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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: OCTOBER 2008

Regional and state unemployment rates were mostly higher in October. Overall, 38 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 5 states registered decreases, and 7 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were up in 47 states and the District of Columbia, down in 1 state, and unchanged in 2 states. At 6.5 percent in October, the national unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage point over the month and 1.7 points over the year.

In October, nonfarm payroll employment rose in 10 states plus the District of Columbia and fell in 40 states. The largest over-the-month gains in the level of employment occurred in Texas (+23,000), Missouri (+5,300), Louisiana (+5,000), the District of Columbia (+1,500), and Kansas (+1,400). Louisiana and Wyoming experienced the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.3 percent each), followed by the District of Columbia, Missouri, Montana, Texas, and Vermont (+0.2 percent each). The largest over-the-month decrease occurred in Washington (-29,300), where some 27,000 aerospace workers in the transportation equipment industry were off payrolls in October due to a strike. The states with the next largest decreases were Florida (-27,300), California (-26,400), Michigan (-19,600), and Arizona (-17,700). Washington (-1.0 percent) recorded the largest over-the-month percentage decrease in employment, followed by Oregon (-0.8 percent), Arizona (-0.7 percent), Mississippi (-0.6 percent), and Michigan, Rhode Island, and South Dakota (-0.5 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 19 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 29 states, and was unchanged in 2 states. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment occurred in Wyoming (+3.3 percent) and Texas (+2.2 percent), followed by the District of Columbia (+1.5 percent), North Dakota (+1.3 percent), and Montana and South Dakota (+1.2 percent each). Rhode Island recorded the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment (-3.0 percent), followed by Arizona (-2.6 percent), Florida (-1.9 percent), and Idaho and Michigan (-1.7 percent each).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In October, the West and Midwest regions again posted the highest jobless rates, 7.1 and 6.7 percent, respectively. The Northeast at 5.8 percent and the South at 6.1 percent recorded the lowest unemployment rates. The West and South registered statistically significant rate changes from the previous month (+0.5 and +0.2 percentage point, respectively). All four regions reported significant

jobless rate increases from October 2007: the West (+2.2 percentage points), South (+1.7 points), Midwest (+1.4 points), and Northeast (+1.3 points). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the Pacific and East North Central again posted the highest unemployment rates in October, 7.8 and 7.3 percent, respectively. The West North Central recorded the lowest jobless rate, 5.3 percent, followed closely by the West South Central at 5.4 percent and the Mountain at 5.5 percent. Four divisions reported statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate changes, all increases: the Pacific (+0.6 percentage point) and the Mountain, South Atlantic, and West South Central (+0.3 point each). Over the year, all nine divisions had significant rate increases: the Pacific (+2.4 percentage points), South Atlantic (+2.1 points), East South Central and Mountain (+1.7 points each), East North Central (+1.6 points), New England (+1.5 points), Middle Atlantic (+1.3 points), West South Central (+1.1 points), and West North Central (+0.9 point).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In October, Michigan and Rhode Island reported the highest jobless rates, 9.3 percent each. Twelve additional states recorded rates of 7.0 percent or more: California, 8.2 percent; South Carolina, 8.0 percent; Nevada, 7.6 percent; Alaska, 7.4 percent; Illinois, Ohio, and Oregon, 7.3 percent each; Mississippi, 7.2 percent; and Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, 7.0 percent each. The District of Columbia had a rate of 7.4 percent. South Dakota and Wyoming recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 3.3 percent each, followed by North Dakota, 3.4 percent; Utah, 3.5 percent; and Nebraska, 3.6 percent. Overall, 9 states and the District of Columbia registered significantly higher jobless rates than the U.S. figure of 6.5 percent, 26 states reported measurably lower rates, and 15 states had rates little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Oregon recorded the largest over-the-month unemployment rate increase in October (+0.9 percentage point). Eighteen additional states and the District of Columbia also experienced statistically significant rate increases. The remaining 31 states registered October unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes. (See table B.)

Forty-five states and the District of Columbia had statistically significant jobless rate increases from October 2007. Rhode Island reported the largest rate increase from a year earlier (+4.2 percentage points). The states with the next largest rate increases were Florida (+2.7 points), Idaho (+2.6 points), and California, Georgia, and Nevada (+2.5 points each). Thirty other states and the District of Columbia posted over-the-year rate increases of more than 1.0 percentage point, and 9 additional states had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate increases from October 2007. The remaining five states recorded October 2008 jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a year earlier. (See table C.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between September and October 2008, seven states registered statistically significant changes in employment, all of which were decreases. The statistically significant job losses occurred in Washington (-29,300), Florida (-27,300), Michigan (-19,600), Arizona (-17,700), Oregon (-14,100), Colorado (-10,600), and Mississippi (-6,900). (See tables D and 5.)

Over the year, 10 states experienced statistically significant changes in employment with only 2 of those being increases. The statistically significant job gains occurred in Texas (+230,400) and Wyo-

ming (+9,500). The largest statistically significant over-the-year decreases occurred in Florida (-156,200), California (-101,300), Michigan (-71,200), Arizona (-70,400), and Georgia (-61,100). (See table E.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, December 2. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for November is scheduled to be issued on Friday, December 19.

Hurricane Katrina

For October, BLS and its state partners continued to make modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (2) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (3) not publishing labor force estimates for the months immediately following the hurricane for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area and cities within those parishes, where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for October 2008, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., October 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate ^P
United States ¹	6.5
Arkansas	5.4
California	8.2
Colorado	5.7
Delaware	5.4
District of Columbia	7.4
Florida	7.0
Hawaii	4.5
Idaho	5.3
Illinois	7.3
Iowa	4.4
Kansas	4.9
Maine	5.7
Maryland	5.0
Massachusetts	5.5
Michigan	9.3
Montana	4.8
Nebraska	3.6
Nevada	7.6
New Hampshire	4.1
New Mexico	4.4
New York	5.7
North Dakota	3.4
Ohio	7.3
Oklahoma	4.3
Oregon	7.3
Pennsylvania	5.8
Rhode Island	9.3
South Carolina	8.0
South Dakota	3.3
Texas	5.6
Utah	3.5
Vermont	5.2
Virginia	4.4
West Virginia	4.7
Wisconsin	5.1
Wyoming	3.3

¹ Data are not preliminary.

^P = preliminary.

Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from September 2008 to October 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate		Over-the-month rate change ^P
	September 2008	October 2008 ^P	
Alaska	6.7	7.4	0.7
Arkansas	4.9	5.4	.5
California	7.7	8.2	.5
Colorado	5.2	5.7	.5
Delaware	4.8	5.4	.6
District of Columbia	7.0	7.4	.4
Florida	6.6	7.0	.4
Georgia	6.4	7.0	.6
Idaho	5.0	5.3	.3
Iowa	4.2	4.4	.2
Maryland	4.6	5.0	.4
Michigan	8.7	9.3	.6
Nevada	7.2	7.6	.4
New Mexico	4.0	4.4	.4
Oklahoma	3.8	4.3	.5
Oregon	6.4	7.3	.9
Rhode Island	8.8	9.3	.5
South Carolina	7.3	8.0	.7
Texas	5.1	5.6	.5
Washington	5.7	6.3	.6

^P = preliminary.

Table C. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from October 2007 to October 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	Rate		Over-the-year rate change ^p
	October 2007	October 2008 ^p	
Alabama	3.5	5.6	2.1
Alaska	6.2	7.4	1.2
Arizona	3.9	6.1	2.2
California	5.7	8.2	2.5
Colorado	3.9	5.7	1.8
Connecticut	4.8	6.5	1.7
Delaware	3.5	5.4	1.9
District of Columbia	5.7	7.4	1.7
Florida	4.3	7.0	2.7
Georgia	4.5	7.0	2.5
Hawaii	2.8	4.5	1.7
Idaho	2.7	5.3	2.6
Illinois	5.3	7.3	2.0
Indiana	4.5	6.4	1.9
Iowa	3.8	4.4	.6
Kansas	4.0	4.9	.9
Kentucky	5.4	6.8	1.4
Louisiana	3.6	5.5	1.9
Maine	4.9	5.7	.8
Maryland	3.6	5.0	1.4
Massachusetts	4.3	5.5	1.2
Michigan	7.5	9.3	1.8
Minnesota	4.6	6.0	1.4
Mississippi	6.3	7.2	.9
Missouri	5.4	6.5	1.1
Montana	3.2	4.8	1.6
Nebraska	3.1	3.6	.5
Nevada	5.1	7.6	2.5
New Hampshire	3.3	4.1	.8
New Jersey	4.2	6.0	1.8
New Mexico	3.3	4.4	1.1
New York	4.6	5.7	1.1
North Carolina	4.7	7.0	2.3
Ohio	5.7	7.3	1.6
Oregon	5.4	7.3	1.9
Pennsylvania	4.4	5.8	1.4
Rhode Island	5.1	9.3	4.2
South Carolina	6.0	8.0	2.0
South Dakota	2.9	3.3	.4
Tennessee	5.0	7.0	2.0
Texas	4.3	5.6	1.3
Utah	2.8	3.5	.7
Vermont	3.9	5.2	1.3
Virginia	3.2	4.4	1.2
Washington	4.6	6.3	1.7
Wisconsin	4.8	5.1	.3

^p = preliminary.

Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from September 2008 to October 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	September 2008	October 2008 ^P	Over-the-month change ^P
Arizona.....	2,611,300	2,593,600	-17,700
Colorado	2,366,200	2,355,600	-10,600
Florida	7,903,100	7,875,800	-27,300
Michigan	4,173,200	4,153,600	-19,600
Mississippi.....	1,145,500	1,138,600	-6,900
Oregon	1,725,000	1,710,900	-14,100
Washington	2,958,300	2,929,000	-29,300

^P = preliminary.

Table E. States with statistically significant employment changes from October 2007 to October 2008, seasonally adjusted

State	October 2007	October 2008 ^P	Over-the-year change ^P
Arizona.....	2,664,000	2,593,600	-70,400
California.....	15,168,000	15,066,700	-101,300
Florida.....	8,032,000	7,875,800	-156,200
Georgia.....	4,153,500	4,092,400	-61,100
Idaho.....	657,900	646,400	-11,500
Michigan.....	4,224,800	4,153,600	-71,200
Oregon.....	1,735,100	1,710,900	-24,200
Rhode Island.....	490,500	476,000	-14,500
Texas.....	10,435,500	10,665,900	230,400
Wyoming.....	290,600	300,100	9,500

^P = preliminary.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, and selected substate areas from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1 to 4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry sector 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 LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. *Employed* persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the 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 had 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 were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The *labor force* is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The *unemployment rate* is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Method of estimation. Estimates for 48 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, New York City, and the balances of California and New York State are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2005, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) programs. Estimates for the state of California are derived by summing the estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California. Similarly, estimates for New York State are derived by summing the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York State. Estimates for all nine census divisions and the five additional substate areas contained in this release (the Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor and Detroit-Warren-Livonia metropolitan areas and the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett metropolitan divisions) and their respective

balances of state are based on a similar regression approach that does not incorporate CES or UI data. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions and then calculating the unemployment rate. Each month, census division estimates are controlled to national totals; state estimates are then controlled to their respective division totals. Substate and balance-of-state estimates for the five areas noted above are controlled to their respective state totals. Estimates for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the CPS. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation. In most years, historical data for the most recent five years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to or coincident with the release of January estimates.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of modeled estimates of employment and unemployment levels is performed within the modeling procedure. Series are decomposed into trend, seasonal, and irregular components and survey error. This directly yields seasonally adjusted estimates for employment and unemployment levels with reliability measures. Labor force levels and unemployment rates are calculated from these two estimates.

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 on November 20, 2007. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>.

Employment—from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that 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 2007 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 39 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 that 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 surveys, administrative data, and modeling 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 specific estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. Unemployment rates are computed from unrounded data and thus may differ slightly from rates computed using the rounded data displayed in the tables.

Use of error measures. In 2005, the LAUS program introduced several improvements to its methodology. Among

these was the development of model-based error measures for the monthly estimates and the estimates of over-the-month changes. The introductory section of this release preserves the long-time practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in regional and state unemployment rates and state nonfarm payroll employment regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the analysis in the release takes statistical significance into consideration.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Model-based error measures for both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data and for over-the-month changes are available online at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in LAUS unemployment rates are statistically significant. The average magnitude of the current year over-the-month change in a state unemployment rate that is required in order to be statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level is between 0.3 and 0.4 percentage point. More details can be found on the Web site. Measures of nonsampling error are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in *Employment and Earnings Online* at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the total nonfarm and supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available online at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in CES employment levels are statistically significant. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the Internet 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 Online*.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment from the LAUS program, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 300 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) 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 Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available on the Internet 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 region and division, seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008
Northeast	27,952.9	28,202.0	28,327.3	28,364.2	1,250.8	1,648.7	1,621.4	1,648.8	4.5	5.8	5.7	5.8
New England	7,653.5	7,674.1	7,691.1	7,712.4	338.2	440.7	436.9	453.1	4.4	5.7	5.7	5.9
Middle Atlantic	20,299.4	20,528.0	20,636.2	20,651.8	912.6	1,208.0	1,184.5	1,195.7	4.5	5.9	5.7	5.8
South	54,597.7	55,233.4	55,284.4	55,371.2	2,412.1	3,175.8	3,248.5	3,404.1	4.4	5.7	5.9	6.1
South Atlantic	29,353.1	29,730.0	29,709.1	29,759.3	1,275.0	1,801.0	1,810.5	1,913.0	4.3	6.1	6.1	6.4
East South Central	8,600.8	8,578.6	8,588.8	8,579.7	417.7	550.6	578.2	565.8	4.9	6.4	6.7	6.6
West South Central	16,643.7	16,924.8	16,986.5	17,032.3	719.3	824.2	859.8	925.3	4.3	4.9	5.1	5.4
Midwest	34,930.7	34,918.9	34,933.6	34,867.8	1,846.2	2,323.7	2,255.6	2,319.1	5.3	6.7	6.5	6.7
East North Central	24,018.6	23,987.5	23,981.0	23,899.9	1,369.0	1,736.9	1,681.9	1,740.4	5.7	7.2	7.0	7.3
West North Central	10,912.1	10,931.4	10,952.6	10,967.9	477.2	586.7	573.7	578.7	4.4	5.4	5.2	5.3
West	35,654.8	36,007.2	36,170.0	36,303.1	1,751.9	2,384.4	2,392.9	2,565.9	4.9	6.6	6.6	7.1
Mountain	10,996.0	11,139.9	11,195.7	11,222.7	413.3	582.8	584.2	618.4	3.8	5.2	5.2	5.5
Pacific	24,658.9	24,867.3	24,974.2	25,080.4	1,338.6	1,801.6	1,808.6	1,947.5	5.4	7.2	7.2	7.8

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. 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. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Northeast	27,832.1	28,201.1	27,874.9	28,324.7	1,182.9	1,551.2	1,144.3	1,545.1	4.3	5.5	4.1	5.5
New England	7,626.6	7,661.9	7,631.5	7,700.8	324.3	421.0	301.9	417.1	4.3	5.5	4.0	5.4
Middle Atlantic	20,205.5	20,539.2	20,243.4	20,623.8	858.6	1,130.2	842.4	1,128.0	4.2	5.5	4.2	5.5
South	54,561.3	55,250.4	54,578.2	55,421.8	2,369.7	3,208.0	2,300.8	3,309.5	4.3	5.8	4.2	6.0
South Atlantic	29,312.6	29,679.3	29,328.6	29,772.0	1,244.9	1,798.4	1,236.9	1,885.4	4.2	6.1	4.2	6.3
East South Central	8,602.8	8,586.6	8,602.8	8,592.6	405.1	561.5	392.5	540.4	4.7	6.5	4.6	6.3
West South Central	16,646.0	16,984.5	16,646.7	17,057.2	719.7	848.0	671.3	883.7	4.3	5.0	4.0	5.2
Midwest	34,893.0	34,872.4	34,905.3	34,886.9	1,727.3	2,129.9	1,661.7	2,139.9	5.0	6.1	4.8	6.1
East North Central	23,999.9	23,946.0	24,003.6	23,914.3	1,272.1	1,582.8	1,236.5	1,612.0	5.3	6.6	5.2	6.7
West North Central	10,893.1	10,926.4	10,901.7	10,972.6	455.2	547.0	425.3	527.8	4.2	5.0	3.9	4.8
West	35,627.2	36,185.2	35,670.1	36,378.3	1,650.2	2,309.9	1,644.2	2,474.3	4.6	6.4	4.6	6.8
Mountain	10,998.7	11,220.4	11,012.3	11,256.2	390.3	570.6	388.5	597.3	3.5	5.1	3.5	5.3
Pacific	24,628.5	24,964.7	24,657.7	25,122.1	1,259.9	1,739.3	1,255.7	1,877.0	5.1	7.0	5.1	7.5

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The composition of the regions

and divisions is described in table 1. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P
Alabama	2,186.3	2,175.2	2,169.7	2,172.2	76.4	107.6	115.3	120.6	3.5	4.9	5.3	5.6
Alaska	353.1	360.9	360.0	360.7	22.0	24.8	24.3	26.5	6.2	6.9	6.7	7.4
Arizona	3,048.6	3,100.3	3,134.8	3,150.2	118.9	173.4	184.2	192.1	3.9	5.6	5.9	6.1
Arkansas	1,369.8	1,373.4	1,379.5	1,385.7	75.4	65.5	67.9	74.8	5.5	4.8	4.9	5.4
California	18,253.5	18,415.2	18,497.5	18,579.0	1,038.6	1,421.3	1,430.9	1,526.2	5.7	7.7	7.7	8.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,946.1	4,940.2	4,937.2	4,965.9	257.7	387.8	381.5	415.5	5.2	7.9	7.7	8.4
Colorado	2,729.2	2,745.0	2,749.4	2,752.6	107.1	147.6	142.6	155.8	3.9	5.4	5.2	5.7
Connecticut	1,876.7	1,890.4	1,898.8	1,910.4	89.4	122.5	116.7	124.8	4.8	6.5	6.1	6.5
Delaware	444.2	447.0	446.4	448.0	15.4	21.7	21.5	24.2	3.5	4.8	4.8	5.4
District of Columbia	326.6	332.4	332.3	330.1	18.6	22.9	23.1	24.6	5.7	6.9	7.0	7.4
Florida	9,208.2	9,326.0	9,344.3	9,361.4	398.0	613.2	619.4	655.0	4.3	6.6	6.6	7.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,195.4	1,205.5	1,214.0	1,208.3	45.5	67.0	69.7	70.4	3.8	5.6	5.7	5.8
Georgia	4,841.8	4,910.1	4,894.1	4,898.4	218.8	307.2	315.2	343.1	4.5	6.3	6.4	7.0
Hawaii	647.3	664.2	667.5	665.4	18.2	28.2	30.0	30.3	2.8	4.2	4.5	4.5
Idaho	756.9	754.8	759.4	759.7	20.2	34.4	37.7	40.3	2.7	4.6	5.0	5.3
Illinois	6,731.1	6,725.9	6,707.8	6,642.7	355.4	490.7	460.1	482.6	5.3	7.3	6.9	7.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,127.8	4,151.8	4,125.8	4,071.1	203.6	300.4	273.1	281.4	4.9	7.2	6.6	6.9
Indiana	3,206.1	3,250.0	3,252.5	3,245.1	143.0	207.6	202.4	207.6	4.5	6.4	6.2	6.4
Iowa	1,664.8	1,682.1	1,685.0	1,683.0	63.5	76.4	70.8	74.3	3.8	4.5	4.2	4.4
Kansas	1,481.1	1,493.6	1,501.2	1,502.2	58.9	70.1	72.5	73.9	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.9
Kentucky	2,044.6	2,039.9	2,047.4	2,044.7	109.4	139.1	145.7	138.7	5.4	6.8	7.1	6.8
Louisiana	2,003.3	2,048.9	2,053.6	2,061.9	71.4	96.2	106.5	114.3	3.6	4.7	5.2	5.5
Maine	705.4	711.0	711.7	710.7	34.4	39.4	39.9	40.2	4.9	5.5	5.6	5.7
Maryland	2,987.4	3,016.8	3,002.5	3,001.7	108.0	136.3	137.1	149.0	3.6	4.5	4.6	5.0
Massachusetts	3,404.6	3,412.9	3,413.6	3,423.5	147.5	178.9	182.1	187.3	4.3	5.2	5.3	5.5
Michigan	5,004.8	4,943.4	4,926.6	4,931.3	372.9	439.0	430.4	456.9	7.5	8.9	8.7	9.3
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,130.1	2,127.0	2,125.0	2,118.7	168.1	191.6	181.3	191.3	7.9	9.0	8.5	9.0
Minnesota	2,931.4	2,937.5	2,941.8	2,943.2	133.9	180.9	173.3	175.3	4.6	6.2	5.9	6.0
Mississippi	1,322.1	1,329.2	1,327.2	1,316.5	83.7	102.1	104.0	94.3	6.3	7.7	7.8	7.2
Missouri	3,041.9	3,007.6	3,010.2	3,026.7	164.3	200.5	194.8	195.3	5.4	6.7	6.5	6.5
Montana	502.0	505.4	507.3	502.8	15.9	22.1	23.4	24.4	3.2	4.4	4.6	4.8
Nebraska	987.6	996.3	999.9	998.8	31.1	34.7	35.5	36.4	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.6
Nevada	1,348.8	1,404.5	1,409.3	1,416.0	68.3	99.1	101.5	107.8	5.1	7.1	7.2	7.6
New Hampshire	738.8	744.0	746.3	744.5	24.7	31.1	30.9	30.5	3.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
New Jersey	4,460.3	4,525.5	4,540.2	4,552.7	185.5	267.4	264.1	273.3	4.2	5.9	5.8	6.0
New Mexico	945.1	957.9	958.0	961.6	31.4	44.3	38.6	41.8	3.3	4.6	4.0	4.4
New York	9,530.7	9,587.7	9,652.7	9,661.1	437.5	551.7	560.3	549.6	4.6	5.8	5.8	5.7
New York City	3,861.1	3,893.0	3,915.1	3,920.6	198.2	226.1	228.4	222.6	5.1	5.8	5.8	5.7
North Carolina	4,530.6	4,568.6	4,577.5	4,583.5	212.2	314.3	318.1	319.0	4.7	6.9	6.9	7.0
North Dakota	366.9	372.3	374.3	372.2	11.7	13.3	13.5	12.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.4
Ohio	5,984.1	5,994.7	6,000.4	5,988.4	343.8	445.2	433.0	434.7	5.7	7.4	7.2	7.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,094.2	1,084.4	1,085.4	1,080.6	65.2	81.4	77.4	75.7	6.0	7.5	7.1	7.0
Oklahoma	1,734.4	1,745.1	1,757.7	1,769.1	74.4	69.9	66.2	76.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.3
Oregon	1,936.1	1,952.7	1,961.6	1,972.0	105.2	126.3	124.7	144.4	5.4	6.5	6.4	7.3
Pennsylvania	6,289.3	6,403.4	6,444.9	6,446.2	275.9	372.2	367.9	371.7	4.4	5.8	5.7	5.8
Rhode Island	577.3	571.0	572.8	570.4	29.7	48.8	50.2	52.9	5.1	8.6	8.8	9.3
South Carolina	2,145.0	2,165.1	2,158.7	2,172.4	128.5	163.6	156.9	173.5	6.0	7.6	7.3	8.0
South Dakota	444.0	445.1	447.4	447.0	12.9	14.6	14.3	14.5	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.3
Tennessee	3,052.7	3,033.9	3,049.2	3,046.5	153.0	200.2	218.7	212.2	5.0	6.6	7.2	7.0
Texas	11,532.1	11,744.5	11,787.9	11,815.6	491.0	585.1	604.1	656.8	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.6
Utah	1,376.2	1,383.4	1,387.6	1,384.0	38.6	50.6	48.4	48.7	2.8	3.7	3.5	3.5
Vermont	352.9	351.1	353.2	356.3	13.7	17.3	18.3	18.6	3.9	4.9	5.2	5.2
Virginia	4,076.3	4,144.5	4,142.3	4,150.7	130.0	190.7	176.8	183.3	3.2	4.6	4.3	4.4
Washington	3,440.2	3,472.5	3,500.8	3,517.3	159.6	207.4	200.2	223.3	4.6	6.0	5.7	6.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,448.8	1,461.6	1,477.3	1,479.8	52.4	69.3	66.3	79.9	3.6	4.7	4.5	5.4
West Virginia	810.6	802.4	808.5	811.0	38.1	32.9	36.0	37.8	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.7
Wisconsin	3,089.5	3,075.3	3,089.4	3,089.3	149.7	156.4	153.4	158.9	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.1
Wyoming	288.7	292.6	293.6	293.8	8.3	11.5	9.7	9.7	2.9	3.9	3.3	3.3
Puerto Rico	1,370.0	1,371.3	1,370.2	1,364.0	156.3	162.1	160.4	164.1	11.4	11.8	11.7	12.0

P = preliminary.

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P	2007	2008	2007	2008P
Alabama	2,187.4	2,168.5	2,193.0	2,182.5	77.0	114.3	72.6	118.1	3.5	5.3	3.3	5.4
Alaska	354.4	360.4	350.7	358.2	20.0	21.9	19.0	23.8	5.6	6.1	5.4	6.7
Arizona	3,047.4	3,142.9	3,051.9	3,159.0	119.7	191.1	121.5	194.6	3.9	6.1	4.0	6.2
Arkansas	1,373.2	1,381.4	1,365.1	1,380.7	69.8	62.7	66.7	64.7	5.1	4.5	4.9	4.7
California	18,262.0	18,485.3	18,277.9	18,605.2	985.5	1,389.5	986.6	1,486.3	5.4	7.5	5.4	8.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,953.1	4,942.9	4,960.8	4,981.0	257.6	385.0	249.5	410.5	5.2	7.8	5.0	8.2
Colorado	2,740.0	2,762.3	2,739.6	2,765.1	103.1	136.4	99.8	147.4	3.8	4.9	3.6	5.3
Connecticut	1,862.3	1,886.8	1,870.2	1,907.4	83.2	111.9	79.9	116.0	4.5	5.9	4.3	6.1
Delaware	438.9	441.7	442.7	447.5	14.0	20.8	14.5	23.6	3.2	4.7	3.3	5.3
District of Columbia	325.4	331.6	325.1	329.8	19.3	23.6	17.8	24.7	5.9	7.1	5.5	7.5
Florida	9,206.8	9,373.4	9,205.4	9,379.0	409.5	643.6	400.5	660.4	4.4	6.9	4.4	7.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,187.0	1,209.4	1,200.7	1,215.5	48.3	73.7	49.4	74.4	4.1	6.1	4.1	6.1
Georgia	4,826.8	4,880.4	4,833.7	4,897.2	218.9	318.5	217.8	343.7	4.5	6.5	4.5	7.0
Hawaii	645.0	663.3	642.2	659.1	19.0	31.3	17.0	29.0	3.0	4.7	2.6	4.4
Idaho	756.3	758.1	758.1	761.6	15.1	32.4	15.7	35.4	2.0	4.3	2.1	4.7
Illinois	6,715.5	6,691.5	6,719.0	6,635.3	328.8	435.9	322.1	449.3	4.9	6.5	4.8	6.8
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	4,106.8	4,104.1	4,107.0	4,047.1	196.4	260.3	188.6	259.0	4.8	6.3	4.6	6.4
Indiana	3,204.5	3,249.6	3,208.7	3,253.1	132.4	189.2	131.0	195.0	4.1	5.8	4.1	6.0
Iowa	1,665.0	1,684.1	1,669.8	1,690.2	59.2	65.1	55.8	66.5	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.9
Kansas	1,475.5	1,495.8	1,474.9	1,497.6	58.6	71.9	52.6	67.0	4.0	4.8	3.6	4.5
Kentucky	2,043.9	2,045.4	2,029.6	2,033.8	103.6	136.8	96.7	127.0	5.1	6.7	4.8	6.2
Louisiana	2,001.7	2,052.8	2,010.4	2,070.8	77.6	107.3	66.5	108.7	3.9	5.2	3.3	5.3
Maine	705.0	710.7	707.2	712.8	30.2	35.2	31.1	36.9	4.3	5.0	4.4	5.2
Maryland	2,979.0	2,990.7	2,986.2	3,004.5	102.7	132.0	102.9	146.2	3.4	4.4	3.4	4.9
Massachusetts	3,393.3	3,396.4	3,389.1	3,411.8	148.7	180.5	130.7	170.1	4.4	5.3	3.9	5.0
Michigan	5,008.6	4,920.4	4,998.0	4,932.3	348.0	407.2	336.7	422.6	6.9	8.3	6.7	8.6
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,138.1	2,122.9	2,138.9	2,127.0	166.4	176.0	166.8	187.0	7.8	8.3	7.8	8.8
Minnesota	2,936.3	2,942.2	2,930.6	2,945.7	133.4	168.1	116.2	155.8	4.5	5.7	4.0	5.3
Mississippi	1,314.9	1,320.1	1,319.3	1,314.9	79.8	99.0	79.7	90.4	6.1	7.5	6.0	6.9
Missouri	3,025.8	2,992.4	3,030.6	3,021.5	155.8	187.0	154.4	184.7	5.1	6.2	5.1	6.1
Montana	500.5	505.6	499.7	506.0	12.0	19.3	13.3	21.6	2.4	3.8	2.7	4.3
Nebraska	979.3	991.0	985.4	998.0	27.1	31.5	26.8	31.9	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.2
Nevada	1,346.3	1,411.1	1,348.4	1,416.9	66.8	101.4	66.3	105.3	5.0	7.2	4.9	7.4
New Hampshire	735.4	742.1	735.6	741.6	23.2	28.8	22.1	27.8	3.2	3.9	3.0	3.7
New Jersey	4,441.6	4,512.0	4,447.1	4,539.5	180.6	251.9	169.9	255.3	4.1	5.6	3.8	5.6
New Mexico	943.6	956.6	946.2	964.4	31.2	36.7	29.0	39.3	3.3	3.8	3.1	4.1
New York	9,481.9	9,597.2	9,506.2	9,638.9	423.4	541.0	417.5	525.4	4.5	5.6	4.4	5.5
New York City	3,841.6	3,896.4	3,859.9	3,921.4	193.8	223.5	201.2	225.0	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.7
North Carolina	4,529.0	4,572.0	4,531.9	4,593.8	198.0	300.2	202.6	308.5	4.4	6.6	4.5	6.7
North Dakota	367.7	374.5	366.5	371.9	9.3	10.7	8.4	9.2	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.5
Ohio	5,983.3	5,998.2	5,993.7	6,005.5	328.6	415.7	318.2	408.1	5.5	6.9	5.3	6.8
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,095.3	1,084.0	1,090.8	1,075.8	64.5	75.1	59.3	67.6	5.9	6.9	5.4	6.3
Oklahoma	1,729.0	1,753.0	1,737.9	1,774.6	70.3	62.0	72.5	73.5	4.1	3.5	4.2	4.1
Oregon	1,936.9	1,962.8	1,939.1	1,974.8	92.1	113.4	93.6	134.1	4.8	5.8	4.8	6.8
Pennsylvania	6,281.9	6,430.1	6,290.1	6,445.4	254.6	337.3	255.0	347.3	4.1	5.2	4.1	5.4
Rhode Island	577.4	572.5	576.1	569.8	26.4	47.4	26.4	50.0	4.6	8.3	4.6	8.8
South Carolina	2,137.9	2,152.4	2,138.0	2,170.1	127.1	157.7	127.1	173.2	5.9	7.3	5.9	8.0
South Dakota	443.4	446.4	444.0	447.7	11.8	12.7	11.0	12.6	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.8
Tennessee	3,056.6	3,052.6	3,061.0	3,061.4	144.6	211.3	143.6	204.9	4.7	6.9	4.7	6.7
Texas	11,542.1	11,797.3	11,533.3	11,831.1	502.0	616.1	465.6	636.8	4.3	5.2	4.0	5.4
Utah	1,376.0	1,390.3	1,380.0	1,389.2	35.8	45.5	36.2	45.7	2.6	3.3	2.6	3.3
Vermont	353.2	353.4	353.3	357.3	12.6	17.2	11.6	16.4	3.6	4.9	3.3	4.6
Virginia	4,058.4	4,129.1	4,057.1	4,139.6	123.2	172.3	120.8	172.9	3.0	4.2	3.0	4.2
Washington	3,430.2	3,492.9	3,447.8	3,524.7	143.3	183.2	139.6	203.8	4.2	5.2	4.0	5.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,440.4	1,467.3	1,443.9	1,471.0	54.1	68.2	53.1	78.5	3.8	4.7	3.7	5.3
West Virginia	810.4	807.8	808.6	810.5	32.3	29.7	32.8	32.1	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.0
Wisconsin	3,088.1	3,086.4	3,084.2	3,088.1	134.2	134.8	128.5	137.1	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.4
Wyoming	288.7	293.7	288.5	293.9	6.6	7.8	6.7	8.0	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.7
Puerto Rico	1,362.7	1,362.7	1,366.5	1,357.6	150.8	162.9	162.5	171.9	11.1	12.0	11.9	12.7

P = preliminary.

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P
Alabama	2,011.3	2,013.6	2,011.3	2,008.9	113.8	113.5	112.7	112.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Alaska	315.5	319.4	318.8	317.8	17.4	16.6	17.0	17.1	13.2	12.7	13.0	13.0
Arizona	2,664.0	2,624.7	2,611.3	2,593.6	217.8	188.1	185.2	180.6	180.3	177.3	177.4	177.1
Arkansas	1,204.8	1,204.6	1,206.3	1,205.4	55.7	55.6	55.9	55.5	186.9	181.8	181.9	181.2
California	15,168.0	15,104.0	15,093.1	15,066.7	868.5	808.4	805.0	802.6	1,457.3	1,430.0	1,431.5	1,425.8
Colorado	2,344.1	2,367.9	2,366.2	2,355.6	167.9	164.1	163.2	161.5	145.9	143.5	142.6	142.5
Connecticut	1,702.2	1,704.7	1,702.4	1,698.8	69.2	68.0	67.7	67.5	190.9	189.2	188.4	188.3
Delaware ³	437.2	438.2	437.6	437.2	27.8	26.3	25.9	26.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
District of Columbia ³	698.5	716.3	707.7	709.2	12.7	12.9	13.1	13.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida	8,032.0	7,909.9	7,903.1	7,875.8	580.9	512.1	509.5	501.1	381.1	362.6	361.6	361.2
Georgia	4,153.5	4,115.1	4,097.5	4,092.4	219.0	208.3	203.4	200.6	424.9	406.9	405.3	404.2
Hawaii ³	623.1	624.9	622.2	621.3	39.4	39.3	38.7	38.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	657.9	653.9	648.9	646.4	51.8	47.7	47.6	46.3	65.5	61.7	62.0	61.4
Illinois	5,977.4	5,974.4	5,970.1	5,958.4	269.7	262.0	258.6	254.5	670.5	668.7	668.6	668.2
Indiana	2,994.6	2,978.1	2,967.2	2,962.5	152.0	149.7	149.7	149.3	546.6	530.6	525.6	520.1
Iowa	1,518.1	1,526.3	1,525.7	1,524.0	73.2	72.3	72.3	72.3	229.9	227.9	227.8	227.2
Kansas	1,382.8	1,391.2	1,390.2	1,391.6	65.9	66.6	66.0	65.1	186.3	181.4	185.8	185.4
Kentucky	1,874.5	1,877.4	1,865.5	1,862.1	86.2	84.8	84.3	81.9	253.9	245.4	242.8	238.4
Louisiana	1,936.0	1,956.8	1,940.7	1,945.7	136.0	139.2	137.5	139.1	158.9	157.0	155.5	154.8
Maine	617.9	616.1	614.8	613.9	30.8	29.4	29.6	28.9	58.8	58.7	58.5	58.2
Maryland ³	2,613.2	2,640.6	2,637.8	2,636.2	189.7	188.4	187.2	186.0	131.2	127.8	127.2	126.5
Massachusetts	3,282.0	3,294.3	3,291.2	3,284.2	137.6	134.8	133.9	131.6	294.0	290.8	290.5	289.6
Michigan	4,224.8	4,199.9	4,173.2	4,153.6	163.0	149.1	149.1	146.8	596.0	574.7	569.3	566.2
Minnesota	2,773.3	2,766.3	2,765.5	2,758.0	117.5	113.6	113.2	111.3	338.4	331.9	331.4	329.4
Mississippi	1,154.1	1,149.1	1,145.5	1,138.6	58.1	57.9	57.3	57.8	167.9	162.8	162.8	160.4
Missouri	2,804.1	2,783.8	2,784.6	2,789.9	148.5	146.9	145.2	145.7	297.2	283.3	286.3	286.6
Montana	444.4	451.7	449.0	449.9	32.6	31.5	30.5	30.8	20.3	20.5	20.4	20.6
Nebraska ³	968.7	976.4	978.9	975.4	51.2	51.5	51.5	51.7	101.9	100.6	101.2	100.6
Nevada	1,286.1	1,284.4	1,280.2	1,279.8	129.9	119.9	117.7	115.2	50.5	50.4	50.1	49.7
New Hampshire	653.2	657.0	656.9	656.7	28.5	27.7	27.7	27.5	77.8	77.8	76.9	76.6
New Jersey	4,073.8	4,065.4	4,061.4	4,055.4	171.0	167.0	166.5	166.3	310.6	301.6	299.9	297.9
New Mexico	845.4	848.4	846.5	846.3	58.8	58.2	57.6	57.4	36.7	34.4	34.4	34.2
New York	8,762.4	8,775.7	8,772.7	8,759.3	351.6	349.8	350.2	350.0	548.5	534.4	532.7	531.3
North Carolina	4,168.6	4,168.2	4,153.6	4,148.2	255.5	254.5	252.9	255.0	536.4	517.4	515.4	511.1
North Dakota	358.8	362.6	362.8	363.3	19.3	19.7	19.7	19.9	26.0	25.7	25.8	25.8
Ohio	5,410.9	5,405.7	5,402.6	5,393.6	224.4	217.8	218.2	216.2	765.4	756.7	756.9	752.9
Oklahoma	1,572.8	1,587.0	1,587.1	1,585.2	72.2	74.0	74.9	75.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Oregon	1,735.1	1,729.4	1,725.0	1,710.9	103.4	93.8	93.0	91.9	203.0	193.4	192.7	188.2
Pennsylvania	5,800.0	5,801.6	5,791.3	5,784.0	263.1	257.3	256.2	256.0	653.4	638.2	635.0	631.0
Rhode Island	490.5	479.5	478.4	476.0	21.5	21.0	20.8	20.4	50.2	47.6	47.5	47.0
South Carolina	1,959.1	1,960.8	1,940.5	1,938.3	130.2	111.4	110.8	111.7	248.6	243.6	241.6	240.2
South Dakota ³	408.2	415.4	414.9	413.0	23.5	23.9	23.8	23.8	42.0	43.5	43.2	43.1
Tennessee ³	2,797.9	2,785.6	2,782.5	2,776.6	138.7	138.0	137.4	137.7	377.1	369.4	368.3	366.3
Texas	10,435.5	10,646.6	10,642.9	10,665.9	652.4	671.9	669.9	668.7	935.7	930.5	928.7	925.1
Utah	1,255.0	1,258.4	1,255.2	1,255.0	104.1	90.7	90.6	89.4	128.1	127.3	126.4	126.3
Vermont	308.0	306.7	306.6	307.1	16.7	16.0	15.9	15.8	35.7	35.0	35.0	35.0
Virginia	3,758.0	3,781.5	3,784.6	3,778.6	238.1	234.6	233.1	231.4	275.4	273.3	273.4	273.9
Washington	2,947.4	2,971.3	2,958.3	2,929.0	207.3	200.5	198.0	195.5	295.6	298.5	297.6	271.5
West Virginia	757.5	757.5	758.7	759.1	38.3	37.6	37.8	37.9	58.6	57.3	56.8	56.7
Wisconsin	2,883.5	2,874.4	2,855.8	2,856.0	125.1	122.3	120.4	119.5	497.8	488.1	483.5	481.3
Wyoming	290.6	296.5	299.2	300.1	26.8	27.7	27.1	27.2	10.1	9.7	9.9	9.9

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			
	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P
Alabama	398.0	397.2	397.7	396.9	100.5	100.4	100.5	100.7	221.1	225.8	225.2	225.5
Alaska	63.2	64.3	63.8	63.5	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.5	24.6	25.5	25.7	25.3
Arizona	526.0	514.2	510.5	505.7	180.6	177.6	177.5	176.2	399.0	392.9	392.3	388.1
Arkansas	249.4	249.8	249.6	249.2	53.6	53.9	53.8	53.7	117.7	118.6	118.9	118.7
California	2,911.0	2,889.6	2,883.8	2,872.3	894.9	868.1	865.2	863.1	2,271.3	2,274.7	2,272.0	2,265.5
Colorado	431.2	435.5	434.8	432.2	158.7	157.6	156.7	156.1	351.2	354.4	352.3	349.0
Connecticut	311.8	310.8	310.6	309.6	143.4	143.1	142.7	142.0	205.5	205.4	204.5	204.2
Delaware ³	83.9	83.7	84.1	83.4	45.4	45.8	45.7	45.5	60.0	59.0	59.1	58.4
District of Columbia ³	27.4	27.9	28.0	28.0	28.8	28.3	28.3	28.4	155.5	157.7	156.8	157.2
Florida	1,612.8	1,587.5	1,578.2	1,574.5	539.8	531.4	529.3	527.9	1,325.9	1,284.8	1,284.0	1,279.0
Georgia	892.0	889.4	886.4	881.6	229.6	226.7	226.3	226.1	561.7	557.1	552.0	548.5
Hawaii ³	120.8	117.8	117.6	117.3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	132.6	131.1	130.2	128.1	32.4	32.1	31.8	31.9	83.6	82.0	80.2	80.9
Illinois	1,207.5	1,216.4	1,212.9	1,212.7	403.3	398.3	396.2	394.0	868.8	876.6	877.6	876.8
Indiana	589.4	583.7	583.0	584.3	138.4	139.2	139.0	138.9	290.7	286.0	285.6	286.2
Iowa	307.9	310.1	310.3	309.8	103.1	104.0	103.6	103.3	120.9	120.5	120.6	120.8
Kansas	263.3	264.6	263.6	262.4	74.3	74.0	73.9	73.8	146.1	147.0	147.6	147.5
Kentucky	387.6	393.1	391.4	390.2	94.1	92.8	92.7	92.9	180.2	179.3	178.4	178.1
Louisiana	384.0	386.5	385.7	386.0	97.0	96.5	96.7	98.2	202.6	204.1	201.9	202.6
Maine	126.2	125.2	124.8	123.9	33.1	32.7	32.4	32.3	54.0	55.7	55.5	55.8
Maryland ³	475.5	478.3	478.2	475.9	156.2	155.4	155.6	154.7	399.3	405.5	406.5	406.7
Massachusetts	569.8	567.4	568.0	565.3	224.3	222.7	221.7	221.5	483.2	489.0	488.1	489.2
Michigan	786.6	779.4	777.6	773.1	209.5	206.9	205.1	204.5	567.8	568.7	565.2	564.3
Minnesota	531.5	531.4	532.0	527.2	178.6	182.5	181.5	181.4	328.2	322.2	322.0	320.9
Mississippi	227.9	227.9	227.9	225.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	96.2	96.2	95.6	95.6
Missouri	549.0	552.1	550.6	547.8	167.7	164.2	163.3	163.8	338.5	337.3	338.0	338.1
Montana	93.0	93.5	92.9	93.1	21.8	22.0	21.7	21.7	40.4	40.5	40.3	40.3
Nebraska ³	206.0	207.1	205.8	205.0	69.1	70.9	71.4	71.0	105.4	109.5	109.4	108.2
Nevada	233.4	236.2	236.5	236.0	64.1	62.2	61.9	61.5	155.2	153.5	152.4	153.8
New Hampshire	142.2	143.8	143.1	143.8	38.8	39.1	39.0	39.0	66.2	68.6	68.3	68.2
New Jersey	875.2	872.9	872.8	870.3	271.8	266.2	264.4	263.7	610.9	615.7	615.9	616.1
New Mexico	144.6	146.3	145.9	145.6	35.3	34.5	34.5	34.6	108.0	108.4	107.5	106.4
New York	1,528.0	1,526.1	1,523.5	1,517.2	730.5	723.0	718.0	714.0	1,140.6	1,137.4	1,138.8	1,134.9
North Carolina	779.1	776.2	775.7	774.3	210.8	211.7	211.6	210.7	507.2	500.1	496.6	495.4
North Dakota	76.4	77.5	78.0	78.1	20.0	20.0	19.9	19.9	29.8	30.3	30.5	30.3
Ohio	1,047.5	1,048.9	1,047.0	1,042.8	299.8	298.2	298.2	298.8	664.0	667.2	666.5	664.7
Oklahoma	288.5	290.7	289.8	290.0	83.9	84.6	84.8	84.1	183.0	180.8	181.6	182.7
Oregon	340.4	338.6	337.3	336.2	105.7	102.6	103.7	102.0	198.4	198.7	197.5	194.7
Pennsylvania	1,131.0	1,127.8	1,126.2	1,115.7	331.6	328.4	326.9	328.1	708.7	712.2	710.4	713.8
Rhode Island	79.4	77.1	76.9	76.3	34.6	32.9	33.1	33.2	55.4	53.9	53.8	53.2
South Carolina	379.0	375.3	372.1	373.4	106.9	108.0	108.4	108.2	227.4	224.6	221.6	221.8
South Dakota ³	82.4	81.6	82.3	82.1	31.0	31.7	31.7	31.5	27.3	28.7	28.8	27.7
Tennessee ³	608.7	612.0	610.0	605.7	143.5	142.0	141.7	140.9	324.1	316.5	317.4	317.7
Texas	2,119.3	2,152.2	2,150.9	2,153.6	646.4	656.0	654.3	653.0	1,310.6	1,358.0	1,360.4	1,372.6
Utah	247.7	250.0	249.7	250.3	74.0	73.7	73.1	73.2	160.9	162.8	162.5	163.8
Vermont	59.0	58.7	58.9	58.6	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0	22.3	22.6	22.5	22.4
Virginia	665.9	666.4	667.2	663.5	193.0	192.2	191.4	191.2	645.7	653.5	653.4	653.6
Washington	553.9	556.2	553.8	552.6	154.3	152.4	151.5	151.4	346.1	352.4	352.3	349.4
West Virginia	143.1	140.7	140.1	140.5	29.9	29.4	29.4	29.2	60.4	61.0	61.0	60.8
Wisconsin	547.3	538.9	538.1	541.1	162.8	163.7	163.5	163.3	276.6	275.2	272.6	272.5
Wyoming	55.7	56.4	56.3	56.6	11.5	11.9	11.8	11.8	18.9	19.1	19.1	19.4

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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			
	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P	Oct. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008P
Alabama	209.6	210.1	209.7	209.6	174.0	174.6	174.8	174.6	376.8	382.4	381.0	381.7
Alaska	36.7	37.4	37.2	37.3	30.8	32.0	31.6	30.6	81.9	82.7	82.5	82.8
Arizona	307.0	316.3	316.3	317.5	274.3	273.1	269.6	267.7	428.5	438.0	434.7	434.8
Arkansas	155.4	158.2	158.4	159.1	99.4	100.8	101.0	100.5	211.6	210.1	210.9	211.4
California	1,676.4	1,721.0	1,726.1	1,728.5	1,556.1	1,562.8	1,563.2	1,564.1	2,515.8	2,533.7	2,530.4	2,531.6
Colorado	242.8	250.9	251.4	251.5	272.7	275.9	276.9	275.2	377.7	385.4	387.6	386.6
Connecticut	288.8	295.0	294.9	293.7	137.5	138.0	137.3	138.0	250.9	251.6	252.7	252.3
Delaware ³	58.7	60.1	60.2	60.4	40.4	40.4	40.2	40.2	60.9	62.1	62.2	62.3
District of Columbia ³	98.8	106.6	104.1	103.2	55.3	56.5	56.3	55.5	233.9	238.9	232.7	235.0
Florida	1,015.7	1,045.4	1,050.4	1,050.8	930.4	941.9	944.8	939.8	1,134.4	1,141.2	1,140.8	1,139.1
Georgia	462.0	466.8	467.0	472.0	397.7	397.4	396.2	393.9	678.5	676.5	673.5	676.9
Hawaii ³	72.5	74.5	74.6	74.3	109.0	107.8	107.1	106.6	122.7	126.4	125.1	126.2
Idaho	73.7	76.9	76.2	76.0	64.3	63.9	63.0	62.9	119.4	122.7	122.0	123.4
Illinois	784.2	790.8	791.1	790.1	529.3	529.5	529.6	527.9	855.2	846.8	852.9	850.2
Indiana	401.4	403.7	404.8	404.5	282.7	285.8	285.1	283.4	433.7	438.7	434.6	436.2
Iowa	203.0	207.0	206.3	206.4	136.0	138.6	138.5	137.7	250.6	252.9	253.3	253.2
Kansas	171.8	173.9	172.9	173.1	115.2	115.2	115.3	115.3	258.2	266.0	262.6	266.3
Kentucky	240.9	241.2	240.2	241.2	174.5	171.6	171.8	171.8	328.2	338.0	335.5	338.2
Louisiana	250.0	255.3	253.4	253.5	196.5	199.5	197.3	198.5	363.8	370.5	364.6	364.8
Maine	116.0	117.6	117.5	117.6	60.0	59.6	59.4	59.5	105.1	103.5	103.7	104.4
Maryland ³	377.0	385.1	386.2	386.7	235.9	239.9	239.3	242.1	478.2	489.6	486.2	485.0
Massachusetts	626.2	640.5	639.8	638.9	301.0	302.9	302.1	300.5	435.3	435.8	437.2	437.8
Michigan	597.5	606.8	609.1	609.7	402.6	404.2	405.5	401.5	652.8	663.4	646.0	642.8
Minnesota	434.3	438.3	439.8	441.5	248.2	247.8	246.6	247.6	416.8	419.9	420.7	421.4
Mississippi	127.0	129.2	128.7	128.8	127.2	124.9	123.4	121.7	243.8	243.4	242.1	241.4
Missouri	386.2	391.3	393.1	393.6	282.4	278.8	277.6	279.3	443.6	442.8	444.0	447.5
Montana	59.4	61.1	60.5	60.6	58.7	59.6	59.9	60.4	85.1	89.0	89.2	88.7
Nebraska ³	133.2	135.5	136.5	136.9	82.8	83.9	85.0	84.1	164.8	163.5	164.1	164.1
Nevada	93.4	95.7	96.2	96.7	337.2	337.7	337.4	338.5	157.9	163.9	163.3	163.7
New Hampshire	104.8	106.0	106.3	107.3	64.7	63.8	63.7	63.7	94.5	94.2	96.2	94.5
New Jersey	583.8	590.9	591.8	593.0	339.7	337.8	337.9	336.3	647.2	646.6	646.5	646.6
New Mexico	112.0	116.0	115.7	116.4	88.2	86.9	86.3	86.8	196.5	197.5	197.8	198.4
New York	1,615.4	1,632.2	1,640.5	1,640.0	701.2	711.1	708.8	706.3	1,508.4	1,519.8	1,518.9	1,519.4
North Carolina	519.5	536.0	537.5	540.8	396.8	403.2	398.8	401.4	701.2	708.0	705.8	705.0
North Dakota	51.2	51.6	51.4	51.7	33.0	33.6	33.7	33.1	75.2	75.8	75.3	75.8
Ohio	794.7	803.8	802.9	803.7	496.4	500.6	500.0	499.4	798.6	794.5	795.5	797.3
Oklahoma	194.7	196.8	196.9	196.1	141.1	143.5	142.6	142.6	319.3	318.6	317.1	317.8
Oregon	213.2	223.1	223.8	224.3	173.7	175.5	174.0	171.9	292.1	300.6	299.9	298.7
Pennsylvania	1,082.1	1,102.7	1,102.9	1,103.4	499.6	503.6	501.9	503.3	743.6	747.4	748.2	748.9
Rhode Island	99.5	100.2	99.9	100.4	51.4	50.3	50.5	50.5	64.6	63.3	63.2	62.2
South Carolina	203.5	209.6	209.6	208.1	219.8	227.5	221.7	220.4	337.1	353.0	347.8	347.3
South Dakota ³	60.6	62.5	62.9	62.9	43.1	42.9	42.9	43.4	75.3	77.8	76.6	75.7
Tennessee ³	352.7	358.3	358.9	359.1	277.6	270.9	271.3	271.1	423.2	426.3	424.9	425.4
Texas	1,268.8	1,298.3	1,299.8	1,303.5	989.2	1,024.4	1,024.3	1,023.8	1,725.8	1,751.9	1,749.9	1,758.8
Utah	141.8	146.9	147.9	147.6	112.5	115.3	115.2	113.9	206.9	212.0	210.9	211.1
Vermont	57.2	58.3	58.2	58.1	33.2	33.0	32.5	33.3	53.8	54.0	54.1	54.1
Virginia	418.7	431.7	431.2	429.7	347.7	345.2	345.6	345.2	687.0	698.5	700.5	700.3
Washington	351.2	354.7	355.2	355.2	285.0	289.3	288.0	287.9	537.1	547.3	541.1	545.4
West Virginia	114.8	116.6	116.6	116.1	71.8	71.5	73.0	73.2	144.9	145.8	145.5	146.0
Wisconsin	400.3	409.5	405.8	407.0	263.1	260.1	258.8	255.6	418.8	427.5	424.7	425.4
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	33.9	34.1	34.7	35.1	67.5	68.4	70.5	70.1

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

² 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.

³ 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 2007 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the conversion to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing NAICS 2002. See <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saenaics07.htm> for more details.

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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	2,013.6	2,012.1	2,014.2	2,011.3	12.8	12.9	12.7	12.8	114.5	113.3	114.6	112.8	296.5	287.2	295.2	285.5
Alaska	332.2	333.7	314.6	316.7	14.4	15.5	14.5	15.3	20.2	20.0	18.9	18.6	15.7	15.3	11.2	11.0
Arizona	2,670.4	2,611.1	2,679.8	2,608.9	11.9	12.7	12.1	12.7	224.3	186.5	220.5	182.9	180.6	177.3	180.3	177.1
Arkansas	1,211.3	1,214.7	1,211.9	1,212.3	10.0	10.6	10.1	10.7	57.4	57.4	56.3	56.1	187.3	182.5	187.0	181.2
California	15,193.2	15,104.1	15,228.6	15,127.7	26.8	27.8	26.6	28.0	906.8	827.1	884.0	817.9	1,474.7	1,447.7	1,460.2	1,428.6
Colorado	2,352.2	2,373.9	2,348.5	2,360.2	25.7	29.1	25.9	29.1	173.1	168.2	171.6	165.4	147.1	142.9	146.1	142.7
Connecticut	1,704.0	1,703.9	1,712.5	1,709.0	.8	.8	.8	.8	71.8	70.6	71.4	69.7	190.8	188.0	190.8	188.1
Delaware	437.8	439.3	438.4	438.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	28.2	26.3	28.2	26.5	32.5	32.4	33.0	32.6
District of Columbia ..	690.7	704.3	699.5	710.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.0	13.2	12.8	13.1	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
Florida	7,984.7	7,869.1	8,022.4	7,870.3	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4	584.1	509.6	583.0	502.9	383.7	361.6	380.2	360.2
Georgia	4,154.3	4,105.8	4,171.4	4,110.1	11.8	11.3	11.8	11.3	221.6	205.1	221.2	202.6	428.3	406.9	424.9	404.1
Hawaii	622.4	620.2	623.4	621.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	39.8	38.7	39.7	38.5	15.2	15.1	15.0	15.0
Idaho	667.5	658.5	664.5	652.7	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.6	54.7	50.5	53.8	48.3	66.0	62.3	65.7	61.6
Illinois	6,024.3	6,010.0	6,029.2	6,009.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	285.2	274.0	283.3	268.1	674.2	669.2	670.3	668.0
Indiana	3,021.1	2,994.2	3,025.9	2,993.9	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	157.3	154.7	156.9	154.2	549.8	527.5	547.6	521.1
Iowa	1,527.3	1,533.0	1,534.5	1,540.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	77.7	76.8	77.0	76.1	230.5	228.1	230.3	227.6
Kansas	1,391.0	1,393.5	1,393.7	1,402.3	9.1	9.6	9.1	9.7	68.3	67.6	67.2	66.5	186.6	185.8	186.6	185.7
Kentucky	1,877.9	1,873.4	1,885.3	1,872.6	22.2	22.9	22.2	23.1	88.7	86.5	88.4	84.1	255.6	243.7	254.9	239.3
Louisiana	1,933.1	1,940.2	1,941.2	1,951.1	51.7	52.1	51.6	52.2	135.8	138.0	137.2	140.3	159.4	155.9	159.9	155.8
Maine	628.8	625.6	626.3	622.2	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.7	32.8	31.2	32.3	30.4	59.5	58.9	58.8	58.2
Maryland	2,618.6	2,645.0	2,627.9	2,650.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	194.1	190.9	193.0	189.3	131.4	127.5	131.5	126.8
Massachusetts	3,299.9	3,309.2	3,310.0	3,314.5	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	144.8	140.0	142.6	136.5	294.6	290.5	293.8	289.4
Michigan	4,297.2	4,215.8	4,282.8	4,210.6	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.4	178.0	162.0	174.2	158.0	614.8	574.9	600.2	570.1
Minnesota	2,787.9	2,771.3	2,796.9	2,780.0	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.1	129.9	124.4	127.4	120.7	343.7	334.0	341.0	331.8
Mississippi	1,160.1	1,148.0	1,159.0	1,143.6	9.6	9.9	9.6	10.0	59.1	58.2	59.0	58.7	168.9	162.4	168.1	160.5
Missouri	2,817.4	2,798.8	2,819.1	2,804.1	6.3	5.2	6.3	5.2	151.9	149.5	151.7	148.9	299.0	286.7	296.3	285.6
Montana	455.0	455.4	449.2	454.5	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.4	34.6	32.7	34.7	32.9	20.3	20.5	20.5	20.8
Nebraska	969.2	978.9	972.1	978.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	53.6	53.9	52.6	53.1	101.2	101.0	101.9	100.6
Nevada	1,291.7	1,284.1	1,294.1	1,287.4	12.2	12.1	12.3	11.9	134.6	120.3	132.6	117.6	50.6	50.2	50.6	49.8
New Hampshire	659.7	663.1	658.1	661.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	30.3	29.1	29.8	28.8	78.2	77.3	78.1	76.9
New Jersey	4,073.3	4,060.2	4,093.7	4,075.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	177.4	172.7	175.9	171.2	312.3	301.0	311.4	298.7
New Mexico	850.4	853.3	849.9	850.9	19.4	20.5	19.6	20.6	60.0	59.2	59.9	58.5	37.7	35.2	37.3	34.8
New York	8,752.3	8,769.4	8,831.5	8,828.6	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	371.1	369.1	367.1	365.4	553.3	535.6	550.9	533.5
North Carolina	4,184.7	4,176.1	4,198.1	4,177.0	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	257.9	255.1	257.0	256.5	537.0	517.2	536.2	510.9
North Dakota	363.7	367.6	365.0	369.5	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.8	21.6	22.0	21.0	21.6	26.2	26.1	26.4	26.2
Ohio	5,449.6	5,430.2	5,456.6	5,439.1	12.0	12.4	12.0	12.3	236.7	230.0	234.8	226.4	771.7	758.8	767.6	755.1
Oklahoma	1,579.3	1,592.3	1,582.6	1,595.3	47.4	54.0	48.3	54.5	72.8	75.4	72.5	75.5	150.5	152.3	149.6	151.0
Oregon	1,742.4	1,732.5	1,753.9	1,729.4	9.6	8.7	9.5	8.7	109.2	97.9	107.4	95.9	206.9	196.2	206.0	191.2
Pennsylvania	5,816.2	5,812.2	5,851.0	5,834.6	21.8	22.3	21.7	22.3	276.2	268.8	273.5	266.3	657.3	637.3	655.1	632.7
Rhode Island	496.0	483.0	497.1	482.5	.3	.2	.3	.2	22.8	21.9	22.4	21.3	51.0	47.9	50.8	47.6
South Carolina	1,963.4	1,945.0	1,970.0	1,949.1	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	129.5	111.3	130.7	112.1	249.3	241.5	248.5	240.1
South Dakota	411.3	417.5	410.2	415.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	25.1	25.2	24.4	24.7	41.7	43.1	42.0	43.1
Tennessee	2,820.5	2,798.5	2,808.5	2,786.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	141.7	140.5	139.6	138.5	378.9	369.4	377.2	366.3
Texas	10,419.6	10,658.2	10,470.4	10,701.8	209.1	225.7	210.6	227.2	654.0	673.9	656.6	673.2	937.5	930.9	937.4	926.8
Utah	1,264.1	1,264.8	1,262.6	1,262.4	11.1	11.8	11.2	12.2	108.1	94.5	106.5	91.7	128.3	126.9	128.4	126.6
Vermont	310.0	309.2	312.1	311.2	.9	.9	.9	.9	18.0	17.3	17.8	16.9	35.8	35.1	35.9	35.2
Virginia	3,770.0	3,792.2	3,777.6	3,798.2	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	241.9	236.7	241.4	234.6	277.3	274.1	275.9	274.3
Washington	2,962.8	2,977.3	2,972.8	2,954.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	217.4	207.3	214.5	202.6	299.5	301.3	298.8	274.6
West Virginia	761.2	762.3	763.8	765.3	28.9	31.1	28.8	31.2	40.0	39.9	40.3	39.9	58.8	57.0	58.6	56.7
Wisconsin	2,902.7	2,872.2	2,909.8	2,882.5	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	133.6	127.9	132.0	126.4	502.4	487.5	498.3	481.8
Wyoming	295.0	304.6	292.7	302.2	27.5	29.6	27.8	29.6	28.1	29.0	28.2	28.6	10.1	10.0	10.4	10.2
Puerto Rico	1,022.1	992.8	1,023.4	993.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	65.9	67.2	66.1	66.4	105.8	101.0	105.4	100.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	396.3	396.0	397.6	396.4	27.9	28.4	28.3	28.4	100.5	100.9	100.7	100.9	221.9	226.1	222.4	226.7
Alaska	66.9	66.5	62.5	62.6	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.1	15.1	14.8	14.9	14.6	26.1	26.9	24.6	25.3
Arizona	520.1	504.8	524.6	504.3	42.5	40.1	42.4	39.6	180.8	177.3	180.6	176.2	401.6	392.0	401.0	390.0
Arkansas	249.8	249.6	250.0	249.7	19.9	20.1	19.9	19.9	53.6	54.0	53.5	53.6	118.3	120.3	118.8	119.8
California	2,915.6	2,884.6	2,922.2	2,883.2	481.7	473.8	473.4	472.1	896.5	865.2	894.6	862.7	2,276.9	2,280.0	2,281.7	2,275.9
Colorado	430.4	433.9	432.2	433.2	76.2	76.3	76.9	77.1	158.8	156.8	158.3	155.7	355.3	356.8	354.3	352.2
Connecticut	310.1	308.5	312.0	309.7	38.8	38.7	38.8	38.4	144.2	142.6	143.5	142.1	207.6	206.7	206.4	204.9
Delaware	83.3	83.8	84.1	83.6	6.9	7.1	6.8	7.1	45.5	45.7	45.5	45.6	60.0	59.0	60.2	58.6
District of Columbia ..	27.4	27.9	27.5	28.1	21.3	21.0	21.2	20.9	28.7	28.3	28.7	28.3	153.7	156.7	155.4	157.1
Florida	1,593.1	1,563.5	1,605.1	1,566.7	160.3	154.7	160.4	152.4	537.4	528.6	539.5	527.7	1,314.5	1,280.3	1,324.1	1,277.1
Georgia	886.0	883.4	895.7	885.2	114.3	115.0	115.0	115.5	230.7	226.5	229.9	226.4	563.5	554.3	566.5	553.3
Hawaii	120.5	117.2	120.6	117.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.5	29.9	29.5	29.9	29.5	76.3	76.4	76.0	76.0
Idaho	133.3	131.1	133.7	129.1	10.9	11.3	10.9	11.3	32.4	32.0	32.6	32.1	85.6	82.2	84.5	81.7
Illinois	1,212.2	1,214.8	1,213.5	1,218.6	116.3	114.2	116.6	114.4	402.2	395.7	403.2	393.9	882.2	890.9	883.7	891.6
Indiana	585.7	581.8	589.4	584.3	40.2	40.4	40.3	40.3	138.7	139.3	138.4	138.9	295.4	290.4	295.9	291.4
Iowa	308.0	309.4	308.9	310.6	33.2	32.8	33.1	33.0	103.1	103.5	103.0	103.2	122.1	122.0	122.4	122.3
Kansas	264.1	263.0	264.4	263.4	40.5	40.4	40.1	40.5	74.4	73.8	74.4	73.9	147.4	148.6	147.0	148.4
Kentucky	385.6	390.4	388.9	391.4	30.1	29.7	30.2	29.6	93.3	92.8	93.9	92.7	182.2	179.9	183.2	181.0
Louisiana	383.1	383.7	383.4	385.3	26.4	26.2	26.3	26.6	96.7	97.2	97.0	98.2	202.2	202.1	202.8	202.9
Maine	126.7	125.5	127.8	125.4	11.1	10.8	11.2	10.9	33.2	32.5	33.1	32.3	54.6	56.0	54.4	56.2
Maryland	474.9	476.6	477.1	477.4	51.0	50.9	51.1	50.9	156.4	155.7	155.9	154.4	399.4	409.3	401.2	408.5
Massachusetts	569.9	566.5	573.5	569.0	88.7	88.9	89.2	88.9	224.0	222.1	223.3	220.5	486.1	492.9	487.1	493.0
Michigan	788.0	776.8	790.6	777.2	65.2	63.0	64.9	63.0	209.9	205.1	208.6	203.6	579.9	575.8	577.9	574.3
Minnesota	528.1	528.3	532.9	528.5	57.7	56.7	57.7	56.4	178.7	180.9	178.0	180.8	332.3	325.7	333.1	325.7
Mississippi	227.1	226.8	227.4	225.1	13.3	13.2	13.3	13.2	47.0	47.0	46.6	46.8	95.9	95.5	96.3	95.7
Missouri	548.1	549.7	550.2	548.7	63.7	62.6	64.0	62.8	168.4	163.7	167.7	163.7	340.8	340.7	341.1	340.7
Montana	93.1	93.2	93.1	93.2	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	21.8	21.7	21.8	21.7	41.4	41.5	41.4	41.3
Nebraska	204.7	204.4	206.0	205.0	19.5	18.8	19.4	18.8	69.2	71.0	68.8	70.7	105.6	109.4	105.7	108.4
Nevada	232.7	235.9	234.2	236.8	15.7	15.3	15.4	15.5	64.4	62.1	64.2	61.6	156.0	152.3	156.1	154.6
New Hampshire	141.8	142.8	142.8	144.4	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.1	38.6	39.0	38.6	38.8	66.8	69.2	66.7	68.7
New Jersey	873.6	871.0	879.5	874.5	97.7	98.3	98.0	98.3	273.7	264.1	271.4	263.3	615.8	622.3	615.3	620.7
New Mexico	144.7	146.3	145.3	146.4	17.3	16.8	16.2	16.3	35.2	34.5	35.2	34.5	109.2	108.4	109.0	107.4
New York	1,526.2	1,523.2	1,536.9	1,525.9	265.2	266.9	267.3	267.0	731.2	718.3	729.6	713.1	1,141.9	1,144.7	1,150.9	1,145.2
North Carolina	777.0	776.0	782.9	778.0	72.4	71.8	72.5	72.4	212.8	212.4	211.7	211.7	508.7	500.3	511.9	499.9
North Dakota	76.1	77.7	76.7	78.4	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	19.9	30.0	30.7	30.2	30.7
Ohio	1,047.8	1,044.2	1,052.3	1,047.5	87.2	85.9	86.9	86.0	299.7	298.6	299.7	298.7	675.4	674.8	673.1	674.0
Oklahoma	288.6	289.2	288.5	290.1	28.4	28.6	28.9	28.7	83.9	84.7	84.1	84.3	184.2	183.6	183.4	183.1
Oregon	343.4	340.1	343.4	339.0	36.6	35.3	36.2	35.1	106.3	104.5	105.6	101.9	201.0	201.0	200.9	197.2
Pennsylvania	1,130.4	1,122.6	1,139.4	1,123.7	107.2	105.7	107.4	104.9	331.5	327.0	330.6	327.1	710.9	715.1	714.1	718.9
Rhode Island	79.7	77.1	80.2	77.1	10.4	10.8	10.5	10.7	34.6	33.2	34.5	33.1	56.6	54.7	56.7	54.4
South Carolina	375.6	370.5	378.8	373.2	28.0	27.6	28.0	27.5	107.2	108.4	106.5	107.8	229.6	223.6	231.9	226.3
South Dakota	81.8	82.2	82.7	82.5	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	31.1	31.6	30.9	31.4	27.9	28.7	27.5	27.9
Tennessee	612.5	610.7	612.1	609.0	49.9	49.5	49.7	49.4	144.3	141.8	143.6	141.0	328.0	320.8	325.6	319.1
Texas	2,108.7	2,147.5	2,118.8	2,153.0	219.8	217.5	220.8	218.2	645.4	655.5	647.2	653.9	1,306.2	1,365.0	1,317.1	1,379.2
Utah	247.2	249.8	248.2	250.8	32.4	31.8	32.2	31.8	74.4	73.2	74.4	73.6	162.4	164.3	162.1	165.0
Vermont	58.6	58.5	59.4	59.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	13.2	13.0	13.1	13.0	22.7	22.8	22.6	22.7
Virginia	665.6	663.0	668.4	665.9	90.3	89.8	90.1	89.2	193.3	191.7	192.8	191.0	647.8	656.2	648.4	656.3
Washington	555.9	556.7	558.4	557.1	103.5	106.4	103.4	105.9	154.9	152.4	154.5	151.6	352.0	357.4	349.9	353.2
West Virginia	143.1	140.7	143.9	141.3	11.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	29.8	29.3	29.9	29.2	61.1	61.1	60.8	61.2
Wisconsin	547.1	537.9	550.7	544.5	50.3	49.7	50.3	49.8	162.3	163.4	162.5	163.0	282.2	277.6	282.0	277.9
Wyoming	56.0	57.0	55.7	56.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	11.6	11.8	11.5	11.8	19.2	19.5	18.9	19.5
Puerto Rico	181.0	171.5	181.6	171.1	22.3	21.6	22.2	21.3	48.4	46.3	49.2	46.0	106.4	100.3	105.8	99.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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			
	September		October		September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^P
Alabama	209.7	209.8	210.4	210.3	175.7	175.9	172.4	172.9	80.6	80.3	80.1	80.0	377.2	381.3	379.8	384.6
Alaska	36.5	37.1	36.5	37.1	35.8	35.4	29.2	29.0	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.6	82.8	83.5	83.6	84.5
Arizona	306.4	316.8	308.2	318.8	269.9	265.9	273.1	266.5	96.2	95.0	96.2	93.8	436.1	442.7	440.8	447.0
Arkansas	155.6	159.2	156.5	160.2	100.9	102.4	99.0	100.1	45.3	45.7	45.0	45.4	213.2	212.9	215.8	215.6
California	1,668.5	1,718.6	1,689.7	1,742.6	1,565.4	1,575.5	1,552.7	1,560.8	517.7	515.4	517.6	514.0	2,462.6	2,488.4	2,525.9	2,541.9
Colorado	241.4	250.7	243.2	251.9	271.6	276.3	262.6	264.8	93.2	94.4	92.4	94.1	379.4	388.5	385.0	394.0
Connecticut	288.3	294.2	292.9	298.0	139.1	139.8	136.3	136.8	64.1	63.8	64.3	63.6	248.4	250.2	255.3	256.9
Delaware	58.4	60.1	58.8	60.5	42.3	42.1	40.1	39.9	20.1	20.9	20.4	21.2	60.6	61.9	61.3	62.7
District of Columbia	97.0	102.7	101.4	105.8	55.5	56.3	55.7	55.9	62.5	65.6	62.9	66.0	229.9	231.0	232.2	233.3
Florida	1,012.9	1,050.6	1,020.3	1,055.4	908.7	921.3	909.9	919.0	343.0	340.7	342.6	342.1	1,140.6	1,151.8	1,150.8	1,160.4
Georgia	459.5	467.0	464.6	474.6	398.0	398.1	396.0	392.2	160.7	160.5	160.8	161.3	679.9	677.7	685.0	683.6
Hawaii	73.0	74.5	72.6	74.3	109.5	107.2	108.6	106.1	26.8	27.6	26.9	27.5	120.9	123.4	123.5	127.0
Idaho	74.4	76.4	74.3	76.6	66.2	65.3	63.0	61.6	19.6	20.2	19.3	19.8	119.5	122.2	122.0	126.0
Illinois	782.4	790.9	789.8	795.7	544.0	541.9	531.4	530.0	260.2	257.2	260.7	257.9	855.5	851.3	866.8	861.8
Indiana	403.4	406.2	406.6	409.7	288.4	290.2	283.7	284.4	111.9	111.9	111.8	111.7	443.0	444.6	448.1	450.7
Iowa	202.1	205.2	207.1	210.6	140.3	142.1	135.9	137.5	57.6	57.8	57.8	57.7	250.4	253.0	256.7	259.5
Kansas	173.4	173.5	172.7	174.0	116.1	116.2	115.3	115.4	52.7	52.1	52.5	52.5	258.4	262.9	264.4	272.3
Kentucky	241.5	240.3	241.7	242.0	175.3	174.3	174.0	171.3	76.3	75.9	76.5	76.6	327.1	337.0	331.4	341.5
Louisiana	249.8	253.2	250.9	254.4	195.0	197.8	195.9	197.9	69.3	69.3	69.0	69.3	363.7	367.7	367.2	368.2
Maine	116.0	117.3	117.2	118.8	67.4	66.6	60.4	59.9	20.0	20.1	20.0	19.9	104.7	104.0	108.2	107.5
Maryland	374.5	384.6	378.0	387.6	242.8	246.6	234.7	240.9	118.0	120.1	118.3	120.9	476.1	482.8	487.1	494.0
Massachusetts	622.9	636.6	634.7	647.5	314.2	314.4	304.9	304.2	119.6	118.8	118.7	118.1	433.4	437.0	440.6	445.8
Michigan	598.6	608.7	601.7	613.8	420.8	418.8	403.5	402.3	177.9	176.0	176.3	174.2	656.3	647.2	677.2	666.7
Minnesota	429.8	437.4	435.8	442.8	256.5	254.6	247.2	246.5	116.1	115.3	116.2	114.9	408.9	407.9	421.4	425.8
Mississippi	127.5	128.8	127.6	129.4	127.6	124.3	127.1	121.6	37.1	37.7	36.7	37.6	247.0	244.2	247.3	245.0
Missouri	386.6	393.7	388.2	395.4	288.6	284.3	283.7	280.5	120.5	118.9	120.4	119.3	443.5	443.8	449.5	453.3
Montana	59.2	60.6	59.8	61.0	61.3	62.8	57.4	59.0	17.1	17.8	17.0	17.7	85.5	88.6	87.3	90.8
Nebraska	133.2	136.7	133.3	137.0	83.8	85.3	82.1	83.4	34.8	35.0	35.1	35.2	163.6	163.4	167.2	166.6
Nevada	92.9	96.1	93.4	96.7	339.1	339.8	337.0	338.2	37.3	37.8	36.9	37.5	156.2	162.2	161.4	167.2
New Hampshire	104.6	106.3	104.7	107.2	68.2	66.6	63.7	62.8	22.4	22.6	22.1	22.7	95.4	96.9	98.2	98.2
New Jersey	577.3	587.8	585.4	594.6	350.3	347.8	337.3	333.9	162.8	164.5	163.0	164.3	630.7	629.0	654.8	654.2
New Mexico	112.3	116.5	112.9	117.3	89.3	88.0	87.3	85.9	29.2	29.3	29.0	29.1	196.1	198.6	198.2	200.1
New York	1,597.8	1,627.5	1,636.0	1,666.2	718.1	726.7	702.4	707.4	362.3	365.6	365.7	368.9	1,478.4	1,484.9	1,517.9	1,529.1
North Carolina	518.6	538.4	521.6	542.8	402.7	405.7	397.1	401.6	182.3	181.1	182.7	175.3	708.2	711.1	717.5	721.0
North Dakota	51.2	51.4	51.2	51.7	33.8	34.3	33.4	33.5	15.1	15.3	15.2	15.5	76.9	76.9	78.1	78.7
Ohio	796.9	804.3	803.1	812.0	511.6	514.5	494.8	497.7	220.7	219.3	221.0	219.4	789.9	787.4	811.3	810.0
Oklahoma	195.1	197.4	195.9	197.4	143.2	144.1	141.3	142.9	63.3	62.9	63.1	62.2	321.9	320.1	327.0	325.6
Oregon	212.1	223.8	215.4	226.6	177.9	178.0	173.1	171.2	60.3	59.6	59.9	59.5	279.1	287.4	296.5	303.1
Pennsylvania	1,074.3	1,098.0	1,096.4	1,118.1	510.0	515.2	497.8	501.4	256.9	255.6	256.9	255.7	739.7	744.6	758.1	763.5
Rhode Island	99.3	99.5	101.4	102.3	54.4	53.5	51.8	50.9	23.0	21.8	23.1	21.9	63.9	62.4	65.4	63.0
South Carolina	203.7	209.1	204.6	209.2	221.3	223.5	219.4	220.0	73.8	74.1	73.9	75.1	340.8	351.0	343.2	353.4
South Dakota	60.5	62.7	60.7	63.0	44.5	45.0	42.7	43.0	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.8	75.7	76.1	76.3	76.7
Tennessee	354.0	360.3	354.5	360.8	281.8	276.1	276.5	270.0	102.8	102.8	102.0	102.7	426.6	426.6	427.7	429.9
Texas	1,270.0	1,303.4	1,274.6	1,309.5	990.5	1,028.4	983.8	1,018.6	354.5	361.0	353.6	359.1	1,723.9	1,749.4	1,749.9	1,783.1
Utah	142.4	148.7	143.8	149.5	113.4	116.0	110.4	111.8	36.1	35.8	35.5	35.3	208.3	212.0	209.9	214.1
Vermont	57.7	58.5	57.6	58.5	32.6	32.5	32.2	32.3	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	54.6	54.8	56.6	56.9
Virginia	422.4	433.4	423.5	434.6	352.2	352.8	346.6	344.2	185.1	188.1	184.4	188.8	683.4	695.7	695.4	708.6
Washington	349.0	354.1	354.1	358.2	292.4	298.4	284.1	286.9	106.2	107.3	105.3	106.2	523.7	527.7	541.5	549.9
West Virginia	115.0	116.3	116.0	117.3	74.1	75.2	71.9	73.3	55.6	56.3	55.5	56.4	143.3	144.2	146.6	147.6
Wisconsin	400.7	405.6	403.0	409.7	271.3	267.4	262.4	255.0	137.8	135.2	138.0	137.1	411.1	416.1	426.8	433.5
Wyoming	23.3	24.3	23.4	24.4	35.9	37.2	32.7	33.9	11.5	12.1	11.4	12.2	67.8	70.1	68.7	71.3
Puerto Rico	105.4	104.2	106.7	106.3	75.0	70.4	73.9	70.4	19.3	16.2	18.9	16.0	292.6	294.1	293.6	295.5

¹ 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 2007 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are

provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available. Data reflect the conversion to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing NAICS 2002. For more details, see <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saenaics07.htm>.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, October 2008

(U.S. rate = 6.5 percent)

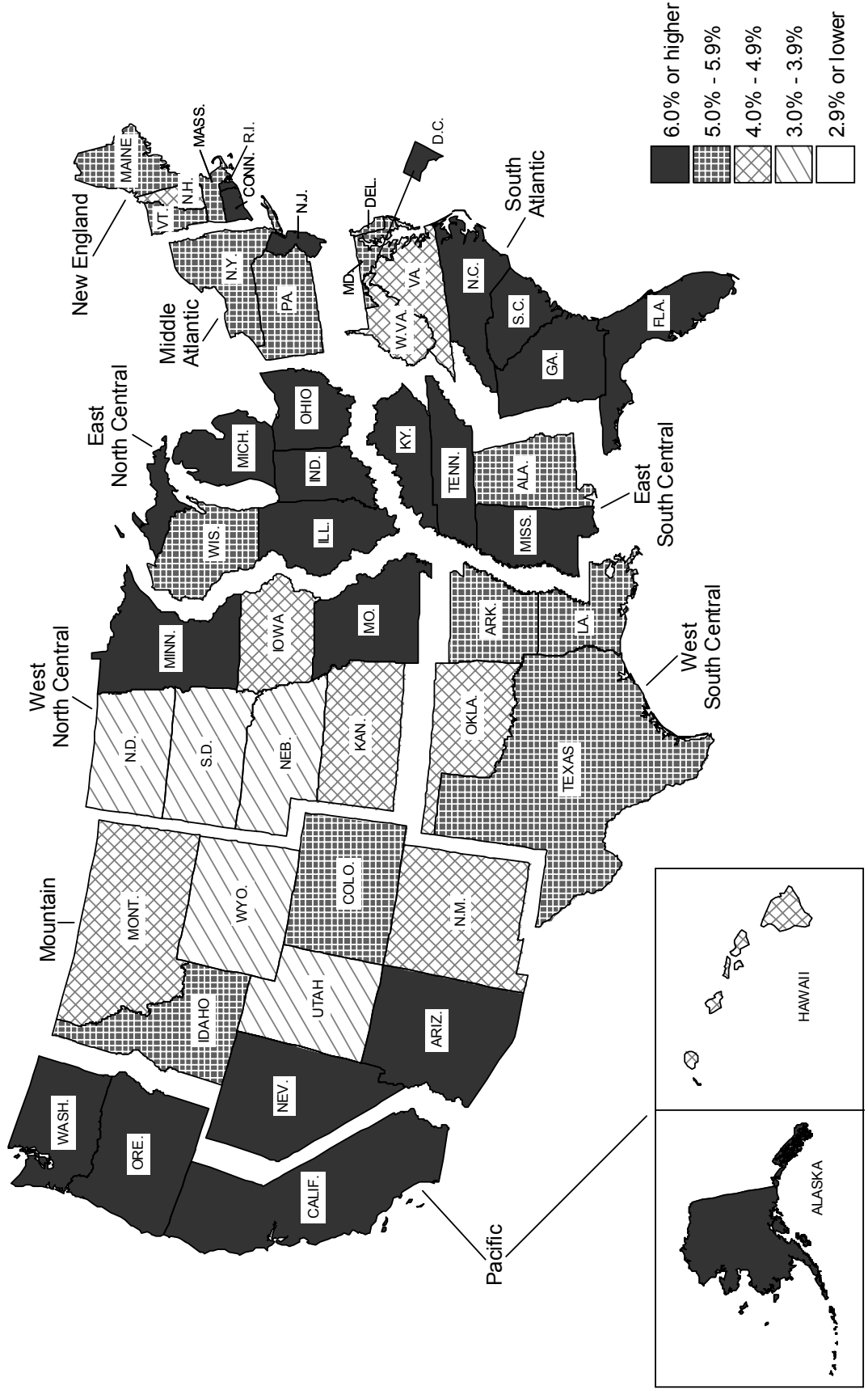


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, October 2007 – October 2008

