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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MAY 2006

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in May. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 21 states registered rate decreases, and 5 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states and the District of Columbia, up in 7 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The national unemployment rate was little changed in May at 4.6 percent, but was 0.5 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 33 states and the District of Columbia, decreased in 16 states, and 1 state had no change in May. The largest employment increases were recorded in Florida (+26,100), California and Texas (+14,800 each), North Carolina (+9,900), and Louisiana (+8,100). Louisiana had the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.5 percent), followed by Alaska, Nebraska, Utah, and Vermont (+0.4 percent each), and the District of Columbia, Florida, and Nevada (+0.3 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Michigan (-19,200), Virginia (-5,500), Connecticut (-5,300), Wisconsin (-4,700), and Illinois (-3,800). Delaware and South Dakota experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment (-0.5 percent each), followed by Michigan and Wyoming (-0.4 percent each), and Connecticut and Rhode Island (-0.3 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 2 states (Louisiana and Michigan). The largest over-the-year percentage gains in employment were reported in Nevada (+5.3 percent), Idaho (+5.1 percent), Arizona (+4.8 percent), and Utah (+4.5 percent).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

All four regions recorded nearly identical unemployment rates in May. The South registered the lowest unemployment rate, 4.6 percent, followed closely by the remaining three regions, at 4.7 percent each. The Midwest reported the only statistically significant jobless rate change from April (-0.4 percentage point). Over the year, unemployment rates were down significantly for the Midwest (-0.8 percentage point), West (-0.5 point), and South (-0.4 point). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the areas with the lowest unemployment rates in May were the West North Central, 3.8 percent, South Atlantic, 4.0 percent, and Mountain, 4.1 percent. The East South Central and East North Central divisions recorded the highest rates, 5.3 and 5.2 percent, respectively. The two divisions that compose the Midwest region—the East North Central and West North Central—registered the only statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate changes (-0.4 and -0.3 percentage

point, respectively). Five divisions reported significant over-the-year unemployment rate declines: the West North Central (-0.8 percentage point), East North Central (-0.7 point), Mountain and South Atlantic (-0.6 point each), and Pacific (-0.5 point). No division had a jobless rate increase from a year earlier.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Mississippi and Alaska posted the highest unemployment rates in May, 7.3 and 7.1 percent, respectively. South Carolina, at 6.5 percent, and Michigan, at 6.0 percent, had the next highest rates. The states recording the lowest jobless rates were South Dakota, 2.9 percent, and Hawaii, Vermont, and Virginia, 3.0 percent each. In May, 18 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 9 states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 23 states had rates that were little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

In May, West Virginia and Wyoming posted the largest unemployment rate increases from April (+0.7 and +0.5 percentage point, respectively). Six additional states also recorded significant over-the-month rate increases: Washington (+0.4 percentage point), Georgia, Maryland, and North Carolina (+0.3 point each), and Florida and Montana (+0.2 point each). Michigan registered the largest over-the-month jobless rate decrease in May (-1.2 percentage points). The other states with significant rate declines were Illinois (-0.5 percentage point), Minnesota (-0.4 point), and Vermont and Virginia (-0.3 point each). In the remaining 37 states and the District of Columbia, May unemployment rates were not statistically different from those of a month earlier.

The states with the largest over-the-year jobless rate declines were Illinois and Iowa (-1.2 percentage points each), New Mexico (-1.1 points), and Connecticut, Missouri, and South Dakota (-1.0 point each). The District of Columbia also reported a decrease of 1.0 percentage point. Twenty states had smaller statistically significant rate decreases. Four states registered significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier: New Jersey (+0.8 percentage point), Alaska and Rhode Island (+0.5 point each), and Arkansas (+0.4 point). Twenty states recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of May 2005. (See table B.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between April and May, four states reported statistically significant changes in employment, three of which were increases. The gains were in Florida (+26,100), Louisiana (+8,100), and Nebraska (+3,500). The loss was in Michigan (-19,200). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, 32 states and the District of Columbia posted statistically significant changes in employment. All had gains in employment except for Louisiana (-172,800), which is still affected by the impact of Hurricane Katrina. The largest employment gains occurred in Florida (+270,600), Texas (+251,500), California (+233,700), and Arizona (+120,400). Five states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant gains in employment that were less than 15,000: the District of Columbia (+12,200), South Dakota (+9,500), Wyoming (+8,900), Montana (+8,700), Alaska (+5,800), and North Dakota (+5,600). (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for May is scheduled to be issued on June 28. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for June is scheduled to be issued on July 21.

Hurricane Katrina

For May, 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) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in a key input—nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or 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 May 2006, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site 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., May 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	May 2006
United States.....	4.6
Alabama.....	3.6
Alaska.....	7.1
Delaware.....	3.8
District of Columbia.....	5.7
Florida.....	3.2
Hawaii.....	3.0
Idaho.....	3.5
Iowa.....	3.4
Kentucky.....	5.6
Maryland.....	3.8
Michigan.....	6.0
Minnesota.....	3.7
Mississippi.....	7.3
Montana.....	3.8
Nebraska.....	3.2
Nevada.....	4.0
New Hampshire.....	3.3
North Dakota.....	3.3
Oregon.....	5.6
Rhode Island.....	5.5
South Carolina.....	6.5
South Dakota.....	2.9
Tennessee.....	5.4
Texas.....	5.1
Utah.....	3.5
Vermont.....	3.0
Virginia.....	3.0
Wyoming.....	3.7

Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from May 2005 to May 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	May 2005	May 2006	Over-the-year rate change
Alaska.....	6.6	7.1	0.5
Arizona.....	4.7	4.2	-.5
Arkansas.....	4.9	5.3	.4
California.....	5.4	5.0	-.4
Colorado.....	5.2	4.5	-.7
Connecticut.....	5.0	4.0	-1.0
District of Columbia.....	6.7	5.7	-1.0
Florida.....	3.9	3.2	-.7
Georgia.....	5.3	4.9	-.4
Idaho.....	3.9	3.5	-.4
Illinois.....	5.8	4.6	-1.2
Iowa.....	4.6	3.4	-1.2
Kansas.....	5.1	4.5	-.6
Maine.....	4.9	4.4	-.5
Maryland.....	4.2	3.8	-.4
Michigan.....	6.8	6.0	-.8
Minnesota.....	4.0	3.7	-.3
Missouri.....	5.4	4.4	-1.0
Montana.....	4.1	3.8	-.3
Nebraska.....	3.8	3.2	-.6
New Jersey.....	4.2	5.0	.8
New Mexico.....	5.3	4.2	-1.1
New York.....	5.1	4.6	-.5
North Carolina.....	5.2	4.6	-.6
Ohio.....	6.0	5.3	-.7
Oregon.....	6.3	5.6	-.7
Rhode Island.....	5.0	5.5	.5
South Dakota.....	3.9	2.9	-1.0
Utah.....	4.4	3.5	-.9
Virginia.....	3.5	3.0	-.5
Washington.....	5.6	5.1	-.5

Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from April 2006 to May 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	April 2006	May 2006 ^p	Over-the-month change ^p
Florida.....	8,018,800	8,044,900	26,100
Louisiana.....	1,761,000	1,769,100	8,100
Michigan.....	4,384,600	4,365,400	-19,200
Nebraska.....	948,400	951,900	3,500

p = preliminary.

Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from May 2005 to May 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	May 2005	May 2006 ^p	Over-the-year change ^p
Alabama.....	1,940,100	1,979,900	39,800
Alaska.....	309,400	315,200	5,800
Arizona	2,491,300	2,611,700	120,400
California.....	14,730,000	14,963,700	233,700
Colorado.....	2,217,900	2,264,900	47,000
District of Columbia.....	680,300	692,500	12,200
Florida.....	7,774,300	8,044,900	270,600
Georgia.....	3,999,100	4,084,400	85,300
Hawaii.....	599,900	616,000	16,100
Idaho.....	607,500	638,300	30,800
Illinois.....	5,855,300	5,915,500	60,200
Iowa.....	1,478,600	1,504,700	26,100
Louisiana.....	1,941,900	1,769,100	-172,800
Minnesota.....	2,706,700	2,756,300	49,600
Montana.....	419,100	427,800	8,700
Nebraska.....	934,000	951,900	17,900
Nevada.....	1,217,900	1,282,800	64,900
New Jersey.....	4,039,600	4,081,000	41,400
New Mexico.....	806,300	826,300	20,000
New York.....	8,519,200	8,585,100	65,900
North Carolina.....	3,899,800	3,980,700	80,900
North Dakota.....	344,600	350,200	5,600
Oklahoma.....	1,508,300	1,535,900	27,600
Oregon.....	1,649,400	1,707,500	58,100
Pennsylvania.....	5,699,900	5,747,200	47,300
South Carolina.....	1,857,200	1,906,600	49,400
South Dakota.....	387,900	397,400	9,500
Tennessee.....	2,743,000	2,781,400	38,400
Texas.....	9,696,100	9,947,600	251,500
Utah.....	1,141,100	1,193,000	51,900
Virginia.....	3,657,700	3,715,900	58,200
Washington.....	2,769,800	2,860,800	91,000
Wyoming.....	262,100	271,000	8,900

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 1-4). 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 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 did not work at all (in the reference week), 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.

Method of estimation. Estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City 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) data. Estimates for the six other areas contained in this release use a different regression approach. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions 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 implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of census division, state, and substate area model employment and unemployment levels is performed within the modeling

procedure. The model estimation is based on the classical approach to seasonal adjustment, in which the series is decomposed into trend, seasonal, irregular, 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. Additionally, measures for the state of California are derived by summing the seasonally adjusted estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California, and the estimates for the State of New York are the sum of the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York. Labor force estimates for census regions are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component divisions, and the unemployment rate is then calculated. In most years, historical data for the most recent 5 years are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with the release of January 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 December 5, 2005. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/laumsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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 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 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 survey, 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. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Use of error measures. In 2005, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (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 the statistical significance of monthly and annual changes 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 change, are available on the BLS Web site 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 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 the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

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 on the BLS Web site 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 BLS Web site 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, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 370 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 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.

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Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006
Northeast	27,649.8	27,916.0	27,890.0	27,914.6	1,322.9	1,295.9	1,321.1	1,309.6	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.7
New England	7,541.6	7,581.7	7,563.1	7,572.0	353.1	350.2	335.9	339.4	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.5
Middle Atlantic	20,108.2	20,334.2	20,326.9	20,342.6	969.8	945.7	985.2	970.2	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8
South	52,774.0	53,428.7	53,569.1	53,593.6	2,619.5	2,355.0	2,397.4	2,438.6	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.6
South Atlantic	27,974.0	28,532.3	28,671.8	28,668.1	1,285.1	1,107.3	1,117.0	1,159.4	4.6	3.9	3.9	4.0
East South Central	8,401.2	8,456.2	8,475.6	8,475.1	475.3	451.8	468.2	449.6	5.7	5.3	5.5	5.3
West South Central	16,398.8	16,440.2	16,421.7	16,450.4	859.1	796.0	812.2	829.6	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.0
Midwest	34,578.1	34,781.8	34,877.5	34,781.0	1,898.0	1,730.6	1,780.0	1,649.7	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.7
East North Central	23,699.4	23,870.1	23,938.1	23,861.1	1,394.3	1,281.4	1,330.3	1,230.5	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.2
West North Central	10,878.7	10,911.8	10,939.3	10,919.9	503.7	449.3	449.7	419.3	4.6	4.1	4.1	3.8
West	34,065.8	34,542.1	34,638.2	34,675.3	1,786.5	1,554.2	1,609.4	1,640.7	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.7
Mountain	10,295.3	10,602.8	10,683.7	10,659.7	485.4	411.6	434.7	433.7	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.1
Pacific	23,770.5	23,939.3	23,954.6	24,015.6	1,301.1	1,142.6	1,174.6	1,207.1	5.5	4.8	4.9	5.0

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.

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 adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Northeast	27,446.4	27,669.1	27,554.2	27,783.6	1,262.4	1,267.7	1,268.9	1,248.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
New England	7,486.2	7,501.0	7,516.2	7,537.2	342.7	327.1	339.3	323.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3
Middle Atlantic	19,960.2	20,168.1	20,038.0	20,246.4	919.8	940.6	929.6	924.8	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6
South	52,500.4	53,310.9	52,811.2	53,554.8	2,462.4	2,235.5	2,518.6	2,326.6	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.3
South Atlantic	27,819.3	28,542.9	28,036.1	28,688.4	1,219.1	1,045.6	1,239.1	1,110.7	4.4	3.7	4.4	3.9
East South Central	8,340.3	8,411.0	8,394.3	8,456.9	433.6	432.2	451.4	421.0	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.0
West South Central	16,340.8	16,356.9	16,380.8	16,409.6	809.7	757.6	828.0	794.9	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.8
Midwest	34,403.4	34,668.7	34,572.7	34,723.4	1,856.5	1,732.1	1,819.6	1,550.1	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.5
East North Central	23,543.1	23,755.9	23,687.8	23,812.1	1,364.1	1,294.7	1,340.8	1,163.1	5.8	5.5	5.7	4.9
West North Central	10,860.2	10,912.8	10,884.9	10,911.2	492.4	437.4	478.7	387.0	4.5	4.0	4.4	3.5
West	33,938.2	34,451.9	33,953.9	34,525.3	1,754.5	1,568.9	1,682.2	1,530.1	5.2	4.6	5.0	4.4
Mountain	10,289.0	10,624.0	10,262.8	10,614.5	477.5	423.0	460.7	406.0	4.6	4.0	4.5	3.8
Pacific	23,649.2	23,827.8	23,691.0	23,910.8	1,276.9	1,145.9	1,221.5	1,124.1	5.4	4.8	5.2	4.7

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.

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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			
	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006
Alabama	2,150.3	2,170.0	2,173.5	2,173.7	86.0	71.7	78.5	78.2	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.6
Alaska	338.1	343.1	342.3	345.8	22.4	23.9	24.0	24.6	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.1
Arizona	2,834.6	2,929.0	2,948.6	2,941.2	134.2	119.6	127.6	122.4	4.7	4.1	4.3	4.2
Arkansas	1,358.3	1,403.4	1,398.4	1,392.4	66.2	66.9	71.8	73.4	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.3
California	17,664.7	17,721.7	17,735.3	17,794.1	957.5	847.5	870.4	886.4	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,822.6	4,896.2	4,886.4	4,925.0	263.6	237.4	232.1	253.1	5.5	4.8	4.7	5.1
Colorado	2,547.8	2,610.3	2,636.7	2,622.6	133.2	111.6	113.1	118.5	5.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
Connecticut	1,817.7	1,831.6	1,830.8	1,831.7	91.7	84.9	71.9	73.7	5.0	4.6	3.9	4.0
Delaware	436.9	443.7	444.7	446.0	18.1	16.1	16.4	17.0	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.8
District of Columbia	295.2	290.9	288.5	293.3	19.7	15.4	16.0	16.8	6.7	5.3	5.5	5.7
Florida	8,635.2	8,859.3	8,903.5	8,929.0	332.6	274.4	265.3	282.1	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.2
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,113.0	1,125.5	1,139.7	1,150.0	49.3	43.5	43.0	43.3	4.4	3.9	3.8	3.8
Georgia	4,577.1	4,666.0	4,693.9	4,688.4	242.1	209.8	214.8	231.0	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.9
Hawaii	630.1	645.8	645.6	645.0	17.4	16.8	18.0	19.3	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.0
Idaho	736.6	758.2	761.2	759.2	28.8	24.5	25.6	26.2	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.5
Illinois	6,465.2	6,512.7	6,525.1	6,507.0	377.6	333.8	332.5	299.3	5.8	5.1	5.1	4.6
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,977.9	3,988.4	3,993.5	3,979.1	247.7	201.0	191.9	167.6	6.2	5.0	4.8	4.2
Indiana	3,196.7	3,261.1	3,252.0	3,263.9	166.4	161.3	159.5	163.4	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.0
Iowa	1,656.6	1,666.1	1,674.2	1,678.5	76.0	62.9	59.8	56.3	4.6	3.8	3.6	3.4
Kansas	1,474.2	1,470.1	1,481.3	1,479.7	74.9	69.8	67.4	66.2	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.5
Kentucky	1,996.1	2,024.1	2,022.0	2,012.1	119.6	122.0	123.6	113.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.6
Louisiana	2,112.4	1,872.0	1,872.7	1,876.8	113.5	89.3	90.1	98.5	5.4	4.8	4.8	5.2
Maine	710.7	714.4	716.3	714.2	34.9	29.5	30.0	31.8	4.9	4.1	4.2	4.4
Maryland	2,930.4	2,974.7	2,997.7	2,992.7	122.4	100.2	105.7	114.9	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.8
Massachusetts	3,363.1	3,356.0	3,338.6	3,350.3	160.5	165.9	163.9	167.5	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0
Michigan	5,104.0	5,130.8	5,156.7	5,092.0	349.2	348.8	369.5	307.5	6.8	6.8	7.2	6.0
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,198.5	2,183.4	2,194.7	2,165.5	160.4	156.4	163.4	132.2	7.3	7.2	7.4	6.1
Minnesota	2,953.1	2,948.2	2,946.1	2,936.9	118.2	122.0	119.6	108.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.7
Mississippi	1,352.1	1,319.9	1,314.3	1,318.6	96.6	104.8	101.0	95.7	7.1	7.9	7.7	7.3
Missouri	3,021.4	3,041.6	3,057.2	3,044.1	162.5	137.1	141.7	134.1	5.4	4.5	4.6	4.4
Montana	492.2	502.7	502.8	502.3	20.0	17.3	18.3	19.2	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.8
Nebraska	985.7	982.5	988.2	983.2	37.3	31.3	33.7	31.2	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.2
Nevada	1,212.7	1,254.5	1,264.9	1,269.9	49.9	48.0	52.3	51.1	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.0
New Hampshire	731.3	737.4	735.3	735.0	26.5	24.9	24.7	24.3	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.3
New Jersey	4,415.4	4,496.7	4,501.8	4,478.5	187.4	203.0	231.3	223.0	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.0
New Mexico	933.8	954.4	958.0	956.1	49.9	38.1	41.1	40.0	5.3	4.0	4.3	4.2
New York	9,409.8	9,508.8	9,516.8	9,554.0	475.6	450.3	467.0	444.0	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.6
New York City	3,728.7	3,791.9	3,782.9	3,797.8	216.6	204.7	203.7	189.6	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.0
North Carolina	4,313.1	4,378.8	4,396.0	4,403.6	225.3	195.2	189.8	204.6	5.2	4.5	4.3	4.6
North Dakota	358.6	364.0	363.9	364.1	12.5	11.7	12.0	12.0	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.3
Ohio	5,898.7	5,899.2	5,927.3	5,913.5	351.8	293.8	326.9	312.1	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,094.5	1,091.3	1,096.0	1,097.1	62.5	52.7	53.8	50.8	5.7	4.8	4.9	4.6
Oklahoma	1,737.8	1,757.0	1,757.9	1,758.1	76.0	70.4	69.0	72.0	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.1
Oregon	1,857.7	1,877.9	1,877.4	1,886.8	116.6	102.5	103.7	106.0	6.3	5.5	5.5	5.6
Pennsylvania	6,302.8	6,316.6	6,318.7	6,302.9	315.9	286.2	299.4	301.3	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8
Rhode Island	569.2	574.6	578.4	579.7	28.5	29.3	31.1	31.8	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.5
South Carolina	2,070.6	2,110.5	2,123.8	2,119.8	135.4	138.0	139.9	138.2	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.5
South Dakota	431.2	432.3	432.5	430.7	17.0	14.2	13.0	12.6	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.9
Tennessee	2,916.2	2,940.1	2,960.5	2,967.2	166.3	151.2	161.1	151.1	5.7	5.1	5.4	5.4
Texas	11,192.3	11,397.2	11,390.9	11,418.1	585.9	568.7	578.7	582.1	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.1
Utah	1,264.7	1,305.7	1,314.2	1,314.9	55.1	44.9	46.2	45.8	4.4	3.4	3.5	3.5
Vermont	354.0	361.1	360.3	361.3	11.3	12.1	12.0	10.7	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.0
Virginia	3,928.4	3,988.1	4,013.4	3,995.9	139.3	123.3	134.1	118.6	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.0
Washington	3,281.7	3,337.5	3,346.7	3,338.4	184.9	152.1	157.7	170.6	5.6	4.6	4.7	5.1
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,357.0	1,402.8	1,407.6	1,418.8	67.1	59.7	57.1	63.2	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.5
West Virginia	798.3	813.6	813.7	816.3	38.9	31.7	33.6	39.2	4.9	3.9	4.1	4.8
Wisconsin	3,040.8	3,074.8	3,079.6	3,075.9	143.6	143.8	147.2	143.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7
Wyoming	284.6	290.1	292.0	292.4	10.8	8.4	9.4	10.9	3.8	2.9	3.2	3.7
Puerto Rico	1,399.8	1,419.3	1,427.2	-	153.6	130.2	137.7	-	11.0	9.2	9.7	-

¹ Data not available.

² Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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**LABOR FORCE DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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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			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Alabama	2,129.7	2,157.1	2,138.9	2,164.8	73.8	65.6	75.0	66.2	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.1
Alaska	333.9	338.0	338.0	345.5	23.7	25.2	21.7	23.8	7.1	7.5	6.4	6.9
Arizona	2,836.9	2,940.0	2,825.1	2,931.5	128.2	120.0	129.5	115.3	4.5	4.1	4.6	3.9
Arkansas	1,356.5	1,398.6	1,363.1	1,395.5	64.9	69.8	64.8	71.0	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.1
California	17,573.6	17,647.4	17,599.0	17,716.5	935.7	842.1	895.4	819.7	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,803.8	4,859.9	4,794.1	4,894.4	252.9	217.8	249.4	237.8	5.3	4.5	5.2	4.9
Colorado	2,536.0	2,615.3	2,530.2	2,604.6	132.9	110.0	128.2	111.9	5.2	4.2	5.1	4.3
Connecticut	1,805.2	1,821.9	1,815.4	1,828.1	87.3	69.6	91.2	71.9	4.8	3.8	5.0	3.9
Delaware	435.0	443.5	436.0	444.3	17.4	16.0	17.0	15.5	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.5
District of Columbia	295.9	286.8	294.0	290.8	18.4	15.0	20.7	16.7	6.2	5.2	7.0	5.7
Florida	8,579.4	8,861.8	8,647.4	8,931.4	324.1	243.9	315.9	262.4	3.8	2.8	3.7	2.9
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,105.7	1,132.1	1,111.8	1,149.0	48.2	40.8	46.5	40.3	4.4	3.6	4.2	3.5
Georgia	4,543.4	4,670.3	4,575.4	4,676.4	226.4	200.0	235.1	221.0	5.0	4.3	5.1	4.7
Hawaii	631.4	646.5	628.3	642.7	17.2	17.8	16.0	18.2	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.8
Idaho	734.1	756.1	735.2	757.9	31.6	27.6	25.5	22.7	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.0
Illinois	6,437.3	6,487.5	6,447.4	6,484.1	375.2	321.9	364.6	282.3	5.8	5.0	5.7	4.4
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,962.2	3,973.4	3,962.4	3,970.7	250.0	192.2	245.0	166.5	6.3	4.8	6.2	4.2
Indiana	3,191.7	3,242.4	3,211.7	3,276.7	167.1	156.2	162.3	158.8	5.2	4.8	5.1	4.8
Iowa	1,652.5	1,669.8	1,650.5	1,672.5	76.0	59.4	71.3	50.1	4.6	3.6	4.3	3.0
Kansas	1,467.0	1,474.9	1,466.5	1,471.2	70.7	62.4	71.3	60.9	4.8	4.2	4.9	4.1
Kentucky	1,984.5	2,012.6	2,002.6	2,019.0	114.8	118.7	120.5	110.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.5
Louisiana	2,102.9	1,862.6	2,113.7	1,875.0	99.9	76.7	107.8	90.5	4.7	4.1	5.1	4.8
Maine	701.0	708.4	708.7	711.2	36.3	32.5	33.6	30.2	5.2	4.6	4.7	4.2
Maryland	2,900.6	2,976.3	2,932.2	2,989.7	117.0	101.2	118.7	111.3	4.0	3.4	4.0	3.7
Massachusetts	3,340.2	3,310.5	3,350.6	3,334.5	152.8	156.5	153.1	158.4	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7
Michigan	5,042.3	5,086.2	5,110.7	5,089.2	331.8	346.4	344.9	295.3	6.6	6.8	6.7	5.8
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,175.9	2,161.8	2,192.8	2,158.2	152.5	149.8	154.0	125.0	7.0	6.9	7.0	5.8
Minnesota	2,953.8	2,935.1	2,953.1	2,933.7	121.9	122.1	109.5	95.7	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.3
Mississippi	1,340.0	1,306.0	1,355.4	1,321.2	88.1	94.9	101.7	97.4	6.6	7.3	7.5	7.4
Missouri	3,016.8	3,053.7	3,029.4	3,048.6	158.5	135.8	159.2	126.7	5.3	4.4	5.3	4.2
Montana	493.3	502.1	492.4	502.6	20.7	18.7	17.6	16.8	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.3
Nebraska	984.6	986.9	990.8	986.2	36.3	32.6	38.6	30.4	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.1
Nevada	1,214.3	1,262.4	1,208.7	1,266.4	50.6	52.4	46.7	47.0	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.7
New Hampshire	725.7	729.4	728.5	731.0	26.0	24.6	25.7	23.2	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.2
New Jersey	4,387.1	4,474.1	4,405.3	4,466.8	178.5	221.0	179.4	215.7	4.1	4.9	4.1	4.8
New Mexico	933.3	953.5	929.0	951.3	49.2	40.0	49.4	38.7	5.3	4.2	5.3	4.1
New York	9,335.6	9,442.4	9,346.6	9,493.7	449.3	446.8	444.4	414.1	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.4
New York City	3,711.1	3,767.4	3,700.1	3,769.4	205.0	193.4	201.6	174.8	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.6
North Carolina	4,294.1	4,373.5	4,324.8	4,406.9	215.8	177.8	224.6	200.8	5.0	4.1	5.2	4.6
North Dakota	356.0	361.8	360.8	366.0	12.8	12.8	11.7	11.0	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.0
Ohio	5,856.9	5,885.0	5,892.7	5,903.5	343.0	318.0	330.6	288.8	5.9	5.4	5.6	4.9
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,088.7	1,092.4	1,097.5	1,100.8	59.3	51.3	61.0	49.8	5.4	4.7	5.6	4.5
Oklahoma	1,730.5	1,750.4	1,738.0	1,756.9	72.0	62.7	76.8	71.6	4.2	3.6	4.4	4.1
Oregon	1,853.4	1,870.9	1,853.1	1,880.8	119.2	105.5	111.6	100.2	6.4	5.6	6.0	5.3
Pennsylvania	6,237.5	6,251.6	6,286.0	6,285.9	292.0	272.7	305.8	295.0	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.7
Rhode Island	562.8	573.5	561.7	573.9	27.0	30.2	24.8	29.9	4.8	5.3	4.4	5.2
South Carolina	2,067.8	2,121.1	2,083.3	2,128.4	129.4	132.0	130.3	130.7	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.1
South Dakota	429.6	430.7	433.9	433.0	16.3	12.3	17.0	12.3	3.8	2.9	3.9	2.8
Tennessee	2,886.1	2,935.3	2,897.4	2,951.9	156.8	153.0	154.2	146.6	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.0
Texas	11,151.0	11,345.4	11,165.9	11,382.1	573.0	548.3	578.6	561.8	5.1	4.8	5.2	4.9
Utah	1,258.7	1,304.8	1,259.4	1,309.8	53.8	44.1	53.4	43.2	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.3
Vermont	351.3	357.1	351.3	358.4	13.2	13.8	10.9	10.0	3.8	3.9	3.1	2.8
Virginia	3,908.2	3,998.8	3,942.2	4,002.8	131.0	125.5	139.3	114.5	3.4	3.1	3.5	2.9
Washington	3,256.8	3,325.0	3,272.7	3,325.2	181.1	155.2	176.9	162.3	5.6	4.7	5.4	4.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,348.5	1,405.2	1,362.9	1,424.7	62.0	53.8	68.2	63.1	4.6	3.8	5.0	4.4
West Virginia	794.8	810.8	800.7	817.7	39.7	34.4	37.5	37.7	5.0	4.2	4.7	4.6
Wisconsin	3,014.9	3,054.9	3,025.3	3,058.7	147.0	152.3	138.4	138.0	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.5
Wyoming	282.3	289.9	282.6	290.5	10.4	10.2	10.4	10.3	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6
Puerto Rico	1,375.6	1,430.5	1,411.9	-	156.5	137.8	154.1	-	11.4	9.6	10.9	-

¹ Data not available.

² Metropolitan division.

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**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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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			
	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P
Alabama	1,940.1	1,971.7	1,976.3	1,979.9	105.2	109.1	110.9	110.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	309.4	311.6	314.1	315.2	18.8	19.0	19.2	19.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,491.3	2,600.4	2,609.9	2,611.7	215.4	237.4	237.9	238.6	181.0	184.3	183.8	182.8
Arkansas	1,176.6	1,188.5	1,189.4	1,189.6	54.0	55.4	55.5	55.6	201.0	196.8	196.5	196.4
California	14,730.0	14,953.7	14,948.9	14,963.7	896.1	925.6	918.2	921.9	1,510.6	1,504.1	1,506.7	1,508.7
Colorado	2,217.9	2,264.2	2,263.1	2,264.9	157.3	166.9	167.4	167.2	150.4	149.9	149.0	148.6
Connecticut	1,661.6	1,666.9	1,673.9	1,668.6	66.0	65.6	64.6	62.9	195.8	189.9	193.4	193.4
Delaware ³	430.8	436.3	437.7	435.6	27.8	28.9	29.0	28.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	680.3	690.9	690.5	692.5	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,774.3	7,999.0	8,018.8	8,044.9	571.9	611.8	620.5	622.8	399.3	400.7	400.8	400.0
Georgia	3,999.1	4,058.6	4,077.8	4,084.4	209.0	214.2	215.9	216.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	599.9	615.5	615.1	616.0	33.0	35.5	35.3	35.4	15.1	15.4	15.1	15.2
Idaho	607.5	634.5	638.2	638.3	43.8	51.2	52.4	52.0	62.9	63.7	64.2	63.8
Illinois	5,855.3	5,896.6	5,919.3	5,915.5	269.1	274.1	275.0	275.8	689.9	681.2	681.1	678.2
Indiana	2,948.5	2,969.4	2,973.0	2,975.5	146.7	149.2	151.2	151.3	571.6	572.2	571.9	573.4
Iowa	1,478.6	1,503.8	1,502.7	1,504.7	70.3	75.9	75.8	75.5	229.4	233.4	233.5	234.2
Kansas	1,336.3	1,341.7	1,342.2	1,340.6	63.0	67.3	66.5	65.8	180.5	178.1	178.8	179.5
Kentucky	1,823.3	1,840.3	1,843.4	1,845.7	84.4	85.9	86.4	86.1	263.1	261.7	260.8	260.2
Louisiana	1,941.9	1,763.9	1,761.0	1,769.1	119.5	105.9	107.0	107.6	154.4	143.7	143.8	143.8
Maine	612.0	611.0	613.1	613.3	30.4	30.4	30.9	31.0	61.8	59.4	59.5	59.1
Maryland ³	2,551.2	2,579.4	2,581.8	2,581.9	184.6	188.1	188.4	187.2	140.8	138.1	138.1	137.7
Massachusetts	3,193.7	3,209.9	3,218.5	3,217.6	138.9	142.8	143.3	142.8	306.2	304.5	305.0	305.5
Michigan	4,392.2	4,370.6	4,384.6	4,365.4	190.7	191.0	192.3	192.0	682.3	663.2	661.9	658.0
Minnesota	2,706.7	2,741.0	2,755.9	2,756.3	129.4	130.1	131.8	129.4	347.2	344.5	346.7	347.3
Mississippi	1,133.7	1,138.0	1,134.5	1,134.5	51.1	56.6	55.5	55.8	179.3	176.5	176.0	175.0
Missouri	2,727.1	2,757.2	2,755.6	2,753.3	140.9	144.0	145.3	144.5	309.5	306.6	304.5	303.5
Montana	419.1	429.2	428.8	427.8	27.1	29.8	30.0	29.8	19.5	19.5	19.4	19.3
Nebraska ³	934.0	948.2	948.4	951.9	47.6	49.0	46.7	46.5	101.3	104.3	103.9	104.1
Nevada	1,217.9	1,269.4	1,279.2	1,282.8	133.3	146.2	147.3	147.4	47.5	48.8	49.1	49.2
New Hampshire	634.7	641.3	641.6	643.1	29.3	30.5	30.8	31.1	80.2	77.4	77.0	77.0
New Jersey	4,039.6	4,068.7	4,074.1	4,081.0	168.6	171.1	171.9	171.9	329.1	321.4	321.0	320.1
New Mexico	806.3	824.3	824.9	826.3	53.4	58.0	57.7	57.6	36.0	37.4	37.4	37.3
New York	8,519.2	8,573.9	8,584.6	8,585.1	324.4	330.2	330.6	329.5	582.9	569.5	565.8	564.2
North Carolina	3,899.8	3,970.2	3,970.8	3,980.7	227.9	237.9	239.0	240.7	567.0	563.0	562.5	561.1
North Dakota	344.6	349.5	350.3	350.2	17.4	17.8	18.5	18.2	25.8	26.0	26.1	26.0
Ohio	5,428.4	5,442.3	5,462.5	5,462.7	234.1	233.2	237.4	237.1	812.9	808.6	810.7	808.2
Oklahoma	1,508.3	1,539.9	1,536.7	1,535.9	64.9	69.6	68.5	68.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,649.4	1,704.0	1,703.5	1,707.5	89.5	99.6	99.4	100.9	204.4	211.3	211.4	210.5
Pennsylvania	5,699.9	5,741.1	5,746.4	5,747.2	253.9	257.7	256.2	256.5	683.0	672.8	671.4	669.8
Rhode Island	489.7	493.2	495.2	493.7	21.9	22.7	23.1	23.2	55.4	53.8	53.4	53.3
South Carolina	1,857.2	1,902.9	1,905.4	1,906.6	116.5	123.6	123.6	124.7	263.3	260.4	260.8	258.9
South Dakota	387.9	396.7	399.4	397.4	20.8	22.1	22.6	21.8	39.6	41.5	41.8	41.7
Tennessee	2,743.0	2,767.8	2,780.2	2,781.4	120.1	123.9	124.1	123.7	409.9	407.1	406.5	405.9
Texas	9,696.1	9,923.7	9,932.8	9,947.6	563.6	590.5	592.2	594.1	896.1	902.4	902.7	902.7
Utah	1,141.1	1,182.6	1,188.1	1,193.0	80.4	88.8	92.4	92.4	116.9	119.2	119.6	120.0
Vermont	305.2	306.2	307.1	308.3	16.8	16.4	17.0	17.5	36.8	36.8	36.7	36.6
Virginia	3,657.7	3,716.8	3,721.4	3,715.9	241.1	257.7	262.0	259.6	297.3	296.4	298.4	298.2
Washington	2,769.8	2,848.0	2,856.2	2,860.8	175.5	190.7	191.1	192.2	271.7	281.1	282.3	282.1
West Virginia	746.4	751.8	753.6	753.3	36.2	37.6	38.9	38.6	62.2	61.7	61.4	61.3
Wisconsin	2,837.6	2,864.0	2,871.1	2,866.4	129.8	135.4	136.4	135.8	505.0	507.1	507.1	506.1
Wyoming	262.1	271.7	272.1	271.0	20.2	21.7	21.6	21.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
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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			
	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P
Alabama	382.4	384.3	383.8	384.7	97.6	99.2	98.7	98.7	205.1	214.6	215.9	216.3
Alaska	63.2	63.5	64.4	64.7	14.7	14.9	14.9	14.8	23.7	23.3	23.8	24.0
Arizona	484.1	507.6	508.0	507.3	172.5	178.4	180.0	180.1	363.2	390.3	392.6	394.3
Arkansas	245.3	246.6	247.5	247.5	51.5	52.3	52.5	52.8	111.0	115.5	115.1	114.6
California	2,805.1	2,837.7	2,832.9	2,833.5	922.7	941.5	941.3	941.8	2,133.1	2,192.9	2,197.2	2,196.3
Colorado	411.6	420.8	419.0	419.0	157.7	161.5	161.0	161.2	314.7	324.7	326.0	325.4
Connecticut	311.3	312.5	312.2	311.4	142.0	144.2	144.3	143.9	199.0	202.1	203.3	202.3
Delaware ³	81.5	83.0	82.5	82.9	45.0	45.1	45.1	44.7	62.6	62.8	63.6	64.4
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	147.4	152.3	150.9	151.5
Florida	1,561.5	1,598.1	1,600.0	1,605.2	524.5	540.3	542.3	540.5	1,311.0	1,374.4	1,374.8	1,376.8
Georgia	854.0	862.0	873.2	875.1	225.0	230.6	230.7	231.1	530.4	549.3	549.9	549.7
Hawaii ³	117.3	122.6	122.3	122.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	122.0	127.1	127.0	126.8	29.2	31.5	31.9	32.0	76.6	79.3	81.0	81.0
Illinois	1,186.2	1,187.9	1,192.3	1,191.3	401.7	407.6	409.3	409.0	819.9	838.0	848.6	847.6
Indiana	583.5	582.4	584.4	584.8	138.4	140.0	139.9	141.4	272.6	274.7	274.7	275.1
Iowa	307.1	309.6	309.3	309.9	98.1	100.4	99.7	100.1	112.1	115.9	115.7	115.9
Kansas	262.4	261.6	260.2	259.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	132.2	132.6	133.3	132.4
Kentucky	378.3	381.4	382.2	383.5	87.3	88.8	88.6	88.4	170.7	173.6	174.1	173.9
Louisiana	382.4	364.1	361.6	364.0	99.2	94.5	94.3	94.9	190.8	166.7	168.9	172.2
Maine	125.0	125.7	125.5	124.9	34.2	34.0	34.1	34.0	50.1	50.8	51.2	51.6
Maryland ³	471.0	476.4	475.4	475.9	158.2	160.8	161.0	161.1	383.2	389.2	388.2	389.5
Massachusetts	570.9	569.6	570.1	568.7	220.0	223.5	223.9	224.5	459.8	466.0	466.9	466.9
Michigan	806.7	794.9	797.2	796.9	217.8	219.2	220.2	220.3	588.9	595.5	599.1	596.1
Minnesota	527.7	531.8	532.1	533.9	178.2	182.2	181.9	181.6	302.5	308.0	314.0	317.0
Mississippi	221.4	227.1	225.0	226.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	85.7	90.4	90.1	89.4
Missouri	539.6	549.0	547.5	546.0	163.9	166.8	166.7	167.1	319.1	324.2	324.4	322.5
Montana	87.2	89.1	88.9	88.8	21.2	21.7	21.8	21.7	34.4	36.1	36.1	35.8
Nebraska ³	200.3	202.5	201.6	203.3	64.5	66.0	65.8	66.0	96.0	97.3	98.8	99.1
Nevada	213.8	223.9	225.4	226.8	64.6	67.4	67.6	67.9	143.6	153.3	156.2	157.1
New Hampshire	140.4	141.8	142.3	142.3	38.9	40.6	40.8	41.0	58.7	60.8	61.1	61.0
New Jersey	881.2	880.0	880.2	884.5	278.8	283.0	284.0	284.1	594.0	595.1	599.0	599.5
New Mexico	139.5	141.3	141.1	141.2	35.0	35.3	35.3	35.3	92.1	93.6	94.1	93.7
New York	1,500.7	1,507.1	1,512.0	1,510.9	712.1	725.5	724.5	724.9	1,076.5	1,085.6	1,090.5	1,091.6
North Carolina	736.6	736.6	736.0	734.9	197.0	202.1	204.0	203.3	439.2	450.7	451.9	453.3
North Dakota	74.5	75.9	75.5	75.7	18.8	19.1	19.2	19.3	26.3	26.9	27.1	27.4
Ohio	1,045.6	1,045.8	1,045.4	1,046.0	308.7	312.0	312.4	312.6	639.9	647.3	652.6	651.2
Oklahoma	277.9	284.3	282.3	282.1	83.8	85.3	85.2	84.3	169.6	174.1	173.9	173.6
Oregon	326.8	335.1	335.2	336.7	101.5	106.6	106.6	106.6	184.0	192.2	192.7	192.1
Pennsylvania	1,124.4	1,132.8	1,131.9	1,131.5	335.3	335.7	335.2	335.1	655.7	666.5	667.2	667.6
Rhode Island	80.2	80.0	81.0	80.5	34.4	35.6	35.9	35.8	54.8	56.2	56.6	56.6
South Carolina	361.3	368.9	369.7	370.2	97.2	102.1	101.8	101.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	78.5	79.9	80.0	79.1	28.3	29.3	29.4	29.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	598.5	606.8	608.8	609.8	143.6	144.2	144.5	144.6	310.0	312.6	315.5	314.7
Texas	1,985.6	2,029.5	2,029.4	2,034.2	605.8	622.3	626.4	628.0	1,143.6	1,203.2	1,207.2	1,207.1
Utah	224.3	232.2	231.6	231.2	66.8	68.6	69.7	70.6	145.3	154.4	155.4	157.0
Vermont	59.4	59.9	59.9	59.9	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.2	21.7	22.3	22.3	22.2
Virginia	656.5	663.5	662.6	659.5	192.1	193.4	194.4	194.3	601.4	618.7	620.0	617.8
Washington	530.3	542.2	544.0	544.3	153.5	157.1	157.7	157.9	315.6	330.3	332.6	333.5
West Virginia	139.6	140.7	140.6	140.7	29.7	30.3	30.1	29.9	58.7	59.5	58.6	58.9
Wisconsin	542.0	541.7	542.3	541.2	159.4	158.4	158.8	159.2	261.0	261.9	265.4	266.0
Wyoming	50.4	51.9	51.9	51.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	15.8	16.1	16.4	16.4

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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			
	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P	May 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2006P
Alabama	199.9	203.9	203.6	204.1	164.8	169.4	170.1	170.7	362.6	363.9	364.1	365.5
Alaska	35.6	36.1	36.0	36.0	31.1	31.2	31.1	31.6	81.2	81.4	81.8	82.3
Arizona	274.1	282.4	283.2	284.8	252.4	263.9	267.3	267.0	402.1	406.0	406.3	406.0
Arkansas	146.8	148.7	149.1	149.5	93.9	95.7	95.3	95.0	203.9	207.2	207.7	207.8
California	1,582.3	1,602.7	1,606.4	1,611.7	1,469.2	1,509.2	1,511.5	1,508.3	2,409.1	2,426.8	2,428.3	2,431.0
Colorado	224.3	227.2	227.7	227.7	256.9	261.0	261.5	262.8	362.5	368.1	366.9	368.5
Connecticut	272.6	275.1	276.1	276.2	129.5	131.5	132.4	131.2	243.4	244.5	245.5	245.9
Delaware ³	54.0	54.4	54.7	54.7	40.3	41.5	41.5	41.3	59.2	60.3	60.3	59.5
District of Columbia ³	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	53.8	56.2	55.8	56.1	233.6	230.9	230.9	231.9
Florida	937.1	957.5	958.9	962.7	883.0	914.4	914.5	917.5	1,076.4	1,089.8	1,093.1	1,101.7
Georgia	422.2	430.9	433.6	435.4	375.6	377.8	380.9	382.7	646.5	661.3	660.1	660.3
Hawaii ³	69.9	70.6	70.9	70.7	106.3	108.0	108.1	108.5	119.5	120.2	120.0	120.7
Idaho	67.7	69.9	69.5	70.2	57.0	61.7	62.1	61.2	114.7	115.8	115.6	116.6
Illinois	744.1	751.6	752.2	753.1	512.5	522.4	529.1	529.2	845.2	843.6	841.1	841.9
Indiana	374.5	382.2	382.7	382.2	277.1	281.3	281.9	282.3	425.7	427.9	427.7	425.8
Iowa	194.6	198.6	199.4	199.6	130.1	131.5	132.0	131.8	245.2	247.4	247.2	247.7
Kansas	165.1	165.1	166.2	166.4	110.9	112.8	112.5	111.9	251.5	255.1	254.5	254.9
Kentucky	235.4	238.6	239.3	240.3	164.4	169.2	170.2	169.7	313.1	312.7	313.6	315.2
Louisiana	257.1	212.8	209.9	212.0	212.0	171.7	171.4	172.5	379.9	371.3	370.1	368.8
Maine	112.6	112.4	112.8	113.6	59.0	58.6	59.4	58.8	104.9	105.3	105.2	105.8
Maryland ³	352.8	361.3	361.5	363.4	229.7	232.5	233.5	232.7	464.0	470.2	471.5	470.1
Massachusetts	588.7	593.4	595.4	595.5	292.4	290.4	293.3	293.1	410.1	412.2	411.7	412.3
Michigan	570.5	571.8	574.0	575.4	405.6	408.1	414.6	407.7	674.8	671.9	671.2	664.7
Minnesota	385.1	394.1	393.9	395.6	239.5	245.9	249.8	246.9	414.8	420.2	420.4	419.9
Mississippi	120.6	121.9	122.6	122.8	126.5	115.8	115.9	115.8	241.9	242.5	242.7	244.9
Missouri	366.3	372.0	372.8	374.1	271.3	277.9	278.5	277.0	429.0	432.0	430.9	433.1
Montana	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	55.1	56.0	55.9	55.3	85.6	87.8	87.1	86.7
Nebraska ³	128.2	129.8	130.8	131.6	78.9	80.6	81.4	82.4	160.8	162.2	162.8	163.1
Nevada	84.2	87.3	87.5	87.6	327.8	334.4	336.1	336.1	143.4	146.6	147.9	148.1
New Hampshire	97.4	100.6	101.0	101.0	63.0	64.7	64.2	64.7	91.8	89.8	89.7	90.0
New Jersey	556.8	568.9	569.5	572.7	333.2	344.0	343.4	344.3	640.8	647.0	647.8	647.0
New Mexico	104.8	107.6	107.6	108.4	83.4	84.4	84.7	84.5	201.3	204.0	203.8	204.9
New York	1,536.4	1,560.9	1,562.7	1,566.3	670.4	672.5	673.4	676.0	1,485.8	1,488.0	1,488.8	1,485.8
North Carolina	461.5	475.0	476.3	477.5	353.7	363.8	362.7	362.9	663.6	674.7	674.5	681.4
North Dakota	48.4	49.5	49.3	49.6	31.1	32.1	32.4	32.2	75.4	75.3	75.4	75.3
Ohio	759.8	767.5	770.4	772.7	500.1	507.8	512.0	512.1	800.4	796.0	795.5	798.1
Oklahoma	182.1	185.8	186.0	186.6	133.0	135.0	134.9	134.4	311.7	315.7	316.1	315.2
Oregon	198.3	208.6	207.9	208.7	158.6	164.4	164.9	163.4	286.4	285.1	284.6	286.3
Pennsylvania	1,024.5	1,047.9	1,052.8	1,054.1	485.1	487.2	489.6	490.5	744.5	746.6	748.1	748.1
Rhode Island	94.7	96.6	96.3	96.1	49.8	50.2	50.1	50.1	64.9	65.0	65.1	64.6
South Carolina	184.7	191.0	192.0	192.3	201.0	203.7	204.9	206.2	326.4	334.3	333.8	333.4
South Dakota	57.5	58.5	58.8	58.9	41.4	42.3	43.0	43.3	74.8	75.4	75.4	74.7
Tennessee	329.6	332.8	335.6	336.3	261.5	269.3	271.3	270.6	414.1	414.9	417.5	419.0
Texas	1,178.4	1,210.1	1,211.4	1,216.5	908.3	921.3	920.1	922.7	1,678.4	1,698.9	1,701.1	1,702.0
Utah	128.1	132.3	133.5	133.5	104.1	105.9	105.4	106.7	201.7	204.6	203.9	204.6
Vermont	54.2	54.9	55.0	55.3	33.2	32.5	32.7	33.3	52.9	53.3	53.2	53.1
Virginia	392.7	401.7	401.1	403.6	327.7	333.5	331.0	327.8	662.5	666.9	668.2	669.7
Washington	328.7	337.3	338.4	339.3	261.7	271.1	272.2	272.1	526.5	528.0	527.6	529.0
West Virginia	112.7	114.6	115.2	115.4	69.0	69.8	70.1	70.1	143.6	143.4	143.4	142.9
Wisconsin	382.5	391.5	394.8	396.6	254.7	267.5	265.3	261.0	412.7	411.9	412.4	411.8
Wyoming	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	31.8	32.9	32.6	32.4	65.1	65.7	65.9	65.8

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 2005 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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			
	April		May		April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	1,943.3	1,981.0	1,948.6	1,984.3	12.8	13.1	12.9	13.2	106.1	110.5	105.3	110.6	297.4	302.7	298.4	302.1
Alaska	301.0	305.6	313.2	318.3	10.4	11.7	10.5	11.7	17.0	17.1	19.0	19.3	10.1	10.1	10.3	10.3
Arizona	2,504.3	2,623.8	2,504.9	2,622.4	9.1	10.1	9.2	10.2	212.9	236.7	215.2	238.8	179.9	183.3	180.6	182.5
Arkansas	1,179.3	1,191.3	1,182.9	1,195.9	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.3	53.8	54.9	55.0	56.1	200.5	195.7	200.9	196.1
California	14,721.9	14,942.2	14,776.7	15,007.1	22.4	23.1	22.9	23.7	880.7	903.2	894.8	918.8	1,508.6	1,500.8	1,509.4	1,507.3
Colorado	2,207.4	2,255.7	2,215.8	2,264.6	16.2	18.8	16.5	19.1	153.3	164.0	157.8	168.1	149.9	148.6	150.1	148.7
Connecticut	1,664.3	1,673.2	1,670.9	1,679.6	.7	.8	.8	.8	65.2	63.4	67.1	64.6	195.8	193.3	195.9	193.4
Delaware	428.6	435.5	433.5	439.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	27.5	28.7	27.9	29.1	33.7	33.2	33.9	32.4
District of Columbia ..	680.4	691.7	680.4	691.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1
Florida	7,805.9	8,065.8	7,826.1	8,075.9	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	566.3	617.4	572.6	621.2	399.4	400.5	400.6	401.0
Georgia	3,994.9	4,072.9	4,012.9	4,088.5	12.1	12.3	12.2	12.3	206.2	215.0	209.1	217.4	449.5	446.2	450.5	447.3
Hawaii	598.3	615.6	601.8	618.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	32.4	35.6	33.0	35.7	15.1	15.2	15.1	15.3
Idaho	603.1	634.1	609.6	640.9	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.0	42.7	50.5	44.3	52.4	62.2	63.5	62.5	63.6
Illinois	5,845.0	5,899.1	5,886.8	5,939.6	9.6	9.9	9.8	10.0	263.5	267.9	273.8	279.7	690.8	680.8	690.7	678.9
Indiana	2,963.4	2,981.2	2,973.9	3,000.3	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	147.7	149.6	150.3	153.9	571.0	570.4	572.6	573.7
Iowa	1,483.3	1,508.4	1,494.4	1,519.8	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1	69.9	74.7	72.7	77.7	228.0	232.8	229.4	234.2
Kansas	1,342.6	1,345.4	1,349.2	1,350.4	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.6	62.6	66.5	64.2	67.1	179.6	178.5	180.3	179.1
Kentucky	1,822.7	1,845.5	1,833.2	1,854.4	20.9	22.9	21.2	23.2	83.1	85.3	85.5	86.7	262.8	260.0	262.7	259.9
Louisiana	1,949.2	1,766.6	1,952.4	1,774.8	45.4	47.6	45.8	47.7	120.9	106.7	121.6	107.7	153.9	143.7	154.7	144.0
Maine	603.0	603.7	614.8	615.9	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	29.1	29.5	31.3	31.7	61.4	58.8	61.7	58.8
Maryland	2,543.8	2,581.0	2,565.2	2,601.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	182.5	185.7	185.4	187.6	141.2	137.9	141.0	137.5
Massachusetts	3,188.5	3,211.0	3,211.3	3,234.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	135.3	140.0	141.9	145.3	306.1	304.4	306.5	305.1
Michigan	4,393.2	4,368.4	4,443.8	4,422.7	8.4	8.4	8.8	8.8	183.1	183.3	195.3	196.6	680.2	660.5	685.6	661.8
Minnesota	2,712.7	2,743.5	2,734.7	2,782.0	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	122.2	122.1	132.3	132.8	343.7	344.7	346.4	347.4
Mississippi	1,139.7	1,139.1	1,139.3	1,138.3	8.7	9.1	8.8	9.1	50.5	54.9	51.4	56.0	180.4	176.4	180.0	175.8
Missouri	2,740.5	2,766.2	2,749.0	2,777.6	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.0	139.3	143.2	142.7	145.0	310.0	304.3	310.1	304.1
Montana	415.4	424.4	422.0	430.9	7.2	7.7	8.0	8.0	26.3	28.5	27.8	30.1	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.4
Nebraska	933.8	948.7	942.2	958.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	47.1	46.0	48.9	47.6	101.1	103.4	101.0	103.7
Nevada	1,216.1	1,277.7	1,221.5	1,285.1	10.5	11.0	10.4	11.1	131.6	146.2	132.8	147.7	47.6	48.9	47.5	49.1
New Hampshire	630.5	636.4	637.7	645.8	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	28.8	30.0	30.0	31.4	80.3	77.0	80.3	77.1
New Jersey	4,024.8	4,063.3	4,057.4	4,096.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	165.9	168.9	171.4	173.3	329.2	319.7	329.6	319.9
New Mexico	807.1	825.9	810.5	830.8	16.2	18.4	16.4	18.4	52.7	57.2	53.6	58.0	35.6	36.9	35.7	36.9
New York	8,507.6	8,557.7	8,561.8	8,635.7	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.2	314.2	319.5	327.9	334.2	581.9	562.3	582.6	564.0
North Carolina	3,906.4	3,979.3	3,926.6	4,004.8	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.8	227.2	238.5	230.2	241.7	567.0	561.9	567.3	562.0
North Dakota	345.6	350.5	349.7	354.8	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.3	16.3	16.7	18.2	19.0	25.6	25.8	25.8	26.0
Ohio	5,423.8	5,455.3	5,464.6	5,493.8	11.3	10.8	11.4	10.8	228.3	230.6	237.4	240.0	813.4	809.4	814.0	808.0
Oklahoma	1,512.1	1,545.3	1,520.6	1,548.9	34.8	38.4	35.4	38.8	65.4	68.3	65.2	69.5	143.8	146.9	144.4	147.4
Oregon	1,641.7	1,700.0	1,652.6	1,711.9	9.1	8.5	9.2	9.0	86.0	96.4	88.3	99.1	201.6	208.4	202.4	208.5
Pennsylvania	5,705.8	5,752.5	5,738.0	5,790.6	19.4	19.2	19.6	19.5	249.2	251.9	258.9	261.9	679.5	667.6	682.5	669.4
Rhode Island	491.1	493.4	495.5	498.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	21.3	22.6	22.3	23.4	55.5	53.5	55.5	53.5
South Carolina	1,866.7	1,913.4	1,877.1	1,922.6	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	115.1	123.0	117.4	125.1	265.0	260.4	263.9	259.6
South Dakota	386.7	396.5	393.8	402.6	.9	.9	.9	1.0	20.1	21.5	21.8	22.8	39.5	41.5	39.7	41.5
Tennessee	2,748.7	2,782.7	2,754.7	2,788.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	119.2	122.8	121.6	124.8	411.5	405.8	411.2	406.0
Texas	9,703.1	9,944.6	9,733.7	9,985.4	161.8	171.5	163.3	172.3	565.0	590.9	566.0	596.7	892.6	901.1	895.0	902.9
Utah	1,138.7	1,188.7	1,140.2	1,191.0	8.2	9.6	8.4	9.8	78.1	89.8	80.6	92.4	116.2	119.1	116.9	119.8
Vermont	302.4	304.1	305.1	307.6	.8	.7	.8	.8	15.4	15.9	17.3	17.8	36.7	36.4	36.8	36.5
Virginia	3,651.6	3,717.8	3,672.0	3,728.1	10.3	10.9	10.4	11.0	239.6	258.4	242.5	260.3	296.7	297.6	296.6	297.7
Washington	2,755.5	2,845.2	2,780.7	2,870.1	8.8	8.0	9.1	8.1	170.8	186.8	175.1	191.5	269.0	279.7	271.2	281.3
West Virginia	745.1	752.7	751.2	757.7	25.4	27.1	26.1	27.2	36.0	38.3	37.2	39.8	62.1	61.3	62.4	61.4
Wisconsin	2,826.5	2,855.7	2,854.2	2,882.7	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.3	124.2	131.1	133.2	138.7	501.6	502.7	502.5	503.5
Wyoming	257.2	266.2	263.9	273.0	21.8	25.1	22.1	25.3	19.5	20.5	21.0	22.0	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.8
Puerto Rico	1,044.7	1,050.5	1,044.4	1,051.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	67.4	68.9	66.3	68.6	117.9	110.0	117.2	110.2

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**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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			
	April		May		April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	380.3	382.7	381.8	383.7	31.2	31.1	31.1	31.1	97.5	98.3	97.5	98.6	205.7	216.1	205.4	215.7
Alaska	60.8	62.0	64.8	65.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	14.3	14.6	14.7	14.9	22.8	23.0	24.1	24.3
Arizona	481.3	504.3	481.7	504.1	45.8	44.6	46.0	44.4	172.2	180.6	172.7	180.3	364.9	393.3	364.5	393.4
Arkansas	244.4	246.2	245.0	247.2	20.0	20.2	20.1	20.3	51.2	52.3	51.5	52.7	110.7	114.6	110.7	114.9
California	2,769.6	2,802.3	2,784.4	2,812.0	470.4	465.3	470.1	468.2	919.4	940.5	923.3	941.9	2,130.3	2,189.1	2,128.0	2,191.7
Colorado	406.0	415.0	407.7	416.8	77.3	75.8	77.4	75.7	157.1	160.7	156.8	160.2	313.9	323.5	315.5	327.6
Connecticut	308.9	309.8	310.3	311.2	38.2	37.8	38.2	37.7	141.7	143.6	141.6	143.4	199.4	202.7	199.4	202.7
Delaware	80.3	81.8	81.3	82.8	6.7	7.2	6.8	7.3	44.8	44.8	45.1	44.5	62.5	63.4	62.8	64.6
District of Columbia ..	27.4	27.9	27.6	28.2	22.5	23.6	22.3	23.6	29.9	30.8	30.1	30.7	147.3	150.8	147.8	151.3
Florida	1,552.9	1,597.4	1,557.5	1,599.4	166.7	168.8	168.5	170.3	523.0	542.6	525.2	541.9	1,320.4	1,381.1	1,321.6	1,379.7
Georgia	846.2	863.3	850.3	868.4	116.8	116.8	115.9	116.7	223.9	230.2	225.1	231.0	528.9	546.3	530.6	547.0
Hawaii	115.4	121.1	116.4	121.2	10.7	11.3	10.8	11.4	28.9	29.7	29.1	29.9	73.6	76.9	73.0	76.4
Idaho	120.4	125.1	121.6	126.1	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	28.8	31.6	29.1	31.8	76.3	80.4	77.3	81.7
Illinois	1,176.2	1,181.0	1,184.9	1,187.4	119.2	116.9	119.2	116.8	399.7	407.9	401.2	408.8	819.6	843.9	820.8	848.7
Indiana	578.6	581.5	583.8	585.3	40.2	40.6	40.6	41.1	137.9	139.6	138.6	141.4	273.0	274.3	274.1	276.2
Iowa	305.5	307.6	307.1	309.4	33.4	32.5	33.4	32.5	97.6	99.7	98.1	100.2	112.4	116.3	112.1	116.1
Kansas	261.2	258.6	262.6	259.1	40.3	38.5	40.2	38.4	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.5	132.7	133.3	132.7	132.6
Kentucky	375.0	380.2	377.6	382.7	29.0	29.2	29.4	29.1	87.3	88.5	87.5	88.5	169.9	172.9	169.8	173.5
Louisiana	381.3	361.6	382.9	363.9	29.5	28.1	29.3	27.5	98.8	94.3	99.0	94.5	193.9	169.5	191.7	171.6
Maine	121.3	121.2	123.0	123.0	11.1	11.0	11.2	11.2	33.9	33.8	34.1	34.0	49.7	51.0	50.7	52.1
Maryland	464.7	469.2	468.6	473.2	49.3	50.2	49.7	50.3	157.6	160.3	157.9	161.0	382.7	389.7	385.1	393.1
Massachusetts	563.7	561.9	568.3	566.7	86.5	87.5	86.8	87.6	218.0	222.6	219.3	223.4	459.6	466.5	461.0	469.8
Michigan	797.4	787.2	808.2	798.4	67.6	66.7	67.9	67.3	217.8	219.1	219.1	220.9	590.6	592.0	595.3	601.2
Minnesota	526.1	527.1	530.4	534.2	59.6	60.6	59.5	61.5	179.1	181.3	178.8	181.8	304.2	311.3	302.9	317.6
Mississippi	221.0	225.2	221.0	226.4	14.4	14.1	14.4	14.0	46.2	46.2	46.4	45.7	87.1	90.4	85.8	88.6
Missouri	535.8	544.2	538.7	547.3	63.3	61.6	63.2	61.7	163.6	166.7	163.7	167.0	321.6	325.1	319.1	324.4
Montana	86.3	87.8	87.5	89.0	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.7	21.0	21.7	21.2	21.8	34.4	35.8	34.6	36.0
Nebraska	198.6	200.3	200.8	202.9	20.3	20.2	20.1	20.1	64.1	65.6	64.6	66.1	96.3	98.8	96.6	99.0
Nevada	211.0	222.5	212.0	224.1	14.9	14.5	15.4	14.8	63.9	67.4	64.4	67.8	143.7	155.8	143.4	156.6
New Hampshire	137.7	139.3	139.5	141.5	12.7	13.0	12.7	12.9	38.8	40.6	39.0	40.8	58.8	60.7	59.0	61.0
New Jersey	870.6	872.9	878.6	881.3	96.2	95.1	96.5	95.2	277.2	282.6	278.4	283.6	593.2	598.9	594.5	601.6
New Mexico	137.9	139.7	139.3	141.0	15.2	14.9	15.0	15.0	34.7	35.3	34.9	35.4	92.8	93.6	92.3	93.9
New York	1,479.2	1,490.7	1,492.6	1,504.7	267.1	270.1	268.9	271.2	707.9	719.9	708.1	721.9	1,076.2	1,085.9	1,076.9	1,093.9
North Carolina	732.9	729.5	736.1	733.3	75.9	76.7	76.2	76.9	195.9	203.0	196.8	203.8	442.2	452.4	439.2	455.3
North Dakota	74.3	75.3	75.2	76.3	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	18.7	19.2	18.8	19.3	26.3	26.9	26.5	27.3
Ohio	1,035.4	1,034.1	1,041.9	1,040.9	90.1	89.4	90.7	89.4	307.0	310.6	308.3	312.0	638.8	652.1	639.4	652.5
Oklahoma	276.8	281.6	278.2	282.4	30.4	30.1	30.4	30.1	83.4	85.1	84.0	84.5	169.8	175.1	170.2	175.5
Oregon	321.6	331.2	323.3	333.9	33.2	33.7	33.4	33.9	100.4	105.9	101.2	106.3	182.7	191.1	183.2	191.9
Pennsylvania	1,113.3	1,121.9	1,122.7	1,130.3	109.4	107.7	110.0	108.2	334.0	334.1	335.5	335.5	655.1	666.5	655.7	669.9
Rhode Island	79.3	79.2	79.9	80.0	10.7	10.5	10.7	10.6	34.3	35.8	34.3	35.8	55.2	56.5	55.1	57.0
South Carolina	358.7	368.4	362.2	370.8	27.0	28.2	27.3	28.9	97.0	101.7	97.9	101.7	202.9	207.4	203.4	209.0
South Dakota	78.2	79.3	79.2	79.9	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.9	27.9	29.3	28.2	29.5	24.3	25.2	24.1	25.3
Tennessee	593.7	604.1	595.8	606.0	49.5	49.7	49.8	49.9	143.0	144.0	143.7	144.6	310.1	314.4	308.8	313.6
Texas	1,965.6	2,014.6	1,974.6	2,023.8	222.8	219.2	223.2	219.0	603.4	624.3	605.1	627.4	1,146.1	1,203.2	1,143.4	1,206.9
Utah	221.9	229.5	223.0	230.4	31.5	32.9	31.7	33.1	66.8	69.5	66.8	70.4	143.7	154.8	145.8	157.2
Vermont	58.5	59.1	59.1	59.6	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.4	13.0	13.0	13.2	13.2	21.7	22.1	22.0	22.4
Virginia	648.3	654.2	652.0	655.7	93.1	91.0	93.3	91.3	191.3	194.1	192.4	195.0	599.2	616.0	600.2	617.0
Washington	521.0	536.4	526.4	540.1	94.2	96.0	94.6	96.3	152.3	157.0	153.3	157.8	312.7	331.3	315.3	333.7
West Virginia	138.1	139.0	139.5	140.3	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.7	29.7	30.0	29.7	30.0	58.6	58.7	58.4	58.8
Wisconsin	535.3	533.7	541.2	539.5	49.6	49.1	49.8	49.1	158.6	157.8	159.2	158.7	261.7	263.3	260.8	265.3
Wyoming	49.3	50.6	50.3	51.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	10.6	11.0	10.8	11.0	15.5	16.2	15.9	16.7
Puerto Rico	184.5	184.4	187.9	187.7	22.7	23.5	22.5	23.8	48.6	50.8	48.8	50.4	104.7	106.7	104.0	106.1

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**ESTABLISHMENT DATA
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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			
	April		May		April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	199.4	204.7	200.1	204.8	166.4	171.2	168.3	173.2	81.7	82.1	82.1	82.5	364.8	368.5	365.7	368.8
Alaska	35.8	36.3	35.9	36.4	28.3	28.5	32.3	32.8	11.3	11.5	11.3	11.6	83.3	83.9	83.3	84.1
Arizona	274.7	285.0	275.5	286.0	259.5	273.3	257.9	271.9	91.6	96.2	91.9	96.4	412.4	416.4	409.7	414.4
Arkansas	146.8	149.9	147.0	149.7	94.9	96.1	96.6	97.9	42.2	42.8	42.4	43.0	207.9	211.5	206.7	210.7
California	1,595.3	1,619.9	1,595.9	1,621.9	1,468.4	1,507.0	1,482.5	1,519.3	511.3	520.2	512.6	522.4	2,445.5	2,470.8	2,452.8	2,479.9
Colorado	224.1	228.2	225.0	228.3	253.7	259.4	249.9	254.3	88.4	89.5	88.4	89.6	367.5	372.2	370.7	376.2
Connecticut	275.5	278.2	273.9	277.4	127.7	129.3	130.0	134.9	62.7	63.2	63.0	63.2	248.5	251.1	247.7	250.3
Delaware	54.1	55.1	54.3	55.1	39.2	40.2	41.2	42.1	19.6	19.9	19.6	19.9	60.2	61.2	60.6	61.3
District of Columbia ..	93.4	98.2	91.1	95.3	54.3	57.1	55.4	57.7	59.1	59.1	59.3	59.4	231.4	229.2	231.6	230.0
Florida	940.2	961.7	941.4	964.2	901.9	936.4	897.7	930.6	334.0	339.0	335.9	341.3	1,093.8	1,113.6	1,097.7	1,118.9
Georgia	423.3	433.9	424.8	435.4	378.3	383.0	384.0	388.8	158.2	160.0	159.2	160.9	651.5	665.9	651.2	663.3
Hawaii	69.9	70.9	70.2	70.9	105.9	107.6	106.2	107.7	25.0	25.6	25.3	25.8	121.4	121.8	122.7	123.7
Idaho	67.9	70.2	67.2	69.5	55.4	60.5	57.0	61.1	18.3	18.9	18.4	19.1	116.7	118.8	117.3	120.3
Illinois	745.4	753.6	746.9	754.9	510.9	526.1	525.6	540.4	255.9	260.7	256.7	260.2	854.2	850.4	857.2	853.8
Indiana	380.5	385.9	372.9	383.3	277.1	281.3	286.0	289.0	111.4	111.4	112.0	112.2	439.0	439.6	436.0	437.1
Iowa	197.2	202.4	196.0	201.0	130.7	131.7	134.6	135.7	56.3	55.9	56.3	55.9	250.2	252.8	252.5	255.0
Kansas	165.5	165.9	165.5	166.3	111.3	112.0	113.2	115.5	53.0	54.0	53.0	53.8	258.7	260.4	259.6	262.4
Kentucky	234.5	239.6	235.2	240.1	166.5	171.0	169.2	173.8	76.4	76.2	76.8	76.4	317.3	319.7	318.3	320.5
Louisiana	258.3	211.1	257.4	212.5	211.2	172.4	215.7	175.1	71.7	57.8	71.9	58.8	384.3	373.8	382.4	371.5
Maine	112.8	113.7	112.9	113.9	53.9	53.9	59.8	59.8	20.0	20.0	20.2	20.2	107.6	108.6	107.9	109.1
Maryland	353.1	362.9	353.5	363.8	226.2	229.7	234.2	238.8	117.2	120.0	117.7	120.6	469.3	475.4	472.1	475.2
Massachusetts	596.6	604.2	589.2	596.3	285.2	284.4	298.7	298.3	117.2	118.2	117.6	118.6	418.3	419.4	419.9	420.8
Michigan	574.1	577.6	574.6	578.5	399.8	401.6	419.4	420.7	177.9	177.8	179.6	179.6	696.3	694.2	690.0	688.9
Minnesota	389.3	398.2	388.7	400.0	239.8	244.2	246.9	252.3	118.5	118.6	118.1	117.6	424.4	429.6	424.8	430.8
Mississippi	121.8	123.8	121.4	123.7	127.2	117.0	128.8	117.5	37.8	37.9	37.8	37.4	244.6	244.1	243.5	244.1
Missouri	367.1	374.6	366.4	374.0	275.1	278.1	281.5	284.5	119.1	118.4	119.1	118.8	440.4	445.0	439.3	445.8
Montana	56.2	57.6	56.5	57.8	52.7	53.6	54.7	54.7	16.7	16.6	16.8	16.8	87.6	88.3	88.2	89.6
Nebraska	128.0	131.6	127.7	132.1	79.3	81.5	81.3	84.4	36.2	36.1	36.4	36.0	162.8	165.2	164.8	166.7
Nevada	84.4	87.9	84.5	88.0	328.5	336.2	330.0	337.6	33.9	33.5	34.2	36.9	146.1	150.8	146.9	151.4
New Hampshire	97.8	101.3	97.7	101.3	59.1	60.2	62.2	64.6	21.4	20.8	21.4	21.0	94.1	92.4	94.9	93.1
New Jersey	556.7	571.6	560.9	575.1	323.9	333.7	338.2	349.2	158.3	159.4	159.3	160.6	651.9	658.7	648.3	655.0
New Mexico	105.6	109.5	105.8	109.6	84.1	84.3	84.6	85.6	28.6	29.2	28.9	29.5	203.7	206.9	204.0	207.5
New York	1,559.7	1,583.2	1,550.5	1,579.6	655.9	656.4	682.9	688.0	357.1	359.5	358.6	362.1	1,502.7	1,504.4	1,506.8	1,509.9
North Carolina	461.3	479.2	462.6	479.9	353.0	362.6	362.9	372.6	168.2	177.4	170.4	179.3	676.1	691.4	678.3	693.2
North Dakota	48.5	49.3	48.4	49.4	30.8	32.0	31.8	32.7	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.0	78.4	78.1	78.1	77.9
Ohio	762.7	776.6	759.0	772.2	498.5	506.0	517.4	526.1	225.8	225.4	226.7	226.1	812.5	810.3	818.4	815.8
Oklahoma	182.6	187.0	182.5	186.6	134.4	135.9	136.9	137.2	74.4	74.5	74.7	74.3	316.3	322.4	318.7	322.6
Oregon	199.8	210.2	200.0	208.8	156.8	163.7	159.6	165.3	57.3	59.2	57.6	59.6	293.2	291.7	294.4	295.6
Pennsylvania	1,035.6	1,065.6	1,025.7	1,055.9	477.4	482.6	501.6	506.0	263.5	265.9	265.3	267.8	769.4	769.5	760.5	766.2
Rhode Island	96.7	98.2	96.4	97.5	48.8	48.4	51.3	51.4	23.2	22.5	23.4	22.7	65.8	65.9	66.3	66.0
South Carolina	184.8	192.3	185.4	191.7	206.5	208.0	209.3	212.4	72.7	78.8	73.4	78.7	332.1	340.4	332.0	339.8
South Dakota	57.8	59.1	57.6	59.0	39.9	41.2	42.7	44.1	15.5	15.4	15.7	15.5	76.1	76.3	77.2	77.1
Tennessee	329.8	336.9	329.4	336.6	263.7	272.6	268.1	276.8	101.7	102.4	101.8	102.6	422.3	425.7	420.3	423.6
Texas	1,177.7	1,213.8	1,179.3	1,216.9	913.6	926.5	940.7	950.7	350.9	351.9	352.0	352.5	1,703.6	1,727.5	1,705.3	1,726.3
Utah	129.3	134.7	125.4	130.5	103.7	106.0	103.2	105.6	33.3	33.9	33.4	34.0	206.0	208.9	205.0	207.8
Vermont	54.6	55.4	54.7	55.4	30.4	29.6	30.0	30.1	10.0	9.9	10.1	10.0	55.1	55.6	54.9	55.4
Virginia	395.4	407.4	397.0	407.5	326.2	329.2	337.5	337.4	181.1	182.5	181.9	182.4	670.4	676.5	668.2	672.8
Washington	331.1	341.0	332.0	342.3	259.0	268.4	264.9	274.6	102.1	104.4	102.9	105.5	534.5	536.2	535.9	538.9
West Virginia	113.0	115.5	113.0	115.3	68.5	69.3	70.5	71.3	56.7	56.4	57.0	56.7	145.5	145.4	145.8	145.2
Wisconsin	382.7	395.0	382.6	397.0	249.8	258.7	260.7	267.7	136.1	136.0	136.4	136.4	423.1	424.5	423.7	422.5
Wyoming	21.9	22.3	21.9	22.7	29.4	29.9	31.3	31.9	9.6	9.9	9.7	10.1	65.8	66.8	67.1	67.7
Puerto Rico	101.0	104.9	101.5	103.7	72.4	74.3	71.9	75.0	21.2	24.6	21.0	24.3	304.3	302.4	303.3	301.2

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

P = preliminary.

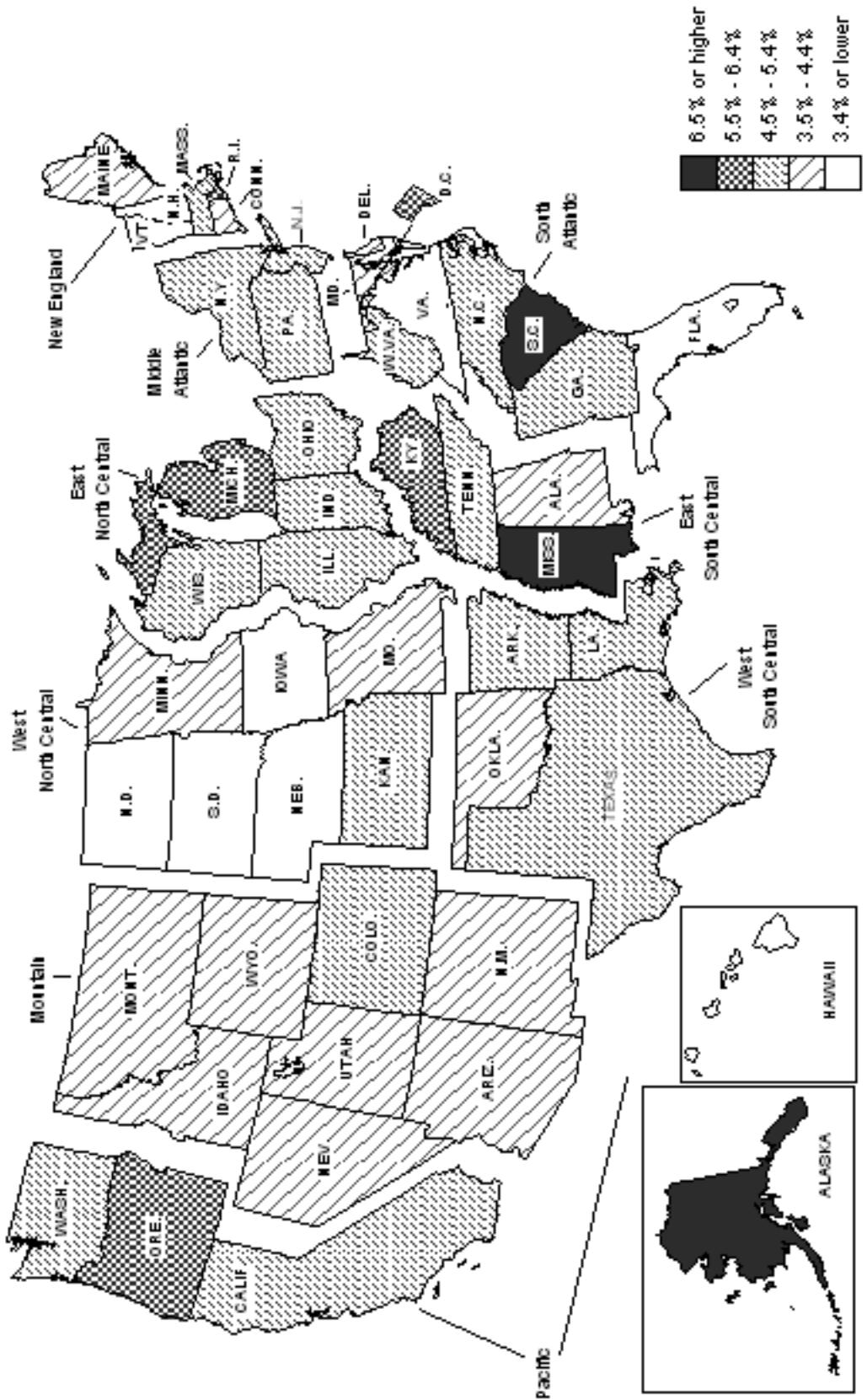
NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected

from 2005 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted

May 2006

(U.S. rate = 4.6 percent)



**Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state,
seasonally adjusted, May 2005 – May 2006**

