.5	219.0	218.4	245.4	248.5	250.4	250.9	356.0	359.1	359.6	357.4
Connecticut	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	246.0	242.4	245.2	242.1
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	49.9	51.5	51.6	51.6	39.1	39.5	39.7	39.7	58.8	57.0	57.7	59.8
District of Columbia <sup>3</sup>	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	48.7	50.4	50.3	50.6	230.8	230.0	236.4	230.2
Florida	891.6	906.9	910.9	912.2	807.3	826.7	828.6	823.4	1,060.4	1,072.3	1,077.5	1,078.7
Georgia	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	352.1	351.2	354.1	357.5	633.1	635.6	646.9	644.7
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	65.9	67.5	68.1	68.3	99.8	103.0	103.4	103.9	119.1	120.4	120.9	121.9
Idaho	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	54.1	56.5	56.5	56.1	113.0	113.7	113.4	113.0
Illinois	723.4	727.4	729.0	730.4	502.5	512.0	511.7	511.6	849.0	852.8	853.9	847.2
Indiana	364.3	371.1	371.4	368.9	274.3	272.4	274.5	275.4	425.0	423.0	421.6	427.5
Iowa	190.3	193.9	194.0	193.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	245.6	241.8	243.9	244.3
Kansas	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	108.5	113.4	112.8	112.0	250.2	250.0	250.3	261.8
Kentucky	228.0	230.5	229.7	231.2	157.2	164.9	165.6	164.9	309.8	317.1	310.2	310.8
Louisiana	244.9	248.4	247.9	245.9	198.4	200.0	199.3	199.9	379.1	383.3	383.5	380.4
Maine	107.5	109.1	108.7	108.4	58.2	59.2	59.4	59.1	103.2	104.5	105.2	103.9
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	340.3	348.4	349.0	348.8	219.3	234.6	236.4	233.8	463.6	473.7	464.3	457.8
Massachusetts	577.1	579.8	579.6	580.1	287.4	292.7	293.0	296.4	417.4	413.8	412.6	409.5
Michigan	546.5	544.1	548.2	546.0	400.9	407.3	407.4	397.7	681.4	659.3	661.0	668.8
Minnesota	368.3	375.1	375.5	371.9	236.5	240.1	240.7	241.0	401.8	395.7	397.9	397.2
Mississippi	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	123.1	123.3	123.0	125.3	244.9	246.8	244.1	245.3
Missouri	351.4	369.2	371.6	364.3	264.2	268.6	267.0	266.7	431.8	425.6	419.8	430.9
Montana	53.4	53.0	53.3	53.4	51.9	53.6	53.5	52.5	85.9	87.1	86.0	85.1
Nebraska	112.0	110.5	111.0	112.4	78.1	79.5	78.9	79.1	160.1	158.3	160.2	162.7
Nevada	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	306.1	312.9	313.6	313.2	135.6	138.1	138.3	141.1
New Hampshire	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	63.4	65.7	66.4	64.5	89.9	89.7	90.6	92.3
New Jersey	542.2	555.9	556.5	557.0	321.2	327.7	328.7	328.8	628.6	642.9	644.2	648.0
New Mexico	99.6	104.2	104.0	104.0	81.2	84.1	83.9	82.9	195.3	197.5	198.3	200.3
New York	1,503.4	1,527.0	1,530.4	1,525.6	645.5	658.6	659.5	658.8	1,486.9	1,473.4	1,472.7	1,477.3
North Carolina	431.1	446.4	453.9	449.7	335.4	339.1	342.1	343.0	648.4	655.3	654.3	654.0
North Dakota	47.8	47.9	47.9	48.0	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.3	75.6	72.8	74.7	75.4
Ohio	731.4	732.8	731.7	737.9	492.7	485.0	485.2	484.7	799.9	804.9	803.8	798.6
Oklahoma	173.4	178.6	177.8	177.7	125.0	128.3	126.8	126.2	288.9	292.3	293.2	297.1
Oregon	188.4	194.1	194.9	195.5	152.2	157.4	157.3	155.4	267.1	272.0	271.1	269.0
Pennsylvania	977.6	992.4	993.2	991.7	473.1	482.9	484.7	486.7	742.6	743.2	744.7	745.4
Rhode Island	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	49.8	51.3	51.2	51.4	66.6	66.5	66.5	66.6
South Carolina	180.2	190.4	190.7	192.2	191.6	193.6	192.5	195.9	330.9	333.2	335.1	335.2
South Dakota	55.8	55.8	55.8	55.9	40.7	39.9	39.5	39.5	74.8	74.7	74.5	75.5
Tennessee	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	248.0	252.5	254.3	253.6	414.6	413.7	414.0	414.0
Texas	1,122.4	1,154.5	1,157.8	1,159.1	856.3	871.8	872.3	872.0	1,639.8	1,642.6	1,652.9	1,650.6
Utah	119.1	119.7	120.1	124.1	100.1	102.4	102.7	102.4	197.6	199.8	200.3	199.7
Vermont	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	52.3	51.7	51.8	52.0
Virginia	370.7	375.7	377.9	375.9	307.1	312.0	311.9	308.1	642.0	651.4	651.6	650.6
Washington	313.3	320.0	320.5	321.3	248.9	251.3	252.6	254.3	520.9	528.9	525.5	527.8
West Virginia	108.7	107.7	108.6	108.5	66.3	68.7	68.8	69.8	142.3	143.1	143.9	145.2
Wisconsin	370.5	380.0	379.6	380.7	248.1	255.2	256.5	251.2	404.1	406.1	405.8	403.3
Wyoming	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	30.7	30.5	31.0	31.2	63.4	64.9	64.2	64.6

<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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	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	1,869.3	1,878.7	1,880.9	1,886.8	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.6	99.7	102.8	100.6	102.6	291.9	290.6	290.6	290.1
Alaska	319.7	323.4	313.4	317.6	10.4	10.8	10.2	10.5	20.7	21.6	20.2	21.2	17.9	17.9	13.7	13.6
Arizona	2,265.6	2,322.5	2,295.8	2,349.9	8.0	8.4	7.9	8.5	179.7	195.0	180.6	195.1	173.3	171.9	172.7	171.6
Arkansas	1,139.8	1,148.7	1,154.6	1,162.5	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	52.5	52.3	52.3	52.3	205.0	204.0	205.4	203.6
California	14,360.7	14,462.4	14,425.6	14,539.1	23.0	22.8	22.8	22.9	815.7	848.8	813.7	850.5	1,545.6	1,550.2	1,544.2	1,545.2
Colorado	2,161.5	2,177.5	2,155.9	2,178.5	13.6	14.0	13.5	14.1	156.2	153.7	153.5	152.7	155.8	154.0	154.5	154.4
Connecticut	1,630.6	1,633.7	1,643.6	1,646.9	.7	.8	.8	.8	65.9	66.4	65.0	65.3	197.1	195.2	197.1	195.6
Delaware	417.2	423.5	418.6	425.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	25.5	26.3	25.2	25.9	35.6	35.0	36.1	34.5
District of Columbia	661.6	675.0	663.8	671.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.0	13.8	13.0	13.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Florida	7,275.4	7,426.5	7,298.7	7,423.7	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	448.7	467.1	452.3	463.5	385.1	382.7	385.3	382.9
Georgia	3,873.3	3,905.6	3,882.4	3,912.8	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.2	197.9	202.6	198.9	203.0	447.2	448.8	446.5	447.1
Hawaii	562.0	576.9	564.5	580.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	28.4	29.1	28.4	29.4	14.9	15.3	14.8	15.2
Idaho	578.4	592.5	582.6	599.0	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.6	40.1	44.2	39.6	43.8	62.1	61.7	62.1	62.0
Illinois	5,827.3	5,840.3	5,849.3	5,859.2	9.8	10.1	9.7	10.1	295.6	295.7	294.7	296.0	712.3	707.1	712.7	707.1
Indiana	2,890.7	2,899.9	2,928.6	2,943.0	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	153.6	160.9	151.3	158.9	573.5	572.8	572.0	571.4
Iowa	1,430.9	1,440.0	1,450.7	1,459.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	72.0	73.9	70.4	72.2	220.6	221.9	220.2	221.2
Kansas	1,293.7	1,306.5	1,310.3	1,334.2	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.5	65.7	67.1	64.4	65.6	171.2	172.0	171.1	172.7
Kentucky	1,782.8	1,794.4	1,791.9	1,810.7	18.9	19.5	18.9	19.4	86.4	91.2	86.3	91.2	266.0	263.0	266.2	263.7
Louisiana	1,894.1	1,894.9	1,905.8	1,906.8	47.6	47.3	47.1	47.8	119.5	116.2	119.6	116.2	155.2	154.7	155.6	155.5
Maine	618.9	623.3	617.8	624.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.4	33.1	34.5	32.5	34.3	64.5	61.8	63.8	61.1
Maryland	2,484.8	2,518.9	2,493.5	2,541.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	173.7	182.5	172.6	182.3	146.5	145.0	145.8	144.8
Massachusetts	3,176.6	3,166.4	3,196.7	3,189.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	146.0	146.6	143.1	144.4	322.6	323.9	322.0	324.2
Michigan	4,374.4	4,343.0	4,437.2	4,385.7	8.4	8.1	8.4	7.9	207.0	206.2	202.9	201.1	727.9	711.1	720.9	704.8
Minnesota	2,662.5	2,681.0	2,664.6	2,682.7	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.9	142.7	146.6	139.4	143.2	349.0	354.4	345.8	352.0
Mississippi	1,115.6	1,122.9	1,117.8	1,129.4	8.7	9.1	8.7	9.3	51.9	51.3	51.7	51.9	175.7	180.3	176.2	179.7
Missouri	2,652.1	2,685.7	2,695.9	2,735.0	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.4	141.3	142.6	139.2	142.5	312.9	317.3	311.5	315.5
Montana	407.5	411.9	407.1	411.3	6.1	7.1	6.0	7.0	26.1	27.0	25.8	27.3	19.0	19.3	18.8	18.9
Nebraska	899.1	904.0	904.9	910.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	49.9	50.8	48.3	49.7	101.9	101.7	101.5	101.7
Nevada	1,093.1	1,140.0	1,103.2	1,154.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	9.1	104.5	115.9	104.7	116.6	44.1	45.8	43.8	45.8
New Hampshire	621.2	629.7	622.2	631.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	31.5	32.2	30.7	31.9	79.9	78.2	79.5	78.2
New Jersey	3,983.7	4,049.5	3,986.9	4,055.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	167.5	171.6	165.7	169.9	351.2	346.3	350.6	346.1
New Mexico	777.4	793.5	781.8	800.0	14.3	15.0	14.4	15.2	49.1	51.5	48.1	51.3	37.6	37.3	37.3	37.1
New York	8,359.5	8,426.7	8,388.2	8,444.2	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	339.3	346.6	336.1	343.7	610.5	596.1	611.6	595.5
North Carolina	3,811.5	3,859.8	3,824.9	3,872.8	7.9	7.0	7.9	7.0	216.1	223.2	214.3	221.3	597.7	583.0	596.0	582.9
North Dakota	330.6	330.8	338.5	339.8	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	19.0	19.1	18.8	18.9	23.8	23.6	23.5	23.7
Ohio	5,395.7	5,367.3	5,408.1	5,393.1	11.9	12.2	11.8	11.9	248.3	246.0	244.3	245.5	841.6	827.4	836.3	824.9
Oklahoma	1,433.6	1,451.6	1,444.8	1,468.0	29.4	31.5	29.2	31.7	64.5	65.1	63.2	64.6	142.2	141.5	141.8	142.1
Oregon	1,559.7	1,595.1	1,568.6	1,601.0	9.8	10.1	9.8	9.6	82.8	86.5	82.3	86.2	198.5	204.7	199.3	203.5
Pennsylvania	5,573.0	5,616.8	5,617.0	5,664.5	18.3	18.5	18.3	18.5	262.7	269.3	258.6	265.6	713.2	697.4	711.0	694.8
Rhode Island	484.7	489.1	489.6	493.5	.2	.2	.2	.2	22.8	24.0	22.8	23.8	58.1	58.1	58.8	58.4
South Carolina	1,813.3	1,834.7	1,824.9	1,843.7	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.4	113.8	114.4	112.4	112.3	274.3	270.5	274.5	269.8
South Dakota	383.4	385.5	380.9	384.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	21.8	21.9	20.8	21.1	38.0	38.3	37.5	38.1
Tennessee	2,673.9	2,693.0	2,689.1	2,704.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	119.2	120.6	119.0	120.4	413.6	414.5	413.2	414.1
Texas	9,341.1	9,434.7	9,382.9	9,490.4	148.8	150.1	148.3	149.7	556.3	560.0	554.0	557.3	896.4	887.3	896.5	885.3
Utah	1,071.6	1,100.7	1,083.0	1,115.2	6.8	7.3	6.8	7.3	71.7	76.6	71.0	76.3	112.3	114.1	112.1	114.9
Vermont	294.7	296.2	301.4	303.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	17.4	17.4	16.9	16.9	37.7	37.5	36.7	37.3
Virginia	3,499.2	3,581.1	3,517.1	3,595.1	10.1	10.6	10.1	10.6	225.7	237.6	223.7	237.4	302.8	295.7	302.5	296.1
Washington	2,664.4	2,714.7	2,680.6	2,735.2	9.1	8.9	9.1	8.9	166.9	175.6	165.4	174.6	268.0	264.6	267.8	264.9
West Virginia	729.8	735.7	730.5	740.1	21.7	23.2	21.7	23.2	34.9	35.9	35.2	36.7	64.6	63.9	64.5	63.5
Wisconsin	2,804.8	2,854.4	2,798.3	2,851.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	135.7	137.7	132.1	133.4	513.7	525.0	507.2	519.8
Wyoming	258.7	262.4	257.4	262.0	19.2	21.1	18.9	20.7	22.3	21.6	22.2	21.0	9.5	9.6	9.4	9.7
Puerto Rico	989.8	1,002.0	997.0	1,004.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	70.8	67.4	69.7	67.0	115.4	114.5	116.3	114.2

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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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	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 .....	373.1	376.6	372.4	375.6	31.5	30.3	31.1	29.9	97.7	96.7	97.0	95.7	187.5	190.1	187.2	190.1
Alaska .....	65.9	66.9	63.7	65.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.0	15.1	15.1	14.7	14.9	24.7	24.7	23.6	23.6
Arizona .....	439.4	445.2	440.8	444.9	48.9	46.0	48.6	45.4	159.8	161.4	159.9	161.3	321.4	331.1	324.4	330.7
Arkansas .....	239.6	240.8	240.9	241.8	20.4	20.2	20.2	20.1	50.9	51.7	50.6	51.7	105.3	106.5	105.1	106.4
California .....	2,720.8	2,739.0	2,731.6	2,747.2	471.0	460.3	461.2	452.0	896.4	901.3	894.5	902.6	2,122.3	2,181.7	2,131.4	2,197.8
Colorado .....	405.2	408.4	404.2	406.2	84.4	81.5	83.9	80.4	155.8	156.3	154.4	155.0	294.2	304.1	290.4	305.4
Connecticut .....	300.1	301.1	304.6	305.0	39.6	39.6	39.1	39.2	144.9	144.8	143.3	143.2	197.7	195.7	198.1	196.4
Delaware .....	79.1	79.3	78.8	79.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.4	46.0	46.3	45.3	46.5	58.9	60.9	59.4	61.4
District of Columbia .....	27.9	28.1	27.7	28.0	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	30.8	31.1	30.7	30.8	141.7	146.3	141.3	146.1
Florida .....	1,449.8	1,459.7	1,454.2	1,459.9	171.2	169.0	172.6	168.3	488.4	499.1	487.8	494.8	1,264.1	1,312.0	1,269.5	1,317.7
Georgia .....	823.1	821.0	823.6	822.4	126.4	127.0	125.2	125.9	219.6	221.0	219.3	219.6	500.0	507.7	500.1	508.2
Hawaii .....	107.6	112.0	107.8	112.2	10.0	10.8	9.9	10.8	28.7	28.9	28.7	28.9	70.1	70.8	70.5	70.3
Idaho .....	116.3	118.4	116.2	118.7	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.4	27.6	27.9	27.4	27.9	72.4	76.8	72.3	77.2
Illinois .....	1,183.6	1,185.2	1,184.9	1,186.5	134.9	131.2	133.6	130.3	405.5	407.2	404.9	407.1	773.7	777.7	779.1	781.1
Indiana .....	572.8	569.9	573.4	568.7	41.6	40.9	40.8	40.4	142.6	141.8	141.2	141.2	258.2	263.3	259.5	262.8
Iowa .....	304.9	303.8	303.4	302.3	33.6	32.9	33.5	32.7	96.1	101.2	95.5	100.8	107.3	106.0	106.4	105.7
Kansas .....	261.4	261.0	262.0	261.4	45.7	47.1	46.0	46.5	70.4	71.3	70.4	70.9	125.0	126.5	124.5	126.7
Kentucky .....	372.8	370.7	371.6	371.1	30.2	30.2	29.8	30.2	87.2	87.5	86.6	87.6	155.8	155.2	156.1	154.9
Louisiana .....	379.3	382.3	378.6	380.8	28.9	28.8	28.8	28.7	102.0	101.2	101.7	101.0	179.2	177.2	178.5	177.7
Maine .....	127.1	128.9	124.6	126.9	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.2	35.4	35.5	34.8	35.0	51.9	52.7	51.4	52.4
Maryland .....	462.7	466.0	462.9	467.0	49.7	50.1	49.5	50.3	157.8	159.7	156.4	159.8	365.7	377.3	363.9	374.7
Massachusetts .....	568.1	564.2	572.5	566.0	91.1	87.7	89.9	86.5	225.9	224.6	222.3	221.9	442.3	438.0	439.0	435.3
Michigan .....	819.0	803.7	816.0	799.7	70.3	67.0	70.1	65.9	224.0	218.0	219.7	214.5	593.3	599.3	595.1	596.6
Minnesota .....	520.9	525.1	519.6	522.3	62.4	62.1	61.5	61.7	177.5	178.6	176.5	176.6	297.6	302.2	297.4	299.9
Mississippi .....	219.6	217.3	218.4	217.8	14.9	14.7	14.9	14.4	46.6	46.6	46.4	46.6	80.5	82.8	81.3	82.7
Missouri .....	531.5	531.6	532.0	532.8	66.1	65.7	65.7	65.4	164.3	165.5	162.5	166.3	305.7	312.5	305.8	314.6
Montana .....	85.6	86.4	85.1	84.8	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.5	20.8	21.1	20.5	20.9	34.0	34.9	33.0	34.3
Nebraska .....	194.4	194.5	194.9	194.9	21.4	21.1	21.3	21.0	61.9	62.9	61.6	62.9	91.2	92.1	92.4	91.9
Nevada .....	195.9	202.8	197.3	204.3	15.6	15.7	15.5	15.6	59.1	61.7	59.4	61.9	123.8	131.9	124.2	133.3
New Hampshire .....	139.9	142.2	139.3	141.6	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5	37.7	38.9	37.2	39.0	55.2	55.0	54.6	54.4
New Jersey .....	871.3	875.2	875.4	879.6	103.0	101.7	101.8	101.7	280.4	289.3	277.5	286.6	580.4	594.1	580.2	592.4
New Mexico .....	136.1	138.4	135.7	138.2	15.8	14.4	15.8	14.2	34.5	34.9	34.2	34.7	89.1	91.1	88.5	91.4
New York .....	1,460.4	1,466.9	1,471.9	1,476.9	279.8	278.4	272.8	275.3	704.5	707.8	697.0	705.3	1,049.3	1,065.8	1,046.5	1,064.3
North Carolina .....	724.7	730.6	725.5	725.3	75.5	74.8	76.1	75.2	195.3	199.6	192.8	199.8	427.2	445.8	427.5	446.4
North Dakota .....	71.9	72.3	71.7	72.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	18.5	18.6	18.5	18.6	24.2	24.2	24.0	24.2
Ohio .....	1,045.6	1,038.3	1,043.6	1,035.7	97.7	95.5	96.3	94.6	315.2	316.6	313.3	315.0	613.8	613.6	611.0	612.8
Oklahoma .....	275.6	276.0	275.2	275.5	31.6	32.0	31.4	31.9	84.5	84.8	84.1	84.2	157.1	160.4	157.2	161.0
Oregon .....	317.0	319.6	317.9	320.2	33.8	32.9	33.4	32.7	99.7	100.3	99.1	99.8	173.6	182.0	172.0	180.5
Pennsylvania .....	1,108.1	1,115.3	1,112.5	1,123.5	124.1	122.4	122.6	121.5	341.7	343.6	338.0	340.4	604.6	614.7	602.9	611.8
Rhode Island .....	80.4	81.2	81.4	81.7	11.1	10.7	10.9	10.6	34.0	33.3	33.8	33.2	51.1	50.0	51.0	50.2
South Carolina .....	347.8	351.2	347.2	350.5	26.8	25.7	26.4	25.0	94.1	93.9	91.4	91.9	190.1	193.4	190.8	191.7
South Dakota .....	77.7	79.0	76.7	77.9	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.8	27.6	27.9	27.3	27.9	23.9	24.1	23.4	23.7
Tennessee .....	580.0	586.3	582.1	587.2	51.6	50.8	51.2	50.4	140.5	141.0	139.9	140.4	289.8	289.7	292.0	290.1
Texas .....	1,926.8	1,954.8	1,924.4	1,950.4	235.0	231.7	232.6	230.8	591.4	593.1	588.5	591.4	1,048.6	1,069.5	1,049.3	1,071.1
Utah .....	214.2	219.7	213.8	219.1	30.2	30.5	30.0	30.3	65.1	65.4	64.4	65.2	134.9	143.1	134.3	142.9
Vermont .....	58.1	58.3	57.8	57.8	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.6	13.5	13.2	13.3	13.1	21.1	21.2	20.7	20.9
Virginia .....	636.3	653.2	634.3	649.1	101.1	101.2	100.0	100.0	190.6	194.5	188.5	196.1	555.7	587.9	552.7	583.9
Washington .....	514.8	526.6	515.2	525.2	93.2	98.2	92.4	97.9	156.0	158.7	155.3	158.3	297.4	308.2	297.3	308.8
West Virginia .....	136.4	137.7	136.2	138.2	12.8	12.4	12.7	12.2	31.0	31.6	31.2	31.6	56.7	56.9	56.7	56.8
Wisconsin .....	545.2	552.1	541.3	552.0	49.5	48.5	48.9	47.6	159.0	162.1	159.0	161.6	253.0	270.4	252.4	269.0
Wyoming .....	50.3	50.7	49.4	50.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	10.5	10.8	10.4	10.9	16.7	16.1	16.2	15.6
Puerto Rico .....	177.1	182.0	177.3	181.2	21.3	23.1	21.3	23.1	41.6	41.4	41.5	41.5	95.1	93.1	95.7	92.2

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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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	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	185.3	186.8	187.5	188.6	159.3	159.6	157.1	157.7	84.4	83.9	83.8	83.2	346.4	348.8	361.0	360.7
Alaska	33.2	35.1	33.0	34.9	35.5	36.1	33.3	33.7	11.5	10.7	11.4	11.0	77.8	77.5	82.7	82.1
Arizona	247.3	258.4	249.1	260.7	225.9	231.6	227.5	233.5	85.6	88.0	85.8	88.2	376.3	385.5	398.5	410.0
Arkansas	138.9	143.1	141.4	145.1	91.9	93.9	90.1	91.7	41.0	41.1	40.7	40.9	187.2	187.9	200.8	201.7
California	1,510.7	1,538.0	1,535.4	1,553.6	1,434.4	1,443.6	1,417.4	1,431.6	506.0	501.7	505.1	501.7	2,314.8	2,275.0	2,368.3	2,334.0
Colorado	213.0	217.6	213.5	218.5	257.9	259.5	246.9	248.9	86.7	88.3	85.1	86.6	338.7	340.1	356.0	356.3
Connecticut	256.1	258.1	261.5	264.2	134.6	139.7	128.6	133.7	63.1	63.8	61.9	62.6	230.8	228.5	243.6	240.9
Delaware	49.2	51.1	49.9	51.6	42.9	43.3	40.6	41.2	18.9	18.8	18.4	18.6	53.6	55.1	57.6	58.6
District of Columbia	84.6	84.7	88.4	88.8	48.4	50.2	49.2	51.0	55.7	55.8	55.6	55.6	232.3	237.8	230.7	230.5
Florida	883.3	905.3	892.0	912.7	797.2	819.2	792.5	808.0	317.2	323.8	315.4	320.6	1,063.1	1,081.3	1,069.7	1,088.0
Georgia	388.2	394.4	389.8	397.1	359.3	362.8	355.7	358.9	176.2	176.8	177.0	176.5	623.0	631.1	633.9	641.9
Hawaii	64.7	66.9	65.9	67.7	100.2	103.6	99.9	103.7	24.3	24.5	24.3	24.5	113.1	115.0	114.3	117.4
Idaho	62.0	63.8	63.6	65.6	59.1	60.2	56.6	58.3	18.9	19.1	18.4	18.7	106.5	106.5	113.0	112.8
Illinois	713.3	721.6	721.7	728.7	524.1	532.3	513.3	522.5	255.0	253.6	251.9	249.2	819.5	818.6	842.8	840.6
Indiana	355.9	359.7	366.0	370.7	285.4	284.8	278.7	279.9	106.6	108.2	105.5	106.3	393.3	390.3	432.9	435.5
Iowa	180.6	184.1	188.9	192.2	133.7	134.2	129.6	130.0	56.7	57.6	56.5	57.6	223.3	222.3	244.2	242.6
Kansas	154.4	156.9	156.2	158.5	112.2	116.1	110.5	114.1	53.1	53.9	52.5	53.5	228.0	228.2	246.1	257.8
Kentucky	225.7	229.0	228.1	231.5	163.5	170.9	160.4	168.4	78.0	79.2	77.8	79.4	298.3	298.0	310.1	313.3
Louisiana	241.7	244.9	246.5	246.6	201.7	201.5	199.2	201.1	70.7	71.2	70.6	71.2	368.3	369.6	379.6	380.2
Maine	105.9	107.5	107.3	108.8	74.2	75.3	65.3	66.5	22.0	22.0	21.6	21.6	90.9	91.3	102.7	103.8
Maryland	335.1	344.4	338.4	347.7	235.8	249.3	227.0	237.4	118.2	119.2	116.7	118.6	439.6	425.4	460.3	458.7
Massachusetts	557.7	561.1	573.0	575.5	314.1	319.6	300.2	306.5	119.8	120.0	116.3	117.1	387.1	378.9	416.5	410.6
Michigan	532.4	538.2	542.8	542.2	424.0	429.2	410.5	407.6	171.2	174.4	170.5	177.5	596.9	587.8	680.3	667.9
Minnesota	362.0	368.1	365.3	368.7	250.4	256.7	244.8	249.7	119.8	117.8	119.7	118.3	374.3	363.4	388.9	384.4
Mississippi	113.7	118.3	114.8	119.2	125.5	125.6	123.3	125.5	36.8	36.5	36.9	36.7	241.7	240.4	245.2	245.6
Missouri	339.9	363.1	354.3	367.1	277.3	277.1	270.9	273.5	118.8	121.4	117.1	120.7	389.6	384.4	432.1	432.2
Montana	52.2	52.5	52.9	53.0	58.8	58.9	54.9	55.3	16.0	16.6	16.1	16.8	81.2	80.2	86.4	85.5
Nebraska	110.8	110.3	111.6	112.0	80.7	81.7	79.1	80.3	34.5	34.9	34.7	34.2	150.9	152.6	158.1	160.6
Nevada	75.4	79.5	76.1	80.1	308.1	315.2	307.6	314.8	31.0	32.4	30.8	32.3	126.6	129.9	135.0	140.5
New Hampshire	92.5	94.8	93.1	94.9	72.0	75.3	66.1	67.3	20.2	19.9	19.8	19.6	79.6	80.6	89.4	91.7
New Jersey	533.7	548.4	538.4	553.1	349.7	357.3	333.6	341.1	155.1	157.4	152.9	155.0	589.8	606.6	609.2	627.8
New Mexico	96.2	100.7	100.1	104.5	85.3	86.9	82.6	84.4	30.3	30.9	28.3	28.6	189.1	192.4	196.8	200.4
New York	1,447.0	1,483.7	1,492.4	1,515.8	684.0	700.9	661.4	674.2	347.6	350.7	346.7	349.0	1,431.3	1,424.0	1,446.0	1,438.5
North Carolina	429.0	446.1	428.7	447.2	353.5	361.7	341.8	349.7	165.0	163.9	162.1	160.9	619.6	624.1	652.2	657.1
North Dakota	47.9	47.7	47.6	47.8	31.5	31.3	30.6	30.6	15.5	15.4	15.6	15.4	67.1	67.3	77.0	76.9
Ohio	714.5	718.5	729.9	736.4	523.8	518.8	505.2	500.1	228.0	226.8	225.8	226.9	755.3	753.6	790.6	789.3
Oklahoma	173.1	176.5	174.1	178.2	129.5	131.5	127.1	128.9	73.3	74.2	72.9	73.6	272.8	278.1	288.6	296.3
Oregon	183.7	188.0	186.4	193.4	158.4	164.3	156.1	159.4	57.4	58.2	56.5	58.1	245.0	248.5	255.8	257.6
Pennsylvania	953.8	967.9	976.3	989.9	502.0	514.9	482.4	496.2	263.0	266.9	258.6	263.5	681.5	685.9	735.8	738.8
Rhode Island	86.3	89.5	89.5	92.6	54.9	56.0	52.6	53.5	23.4	24.0	22.9	23.5	62.4	62.1	65.7	65.8
South Carolina	174.7	186.3	181.4	193.6	202.8	207.1	199.4	203.8	65.2	64.8	64.7	64.6	318.6	322.9	331.7	336.1
South Dakota	55.0	55.2	55.5	55.7	45.3	44.9	42.0	41.6	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.2	70.5	70.2	73.8	74.5
Tennessee	312.2	317.2	316.2	321.1	257.6	263.5	253.2	259.0	102.9	103.4	103.5	103.7	402.2	401.7	414.5	413.8
Texas	1,122.0	1,154.7	1,129.8	1,163.5	879.4	891.8	864.2	878.6	360.6	361.5	357.3	358.6	1,575.8	1,580.2	1,638.0	1,653.7
Utah	115.3	119.6	120.0	124.6	102.7	104.9	100.8	103.2	33.4	33.7	32.6	32.7	185.0	185.8	197.2	198.7
Vermont	51.7	52.8	53.0	54.1	34.6	34.8	32.6	32.8	10.3	10.4	10.2	10.3	42.8	42.9	52.7	52.2
Virginia	353.7	359.9	372.5	377.1	329.3	331.7	316.0	315.0	182.4	187.6	181.1	185.9	611.5	621.2	635.7	643.9
Washington	307.3	314.1	311.7	320.2	261.7	264.6	259.6	263.2	100.8	102.9	100.2	102.0	489.2	492.3	506.6	511.2
West Virginia	107.1	107.1	108.2	108.1	70.2	71.3	68.6	70.7	55.3	55.7	55.7	55.8	139.1	140.0	139.8	143.3
Wisconsin	365.2	375.2	369.9	380.1	269.2	275.3	255.9	259.2	131.4	129.1	130.4	128.3	378.7	374.8	397.1	396.0
Wyoming	20.8	22.2	20.8	22.1	36.2	36.6	33.5	34.2	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	59.2	59.9	62.9	64.0
Puerto Rico	87.3	88.5	91.0	89.7	67.7	69.5	67.9	68.7	16.3	15.9	16.3	15.8	296.0	305.4	298.8	309.8

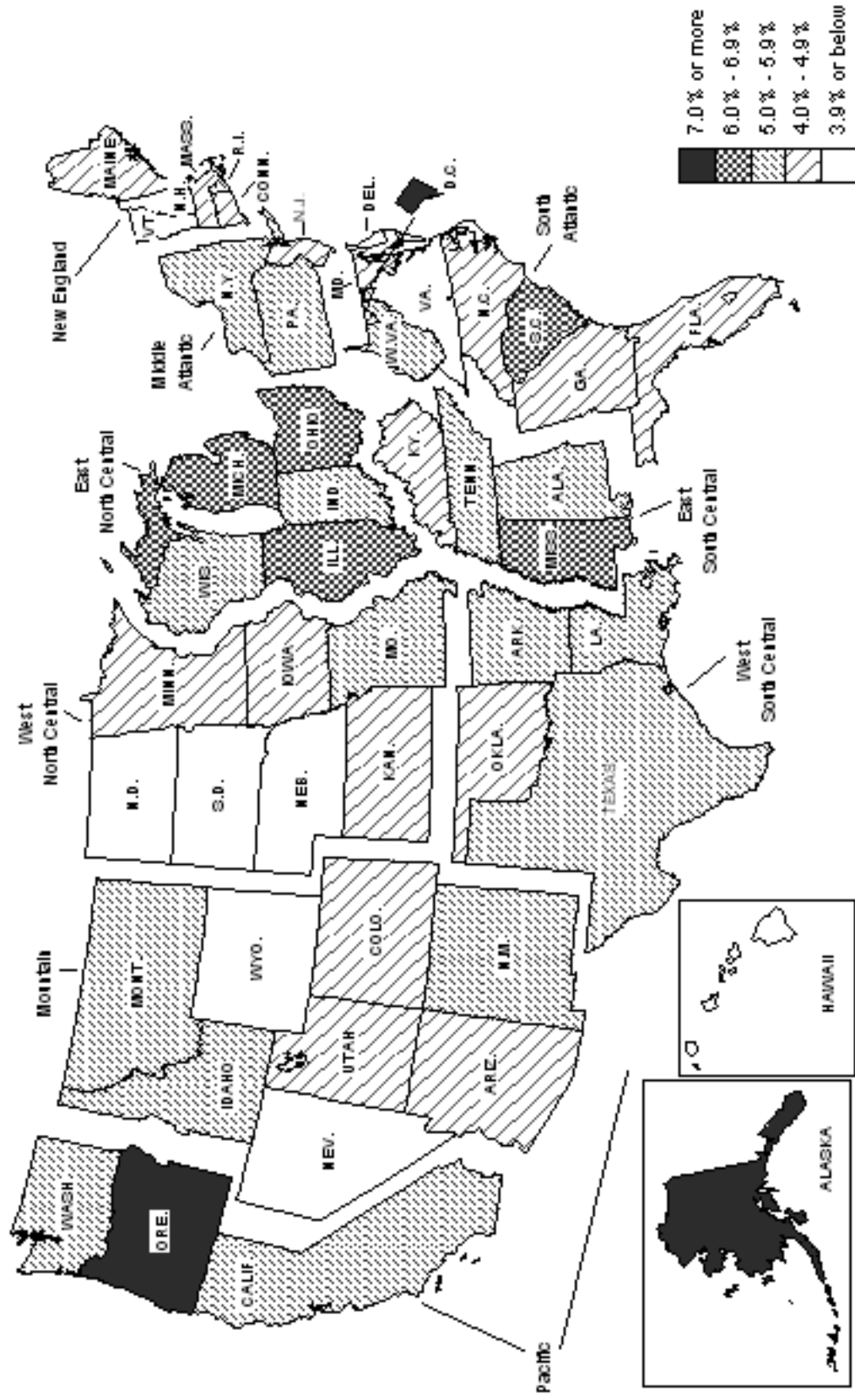
<sup>1</sup> Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.  
P = preliminary.

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 September 2004

(U.S. rate = 5.4 percent)



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

