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## **METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: SEPTEMBER 2004**

In September, 265 metropolitan areas recorded lower unemployment rates than a year earlier, 43 areas had higher rates, and 23 areas had rates that were unchanged, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Twenty-five metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent, with 12 of these located in the South and 8 in the Midwest. Seven areas posted unemployment rates of at least 10.0 percent; five of these were located in California, and the other two were along the Mexican border in other states. The national unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted, in September.

### Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Ninety-nine metropolitan areas had jobless rates below 4.0 percent in September, up from 58 areas a year earlier, while 27 areas registered unemployment rates of at least 7.0 percent, down from 53 areas in September 2003. Bryan-College Station, Texas, again recorded the lowest jobless rate in September, 1.7 percent, followed by Fargo-Moorhead, N.D.-Minn., 2.0 percent, and Fort Walton Beach, Fla.,

### **Hurricane Effects on State and Metropolitan Area Payroll Employment**

Four hurricanes struck the U.S. during August and September: Charley in mid-August, Frances early in September, Ivan in mid-September, and Jeanne late in the month. BLS made additional data collection efforts for the hurricane-affected counties. Establishment survey response rates in September were within the normal range for these areas as well as for the U.S. as a whole. For weather conditions to reduce the estimate of payroll employment, people have to be off work for an entire pay period and not be paid for the time missed. While some employed persons were off payrolls during the survey reference period because of the hurricane effects, some jobs were added as part of recovery efforts.

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

2.1 percent. This was the eighth consecutive month that Bryan-College Station had the lowest unemployment rate. Of the 25 areas with rates below 3.0 percent, more than one-third were home to large state universities. Yuma, Ariz., where summer jobless rates are roughly double those of the winter, again posted the highest unemployment rate, 27.8 percent. The next highest rate was recorded in Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, Calif., 12.8 percent. (See table 1 and the map.)

In September, two areas in Texas located along the Mexican border experienced the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decreases, El Paso (-2.9 percentage points) and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission (-2.7 points). Eight additional areas reported jobless rate declines of at least 2.0 percentage points from last year. Ninety-one other areas had rate decreases of 1.0 percentage point or more over the same period. Punta Gorda, Fla., which sustained major damage from Hurricane Charley, registered the largest over-the-year jobless rate increase (+2.5 percentage points). The other areas with rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point were Sumter, S.C. (+2.0 percentage points), Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va. (+1.8 points), and Scranton—Wilkes-Barre—Hazleton, Pa. (+1.1 points).

Of the 51 metropolitan areas with a 1990 census population of 1 million or more, 48 areas reported lower jobless rates than in September 2003, 2 had no change, and 1 posted a slightly higher rate. Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va., and Orange County, Calif., continued to record the lowest unemployment rates among the large areas, 3.1 and 3.2 percent, respectively. Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, N.J., and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla., had the next lowest rates, 3.7 percent each. The highest jobless rates among the large areas were in Detroit, Mich., 6.7 percent, Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., 6.5 percent, and New York, N.Y., 6.4 percent. San Jose, Calif., again registered the largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease (-2.4 percentage points), followed by Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. (-2.2 points), and Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, N.C.-S.C. (-2.0 points). Nineteen additional areas reported jobless rate declines of at least 1.0 percentage point. No large area experienced an over-the-year rate increase greater than 0.1 percentage point.

#### Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the 274 metropolitan areas for which September 2004 nonfarm payroll data were available, 193 posted over-the-year increases in employment, 76 recorded decreases, and 5 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment increases were posted in Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+65,600), Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+42,500), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (+38,900), St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. (+38,100), and New York, N.Y. (+36,700). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment occurred in Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+5.1 percent), Laredo, Texas (+4.5 percent), Provo-Orem, Utah (+4.4 percent), Boise City, Idaho, and Reno, Nev. (+4.1 percent each), and Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa (+3.8 percent).

The largest over-the-year employment declines were recorded in Detroit, Mich. (-25,800), Lansing-East Lansing, Mich. (-11,700), Hartford, Conn. (-8,400), Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Mich. (-7,800), and San Jose, Calif. (-7,300). The largest over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were reported in Lansing-East Lansing, Mich. (-4.8 percent), Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Mich. (-4.5 percent), Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Houma, La. (-3.7 percent each), Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio-W.Va. (-3.0 percent), and Iowa City, Iowa, and Jackson, Mich. (-2.7 percent each).

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 35 of the 39 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2003. The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment in these metropolitan areas occurred in Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+5.1 percent), St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. (+2.9 percent), Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wis. (+2.6 percent), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz., and Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+2.4 percent each), and Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+2.3 percent). Among the 39 large

areas, Detroit, Mich., had the largest over-the-year percentage decline in employment (-1.3 percent), followed by San Jose, Calif. (-0.9 percent), Indianapolis, Ind. (-0.8 percent), and Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-0.3 percent).

Employment growth was most widespread in education and health services, with 202 of 274 metropolitan areas experiencing over-the-year job gains in this industry sector. Employment gains also were prevalent in leisure and hospitality and in professional and business services, with each industry recording increases in 169 metropolitan areas. Manufacturing remained the weakest industry, with 156 metropolitan areas posting employment losses over the year.

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The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for October 2004 is scheduled to be issued on November 19. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for October 2004 is scheduled to be issued on December 1.

# Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (table 1) for 337 metropolitan areas, including those in Puerto Rico. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (table 2) are provided for over 270 of these areas. State estimates were previously published in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*, and are republished in this release for ease of reference. The LAUS and CES programs are both Federal-State cooperative endeavors.

## Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

**Definitions.** The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The labor force includes both the employed and the unemployed. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the survey reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who have a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), have actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the survey reference week), and are currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

**Method of estimation.** Effective January 1996, estimates for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. For all other substate areas, estimates are prepared through indirect estimation procedures. Employment estimates, which are based largely on “place of work” estimates from the CES program, are adjusted to refer to place of residence as used in the CPS. Unemployment estimates are aggregates of persons previously employed in industries covered by state unemployment (UI) laws and entrants to the labor force data from the CPS. The substate estimates of employment and unemployment which geographically exhaust the entire state, are adjusted proportionally to ensure that they add to the independently estimated state totals. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

**Annual revisions.** Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and any revisions in the other data sources. In addition, data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the two large substate areas noted are adjusted annually to equal the CPS annual averages, usually effective with January estimates. All other substate estimates are adjusted to add to the revised (benchmarked) state estimates.

## Employment—from the CES program

**Definitions.** Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Method of estimation.** The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for the approximately 10 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

**Annual revisions.** Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

## Reliability of the estimates

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey and administrative data and thus are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data are also subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the special estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed, in most instances, from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

**Labor force and unemployment estimates.** Measures of sampling error, in the form of the standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Error measures cannot be computed for substate areas because of the special estimation processes used. Measures of nonsampling error for CPS data are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

**Employment estimates.** Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available on the BLS Web site at

(<http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>). Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae>).

**Area definitions.** The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, dated June 30, 1996. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

### **Additional information**

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800).

Estimates of unadjusted and seasonally adjusted labor force and unemployment data for states, census regions and divisions, and two areas are available in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at (<http://stats.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://stats.bls.gov/sae/>).

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone: 1-800-877-8339.

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and metropolitan area

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
<b>Alabama</b> .....	2,155.9	2,169.2	2,158.9	2,159.3	131.7	134.9	127.2	123.2	6.1	6.2	5.9	5.7
Anniston .....	53.3	53.7	53.7	54.0	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.8	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.3
Auburn-Opelika .....	52.9	54.5	54.7	54.8	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.0	4.3	4.4	4.0	3.7
Birmingham .....	479.2	480.0	478.8	478.8	22.6	24.1	22.0	22.1	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.6
Decatur .....	71.0	70.8	71.8	71.3	5.2	4.8	5.7	4.9	7.3	6.8	7.9	6.8
Dothan .....	68.4	68.8	68.1	67.5	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.6
Florence .....	63.4	62.5	63.3	62.1	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.6
Gadsden .....	47.0	47.9	47.2	47.5	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.2	6.2	7.3	5.9	6.6
Huntsville .....	184.9	187.2	186.2	187.1	8.4	8.8	8.7	8.0	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.3
Mobile .....	275.1	278.6	274.4	277.4	17.9	18.4	17.5	17.2	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.2
Montgomery .....	167.8	169.9	166.7	168.1	9.5	10.1	8.7	9.0	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.4
Tuscaloosa .....	84.1	85.6	85.4	86.6	3.2	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.9	4.6	3.5	3.9
<b>Alaska</b> .....	340.2	353.1	335.2	348.7	23.7	23.3	23.3	23.3	7.0	6.6	6.9	6.7
Anchorage .....	145.6	150.9	147.7	153.2	8.0	7.6	7.9	7.8	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.1
<b>Arizona</b> .....	2,719.8	2,787.6	2,709.8	2,782.3	167.7	136.8	154.9	139.8	6.2	4.9	5.7	5.0
Flagstaff .....	72.7	74.1	71.9	73.9	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.0	6.3	5.8	5.6	5.5
Phoenix-Mesa .....	1,822.1	1,867.8	1,815.8	1,861.8	95.9	73.0	90.8	77.0	5.3	3.9	5.0	4.1
Tucson .....	423.9	433.5	426.2	437.7	19.3	15.5	18.2	16.9	4.6	3.6	4.3	3.9
Yuma .....	81.4	81.4	78.5	79.6	26.0	24.3	21.8	22.1	31.9	29.8	27.8	27.8
<b>Arkansas</b> .....	1,272.5	1,329.9	1,261.8	1,322.0	76.9	67.5	74.5	66.3	6.0	5.1	5.9	5.0
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers .....	170.2	182.3	168.5	181.8	5.2	4.5	5.0	4.4	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.4
Fort Smith .....	99.3	102.2	98.2	101.1	5.2	4.6	5.2	4.7	5.2	4.5	5.3	4.7
Jonesboro .....	44.6	46.1	44.4	45.9	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.0	5.5	4.6	5.5	4.5
Little Rock-North Little Rock .....	312.4	328.0	308.8	327.0	16.3	14.4	16.1	14.6	5.2	4.4	5.2	4.5
Pine Bluff .....	36.1	39.2	36.0	38.9	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	9.5	8.7	9.1	8.5
<b>California</b> .....	17,584.0	17,757.8	17,474.3	17,697.8	1,171.1	1,026.5	1,124.4	1,000.4	6.7	5.8	6.4	5.7
Bakersfield .....	307.8	310.5	302.3	307.8	32.6	32.0	31.2	31.8	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.3
Chico-Paradise .....	92.0	92.0	91.3	92.0	6.6	6.3	5.8	5.7	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.2
Fresno .....	465.9	470.9	466.3	473.4	52.5	47.4	50.1	48.1	11.3	10.1	10.7	10.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	4,807.4	4,814.3	4,804.6	4,829.3	361.1	306.1	351.4	298.9	7.5	6.4	7.3	6.2
Merced .....	91.9	94.9	90.4	94.4	10.5	10.2	9.4	9.8	11.4	10.8	10.4	10.4
Modesto .....	224.0	228.1	219.8	220.7	20.9	19.7	19.7	20.5	9.4	8.7	9.0	9.3
Oakland .....	1,268.5	1,276.7	1,257.5	1,271.9	81.4	67.2	77.5	64.0	6.4	5.3	6.2	5.0
Orange County .....	1,588.4	1,608.7	1,573.4	1,598.3	61.0	53.1	58.8	51.5	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.2
Redding .....	82.2	84.0	82.8	84.1	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.6	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.6
Riverside-San Bernardino .....	1,692.2	1,747.9	1,687.5	1,748.0	108.0	101.8	103.1	99.1	6.4	5.8	6.1	5.7
Sacramento .....	883.4	892.3	874.4	886.9	47.7	45.0	47.2	44.2	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.0
Salinas .....	200.7	201.9	196.6	197.4	13.8	12.7	12.2	12.2	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.2
San Diego .....	1,500.0	1,534.6	1,481.2	1,521.6	65.1	58.8	62.5	57.2	4.3	3.8	4.2	3.8
San Francisco .....	910.9	912.1	903.0	904.7	52.8	41.3	49.3	38.3	5.8	4.5	5.5	4.2
San Jose .....	896.5	874.9	883.2	866.8	73.0	49.0	69.6	47.5	8.1	5.6	7.9	5.5
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles .....	121.6	121.6	121.2	122.4	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc .....	211.4	219.0	209.2	216.7	7.6	7.1	7.4	7.3	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.4
Santa Cruz-Watsonville .....	139.8	142.5	136.9	140.3	8.9	7.9	8.6	7.9	6.4	5.6	6.3	5.6
Santa Rosa .....	258.6	263.0	260.2	263.6	12.8	11.1	12.0	10.3	4.9	4.2	4.6	3.9
Stockton-Lodi .....	279.2	287.3	281.8	289.3	25.7	24.7	24.1	24.4	9.2	8.6	8.6	8.4
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa .....	287.4	290.2	286.0	288.2	15.6	14.6	15.0	13.8	5.4	5.0	5.3	4.8
Ventura .....	431.3	437.4	431.9	436.6	24.5	22.6	24.1	22.4	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.1
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville .....	173.9	177.9	172.4	176.8	23.0	22.4	22.0	22.6	13.2	12.6	12.8	12.8
Yolo .....	99.6	101.2	99.1	100.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.8
Yuba City .....	62.0	60.1	60.6	59.2	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.2	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.4
<b>Colorado</b> .....	2,519.8	2,556.7	2,515.5	2,560.9	148.6	124.5	144.1	118.7	5.9	4.9	5.7	4.6
Boulder-Longmont <sup>1</sup> .....	173.4	173.7	176.4	178.2	10.0	7.8	9.6	7.8	5.8	4.5	5.4	4.4
Colorado Springs .....	285.4	290.6	286.4	291.7	17.7	15.8	17.3	15.2	6.2	5.4	6.0	5.2
Denver <sup>1</sup> .....	1,271.3	1,294.1	1,271.2	1,300.4	79.9	65.0	78.1	61.9	6.3	5.0	6.1	4.8
Fort Collins-Loveland .....	160.5	160.7	159.1	159.6	8.7	7.3	8.5	7.1	5.4	4.5	5.4	4.4
Grand Junction .....	68.3	69.6	68.3	69.8	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.1	5.6	4.7	5.1	4.4
Greeley .....	104.3	105.3	104.0	105.0	6.7	6.1	6.5	5.9	6.5	5.8	6.3	5.6
Pueblo .....	64.1	65.1	63.6	64.8	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.5
<b>Connecticut</b> .....	1,833.1	1,818.5	1,784.7	1,776.0	102.2	84.2	89.1	74.2	5.6	4.6	5.0	4.2
Bridgeport .....	234.3	231.7	227.3	225.8	16.3	12.9	14.1	11.1	6.9	5.6	6.2	4.9
Danbury .....	118.6	119.4	116.2	117.7	4.7	3.8	4.0	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.4	2.7
Hartford .....	619.3	607.8	604.6	597.4	37.1	30.9	32.3	27.4	6.0	5.1	5.3	4.6
New Haven-Meriden .....	291.6	289.5	286.1	283.4	16.6	13.8	14.4	12.1	5.7	4.8	5.0	4.3
New London-Norwich .....	177.0	176.5	170.1	170.3	8.4	7.1	7.3	6.3	4.7	4.0	4.3	3.7
Stamford-Norwalk .....	198.4	198.7	192.1	191.6	7.1	5.7	6.3	4.9	3.6	2.9	3.3	2.6
Waterbury .....	121.1	120.9	117.0	116.8	8.5	7.1	7.5	6.5	7.0	5.9	6.4	5.6
<b>Delaware</b> .....	420.9	427.1	414.1	422.5	20.1	16.2	18.3	16.4	4.8	3.8	4.4	3.9
Dover .....	75.9	78.7	75.4	77.7	3.6	2.5	3.2	2.3	4.7	3.2	4.3	2.9
Wilmington-Newark .....	306.1	308.1	303.8	309.3	16.8	14.2	15.1	15.3	5.5	4.6	5.0	4.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>District of Columbia</b>	306.1	304.5	300.8	303.1	22.2	23.3	20.0	23.6	7.3	7.6	6.7	7.8
Washington	2,882.2	2,941.4	2,851.7	2,915.0	101.2	95.7	98.8	90.0	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.1
<b>Florida</b>	8,313.3	8,525.8	8,241.0	8,431.3	452.6	416.8	437.2	394.6	5.4	4.9	5.3	4.7
Daytona Beach	225.1	233.0	223.1	228.7	11.6	10.5	11.6	10.3	5.2	4.5	5.2	4.5
Fort Lauderdale	886.9	906.3	886.0	904.0	51.3	44.4	49.5	40.7	5.8	4.9	5.6	4.5
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	219.6	229.5	217.0	227.2	9.4	8.4	9.2	9.5	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.2
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie	150.7	153.9	148.8	150.5	12.5	11.8	11.9	12.6	8.3	7.7	8.0	8.4
Fort Walton Beach	94.8	98.4	92.3	95.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.1
Gainesville	115.3	119.7	115.3	118.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.2
Jacksonville	609.2	629.2	599.9	616.5	32.4	32.1	31.7	29.2	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.7
Lakeland-Winter Haven	223.6	228.0	221.6	225.0	16.5	15.6	15.9	14.7	7.4	6.8	7.2	6.5
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	230.3	235.8	226.6	232.1	11.1	9.7	10.8	9.8	4.8	4.1	4.8	4.2
Miami	1,109.4	1,129.5	1,110.6	1,128.9	82.1	74.6	78.7	68.9	7.4	6.6	7.1	6.1
Naples	122.1	127.7	121.2	125.9	7.8	6.9	7.5	6.3	6.4	5.4	6.2	5.0
Ocala	110.8	110.8	107.3	108.9	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.5	3.8
Orlando	998.0	1,026.3	986.2	1,011.3	49.9	45.7	48.2	42.1	5.0	4.5	4.9	4.2
Panama City	74.4	75.8	72.2	73.5	3.4	2.9	3.4	2.8	4.6	3.9	4.7	3.8
Pensacola	185.2	191.1	183.4	188.3	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.3	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.3
Punta Gorda	52.5	54.7	52.4	56.3	2.3	2.2	2.6	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.9	7.4
Sarasota-Bradenton	312.6	320.9	309.6	318.6	11.5	10.8	11.9	11.0	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.4
Tallahassee	158.1	163.0	157.4	162.5	5.8	5.2	5.4	4.8	3.7	3.2	3.4	2.9
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,360.6	1,384.7	1,344.1	1,365.5	60.9	55.4	59.0	50.8	4.5	4.0	4.4	3.7
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	595.1	608.9	589.4	599.8	38.1	36.0	36.4	34.4	6.4	5.9	6.2	5.7
<b>Georgia</b>	4,415.5	4,423.9	4,442.6	4,425.2	205.5	188.8	206.4	186.5	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.2
Albany	57.4	57.7	57.6	57.5	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.8	4.8	5.2	4.7	4.8
Athens	79.9	79.3	80.6	79.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
Atlanta	2,437.3	2,436.7	2,446.5	2,444.0	117.7	107.8	118.9	106.0	4.8	4.4	4.9	4.3
Augusta-Aiken	219.3	223.7	219.2	223.4	10.9	12.0	10.6	11.6	5.0	5.4	4.8	5.2
Columbus	132.7	129.6	132.7	129.9	7.7	6.5	7.7	6.5	5.8	5.0	5.8	5.0
Macon	161.6	161.5	162.7	162.2	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1
Savannah	149.4	149.8	150.7	149.8	5.9	5.4	6.0	5.1	4.0	3.6	4.0	3.4
<b>Hawaii</b>	625.5	634.1	619.9	626.0	30.0	19.9	29.0	20.3	4.8	3.1	4.7	3.2
Honolulu	439.0	445.5	436.2	440.5	19.3	12.3	18.8	12.9	4.4	2.8	4.3	2.9
<b>Idaho</b>	700.9	717.9	695.0	710.1	33.8	31.8	29.5	29.0	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.1
Boise City	246.8	254.1	244.4	250.3	12.2	11.2	11.3	10.5	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.2
Pocatello	39.3	39.8	40.6	40.9	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.0
<b>Illinois</b>	6,370.9	6,419.1	6,324.5	6,407.0	431.0	392.5	411.4	363.0	6.8	6.1	6.5	5.7
Bloomington-Normal	91.5	92.3	92.8	94.8	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.0
Champaign-Urbana	98.6	98.6	98.0	99.9	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3
Chicago	4,274.0	4,308.8	4,232.5	4,283.1	297.4	266.7	287.1	248.7	7.0	6.2	6.8	5.8
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	187.3	190.4	184.7	188.4	9.7	8.9	8.5	8.5	5.2	4.7	4.6	4.5
Decatur	56.2	56.5	55.6	56.0	4.3	4.0	4.1	3.5	7.7	7.0	7.3	6.2
Kankakee	52.4	53.2	51.8	53.0	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	7.5	7.8	7.3	7.3
Peoria-Pekin	181.9	184.2	179.6	184.0	9.9	9.1	9.5	8.6	5.5	4.9	5.3	4.7
Rockford	197.0	197.1	193.7	195.5	16.5	15.2	15.5	13.9	8.4	7.7	8.0	7.1
Springfield	108.1	109.4	104.7	106.4	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.1
<b>Indiana</b>	3,218.4	3,170.3	3,189.3	3,151.6	163.0	154.4	153.6	150.5	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8
Bloomington	62.9	63.9	67.9	68.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.7	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5
Elkhart-Goshen	101.6	97.8	98.8	97.3	4.7	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.0
Evansville-Henderson	168.1	165.7	165.6	163.4	7.3	6.8	6.9	6.5	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.0
Fort Wayne	271.1	267.2	267.4	264.9	14.9	13.5	14.2	13.5	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.1
Gary	308.4	300.2	306.2	299.6	18.4	16.6	15.7	15.6	6.0	5.5	5.1	5.2
Indianapolis	926.7	903.4	912.0	891.8	43.8	42.4	43.3	42.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Kokomo	51.2	50.6	50.6	50.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.3
Lafayette	90.7	91.2	94.1	94.2	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.0
Muncie	58.8	56.3	59.9	58.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.1	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.3
South Bend	138.7	137.4	136.4	137.0	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.9	5.2	4.3	4.5	4.3
Terre Haute	72.8	73.4	73.8	73.6	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.3	5.6	6.3	5.3	5.8
<b>Iowa</b>	1,601.4	1,633.5	1,596.0	1,625.1	66.9	68.1	65.5	68.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Cedar Rapids	114.1	114.6	113.7	112.3	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.8
Des Moines	270.8	283.4	267.1	280.5	9.7	9.9	9.8	10.2	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6
Dubuque	49.3	51.2	49.1	51.2	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.5
Iowa City	74.4	75.3	76.7	76.4	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.3	3.9
Sioux City	62.5	63.4	62.3	62.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.4	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.5
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	68.7	72.4	69.9	74.0	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.5	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.8

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Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
<b>Kansas</b> .....	1,435.8	1,469.3	1,424.4	1,460.3	74.6	67.9	72.1	64.7	5.2	4.6	5.1	4.4
Lawrence .....	56.6	58.7	57.3	60.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2
Topeka .....	91.3	94.1	89.4	92.0	4.6	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.5
Wichita .....	287.3	294.8	284.1	290.3	20.8	16.3	19.4	15.4	7.3	5.5	6.8	5.3
<b>Kentucky</b> .....	1,968.3	1,991.7	1,951.7	1,970.8	111.1	93.7	112.0	84.8	5.6	4.7	5.7	4.3
Lexington .....	254.4	262.1	255.0	262.7	10.3	9.1	10.3	8.1	4.1	3.5	4.0	3.1
Louisville .....	558.0	562.5	553.5	554.0	29.2	25.0	31.0	23.5	5.2	4.5	5.6	4.3
Owensboro .....	48.4	49.5	48.8	49.3	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.3	6.2	5.1	6.0	4.6
<b>Louisiana</b> .....	2,039.6	2,041.9	2,031.7	2,051.5	139.9	103.2	125.6	103.1	6.9	5.1	6.2	5.0
Alexandria .....	60.5	59.8	59.7	60.1	3.9	2.4	3.3	2.4	6.5	4.0	5.5	4.0
Baton Rouge .....	309.5	311.1	311.1	315.0	20.6	16.6	18.8	16.1	6.6	5.4	6.1	5.1
Houma .....	100.1	98.5	99.3	98.5	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6	4.0
Lafayette .....	181.2	182.4	180.3	183.1	10.7	6.8	9.8	7.1	5.9	3.7	5.4	3.9
Lake Charles .....	88.2	89.8	87.0	89.0	6.3	3.8	5.7	3.9	7.2	4.2	6.5	4.4
Monroe .....	73.6	73.6	73.4	73.7	4.7	3.5	4.1	3.2	6.4	4.7	5.6	4.4
New Orleans .....	603.8	609.9	603.6	611.3	38.2	29.0	34.7	29.2	6.3	4.8	5.8	4.8
Shreveport-Bossier City .....	184.5	182.9	182.6	183.8	13.5	9.3	12.0	9.1	7.3	5.1	6.6	4.9
<b>Maine</b> .....	712.2	718.7	699.8	701.8	30.2	26.3	32.4	28.8	4.2	3.7	4.6	4.1
Bangor .....	52.8	54.6	53.4	54.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.3
Lewiston-Auburn .....	54.9	55.9	55.0	55.6	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.2	4.4	3.5	4.7	3.9
Portland .....	145.9	148.7	142.3	144.3	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.2	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.9
<b>Maryland</b> .....	2,931.3	2,973.8	2,903.6	2,953.9	128.9	123.9	126.7	115.6	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.9
Baltimore .....	1,355.3	1,373.6	1,342.8	1,360.2	70.7	67.2	68.4	61.7	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.5
Cumberland .....	42.8	42.6	43.5	42.8	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	6.1	6.5	5.9	5.9
Hagerstown .....	70.0	70.6	70.2	70.5	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.4	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.4
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	3,455.7	3,462.2	3,386.3	3,370.7	201.1	184.9	199.3	156.5	5.8	5.3	5.9	4.6
Barnstable-Yarmouth .....	97.2	94.9	88.0	85.8	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.7	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.2
Boston .....	1,885.8	1,879.9	1,846.3	1,831.7	101.7	89.9	101.3	76.1	5.4	4.8	5.5	4.2
Brocton .....	144.0	145.3	140.7	140.8	9.1	9.0	8.9	7.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	5.4
Fitchburg-Leominster .....	71.8	73.0	70.5	71.0	6.0	5.8	5.7	4.8	8.3	8.0	8.1	6.8
Lawrence .....	213.5	212.3	211.2	209.0	18.2	16.4	18.0	14.4	8.5	7.7	8.5	6.9
Lowell .....	176.8	177.9	176.9	176.0	12.4	11.0	12.1	9.3	7.0	6.2	6.8	5.3
New Bedford .....	85.2	84.8	83.7	83.3	6.4	6.2	6.3	5.2	7.5	7.3	7.5	6.3
Pittsfield .....	42.5	42.4	40.9	40.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.7	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.3
Springfield .....	291.3	298.3	291.9	295.6	17.6	17.3	17.7	14.7	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.0
Worcester .....	266.8	270.9	263.9	264.3	17.3	16.1	16.8	13.4	6.5	5.9	6.4	5.1
<b>Michigan</b> .....	5,080.9	5,096.0	5,042.0	5,041.2	354.6	315.3	352.0	313.8	7.0	6.2	7.0	6.2
Ann Arbor .....	310.4	320.2	314.0	318.9	12.6	11.6	12.9	11.9	4.1	3.6	4.1	3.7
Benton Harbor .....	81.9	83.9	81.5	83.2	6.0	5.4	5.9	5.2	7.3	6.5	7.2	6.2
Detroit .....	2,251.6	2,252.8	2,228.7	2,226.0	161.9	148.9	163.1	150.0	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.7
Flint .....	186.0	183.4	186.0	183.5	18.0	15.2	17.4	15.2	9.7	8.3	9.4	8.3
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland .....	611.6	615.9	607.3	610.6	45.9	36.9	45.2	36.5	7.5	6.0	7.4	6.0
Jackson .....	80.7	79.3	79.8	77.9	6.4	5.1	6.2	4.8	8.0	6.4	7.8	6.2
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek .....	232.7	234.6	231.7	234.2	14.7	13.2	14.3	13.0	6.3	5.6	6.2	5.6
Lansing-East Lansing .....	248.6	247.1	251.8	246.1	11.5	11.9	11.5	11.9	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.8
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland .....	199.5	193.4	197.1	190.9	16.1	13.9	15.9	13.9	8.1	7.2	8.1	7.3
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	2,949.2	2,992.1	2,926.0	2,963.2	135.1	130.3	142.9	129.1	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.4
Duluth-Superior .....	133.7	136.0	133.3	135.4	7.0	6.2	7.0	5.7	5.2	4.5	5.3	4.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul .....	1,852.7	1,884.4	1,837.9	1,864.7	86.5	82.0	93.5	83.8	4.7	4.4	5.1	4.5
Rochester .....	86.2	88.3	84.3	86.2	3.6	3.1	3.8	3.1	4.1	3.5	4.5	3.6
St. Cloud .....	105.9	107.8	106.0	108.3	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.8
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	1,305.3	1,315.0	1,299.9	1,311.7	81.4	77.0	73.7	73.4	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.6
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula .....	173.0	177.2	172.7	176.3	7.9	7.0	7.6	7.4	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.2
Hattiesburg .....	54.4	54.4	54.7	55.6	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.0	4.3	4.4	3.7	3.6
Jackson .....	238.8	243.7	237.8	243.1	9.7	9.9	9.1	10.9	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.5
<b>Missouri</b> .....	3,007.7	3,039.0	3,009.7	3,022.4	178.9	172.6	161.4	162.8	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4
Columbia .....	87.4	89.7	88.7	88.8	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.5
Joplin .....	82.7	83.7	84.5	83.5	4.8	4.2	4.1	3.7	5.8	5.0	4.9	4.5
Kansas City .....	1,029.6	1,040.4	1,012.5	1,026.4	64.1	61.4	59.8	58.5	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.7
St. Joseph .....	51.5	52.6	53.0	53.1	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.2	5.9	6.3	5.4	6.0
St. Louis <sup>1</sup> .....	1,401.6	1,425.6	1,389.7	1,414.4	88.7	89.0	82.1	83.7	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.9
Springfield .....	176.4	182.8	178.4	182.4	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.7	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.7
<b>Montana</b> .....	486.1	491.9	475.4	481.8	19.2	19.3	18.9	20.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.3
Billings .....	73.3	76.5	72.2	75.1	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.6
Great Falls .....	36.9	36.0	36.2	35.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.5
Missoula .....	56.8	59.1	58.3	58.5	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.7

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Nebraska</b>	978.2	990.7	968.8	981.4	37.4	33.3	36.1	33.0	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.4
Lincoln	154.1	156.1	151.6	156.4	6.0	5.2	5.9	5.2	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.3
Omaha	417.5	413.9	412.9	410.5	18.0	17.2	17.4	17.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2
<b>Nevada</b>	1,148.4	1,188.7	1,151.6	1,187.6	60.2	46.0	60.2	45.8	5.2	3.9	5.2	3.9
Las Vegas	912.4	949.2	916.3	951.1	49.8	37.8	49.7	37.9	5.5	4.0	5.4	4.0
Reno	201.4	208.9	201.5	208.0	8.2	6.7	8.2	6.5	4.1	3.2	4.1	3.1
<b>New Hampshire</b>	732.1	739.6	715.5	722.4	31.3	27.0	29.0	23.8	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.3
Manchester	120.6	120.6	118.6	118.1	5.2	4.4	4.9	4.0	4.3	3.7	4.2	3.4
Nashua	112.2	111.6	110.2	110.3	6.2	5.0	5.8	4.5	5.5	4.5	5.3	4.1
Portsmouth-Rochester	140.6	141.4	137.9	140.0	5.6	4.6	5.7	4.2	4.0	3.3	4.1	3.0
<b>New Jersey</b>	4,406.8	4,446.5	4,349.2	4,378.0	258.7	213.6	247.3	203.1	5.9	4.8	5.7	4.6
Atlantic-Cape May	192.0	193.3	183.6	185.0	11.7	10.5	11.5	10.2	6.1	5.4	6.3	5.5
Bergen-Passaic	679.6	683.6	673.7	675.5	41.8	33.1	39.3	30.7	6.1	4.8	5.8	4.5
Jersey City	284.3	289.3	285.9	289.4	23.0	18.6	22.5	18.1	8.1	6.4	7.9	6.3
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	662.4	674.7	652.9	663.2	34.0	26.6	32.2	24.8	5.1	3.9	4.9	3.7
Monmouth-Ocean	593.3	603.3	573.8	583.4	30.9	25.9	29.1	24.3	5.2	4.3	5.1	4.2
Newark	1,071.8	1,075.4	1,061.1	1,060.3	66.2	53.0	63.7	50.6	6.2	4.9	6.0	4.8
Trenton	191.2	193.5	190.4	191.2	9.4	7.7	9.0	7.3	4.9	4.0	4.7	3.8
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	66.2	65.9	66.1	66.3	5.3	4.7	5.0	4.5	8.1	7.1	7.6	6.7
<b>New Mexico</b>	899.2	910.3	899.1	910.0	59.7	49.6	58.9	48.5	6.6	5.4	6.5	5.3
Albuquerque	388.5	396.9	390.2	397.5	23.0	19.5	22.8	19.4	5.9	4.9	5.8	4.9
Las Cruces	78.7	79.2	78.5	80.3	5.6	4.7	5.7	4.8	7.1	6.0	7.2	6.0
Santa Fe	82.5	84.2	82.1	83.6	3.1	2.7	3.2	2.7	3.8	3.2	3.9	3.2
<b>New York</b>	9,398.5	9,408.5	9,233.2	9,258.1	580.9	512.6	581.8	499.3	6.2	5.4	6.3	5.4
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	476.6	476.4	465.2	464.7	17.5	16.7	18.3	16.1	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.5
Binghamton	123.0	122.1	122.6	121.8	6.3	5.5	6.9	5.5	5.1	4.5	5.6	4.5
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	582.7	577.0	570.6	562.7	37.1	35.6	35.6	31.2	6.4	6.2	6.2	5.6
Dutchess County	131.3	132.7	128.1	129.9	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.9	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.8
Elmira	42.8	41.7	41.8	40.7	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.1	6.2	5.6	6.4	5.3
Glens Falls	67.7	68.0	62.0	62.8	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3	3.6	3.5	4.0	3.7
Jamestown	68.2	67.4	65.7	64.7	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.2	5.8	5.2	6.3	5.0
Nassau-Suffolk	1,506.8	1,509.3	1,472.8	1,473.4	66.1	63.8	62.8	58.2	4.4	4.2	4.3	3.9
New York	4,377.6	4,403.7	4,323.3	4,368.5	337.3	278.1	334.5	279.0	7.7	6.3	7.7	6.4
New York City	3,678.7	3,702.9	3,644.5	3,687.8	307.9	249.1	306.5	252.8	8.4	6.7	8.4	6.9
Newburgh	196.3	198.9	191.8	193.1	9.7	9.9	9.4	9.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.6
Rochester	585.4	576.1	574.2	564.5	31.3	29.0	33.7	28.9	5.3	5.0	5.9	5.1
Syracuse	375.0	374.4	370.7	368.9	20.1	19.7	22.0	19.3	5.4	5.3	5.9	5.2
Utica-Rome	148.6	146.6	143.6	142.1	6.6	6.3	6.8	5.9	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.1
<b>North Carolina</b>	4,280.8	4,218.1	4,259.9	4,168.1	276.0	206.8	255.5	183.1	6.4	4.9	6.0	4.4
Asheville	122.3	122.8	120.6	121.7	4.4	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.4	2.9
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	880.8	881.3	880.9	877.2	63.2	48.7	60.5	43.3	7.2	5.5	6.9	4.9
Fayetteville	126.9	125.4	130.0	126.1	7.0	5.4	6.6	4.9	5.5	4.3	5.1	3.9
Goldsboro	52.2	50.8	51.9	50.2	3.0	2.1	2.7	1.9	5.8	4.2	5.2	3.8
Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point	691.3	679.8	686.0	670.5	43.5	32.5	40.5	28.6	6.3	4.8	5.9	4.3
Greenville	72.7	70.8	73.4	71.4	5.3	4.4	4.8	3.6	7.3	6.2	6.6	5.1
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir	178.3	168.9	177.2	166.1	16.0	11.6	15.0	10.9	9.0	6.9	8.5	6.6
Jacksonville	52.7	51.8	52.0	50.9	2.7	2.1	2.6	1.9	5.1	4.1	4.9	3.8
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	723.5	730.8	722.6	721.8	33.1	24.6	30.8	21.5	4.6	3.4	4.3	3.0
Rocky Mount	71.2	69.4	70.4	68.1	6.1	5.1	5.5	4.4	8.6	7.4	7.8	6.5
Wilmington	132.0	129.7	130.0	126.9	6.6	4.5	6.1	3.9	5.0	3.5	4.7	3.1
<b>North Dakota</b>	356.2	359.6	348.7	352.9	13.1	10.9	9.8	9.3	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.6
Bismarck	57.6	59.0	56.2	57.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.2
Fargo-Moorhead	112.0	113.4	110.4	112.7	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.0
Grand Forks	54.8	55.7	54.8	56.5	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.6	4.2	3.5	2.9	2.8
<b>Ohio</b>	5,942.2	5,946.3	5,905.2	5,851.9	337.9	344.9	338.6	332.6	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.7
Akron	379.9	376.0	379.5	374.9	19.7	19.6	19.9	19.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Canton-Massillon	208.2	205.2	204.7	201.9	13.0	12.0	12.8	11.8	6.3	5.9	6.3	5.8
Cincinnati	892.4	901.9	876.9	881.3	43.3	45.8	44.0	43.0	4.9	5.1	5.0	4.9
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,142.2	1,134.3	1,127.0	1,113.5	69.9	71.1	72.4	67.7	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.1
Columbus	908.8	904.3	890.6	885.4	42.4	44.0	42.3	43.6	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.9
Dayton-Springfield	480.6	471.0	473.4	463.2	28.3	27.9	27.8	26.3	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7
Hamilton-Middletown	204.9	202.1	206.1	203.9	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.6	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2
Lima	78.3	77.9	76.0	76.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.3	5.7	5.8	5.2	5.6
Mansfield	84.1	82.0	82.2	80.4	6.2	6.0	6.3	5.8	7.4	7.3	7.6	7.2
Steubenville-Weirton	56.0	55.7	55.0	55.0	3.7	5.2	3.6	4.6	6.5	9.3	6.5	8.3
Toledo	325.1	316.0	322.0	312.2	21.8	22.0	21.6	19.9	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.4
Youngstown-Warren	277.8	275.6	276.5	272.2	18.6	19.8	18.8	18.5	6.7	7.2	6.8	6.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	1,698.7	1,701.9	1,695.5	1,704.6	93.4	65.0	94.1	71.2	5.5	3.8	5.6	4.2
Enid .....	26.9	26.5	26.4	26.2	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.7	3.5	2.2	3.7	2.7
Lawton .....	42.9	42.7	42.4	42.2	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	3.5	3.2	3.8	3.5
Oklahoma City .....	577.3	586.0	573.1	587.9	28.2	19.5	28.1	22.0	4.9	3.3	4.9	3.7
Tulsa .....	427.3	423.5	419.7	421.4	27.0	16.9	27.3	18.6	6.3	4.0	6.5	4.4
<b>Oregon</b> .....	1,884.0	1,871.1	1,852.4	1,835.3	147.1	127.9	138.0	120.2	7.8	6.8	7.4	6.5
Corvallis .....	41.6	41.1	40.6	40.1	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	4.1	3.6	4.1	3.5
Eugene-Springfield .....	170.1	169.6	167.9	167.3	13.2	11.5	12.6	11.0	7.8	6.8	7.5	6.6
Medford-Ashland .....	98.8	99.1	97.7	99.0	6.9	6.6	6.1	5.7	7.0	6.7	6.3	5.8
Portland-Vancouver .....	1,101.6	1,090.2	1,085.9	1,069.1	92.6	74.9	88.4	69.9	8.4	6.9	8.1	6.5
Salem .....	191.6	189.1	185.9	183.0	13.9	12.9	12.6	11.9	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.5
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	6,224.8	6,344.1	6,127.1	6,264.8	324.9	340.9	307.4	306.5	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.9
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton .....	334.3	339.3	328.9	334.3	18.1	19.2	17.5	17.4	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.2
Altoona .....	65.8	67.4	65.2	67.5	2.8	3.2	2.8	3.4	4.2	4.8	4.3	5.0
Erie .....	140.3	143.0	138.9	142.2	8.9	9.0	8.3	8.3	6.4	6.3	6.0	5.8
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle .....	368.3	376.7	359.5	369.4	13.3	13.7	12.2	12.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.3
Johnstown .....	102.8	105.0	101.4	103.2	6.2	7.2	5.7	6.3	6.1	6.8	5.7	6.1
Lancaster .....	259.7	269.1	254.0	264.6	9.6	10.0	9.0	8.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.3
Philadelphia .....	2,649.1	2,672.5	2,616.7	2,641.8	145.0	142.6	142.7	131.7	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.0
Pittsburgh .....	1,196.3	1,213.3	1,174.3	1,196.6	62.2	65.3	57.0	57.4	5.2	5.4	4.9	4.8
Reading .....	185.1	188.3	183.0	187.2	10.5	9.8	10.0	9.1	5.6	5.2	5.4	4.9
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre—Hazleton .....	311.9	317.8	307.4	314.5	16.7	20.5	15.3	19.1	5.3	6.5	5.0	6.1
Sharon .....	58.5	58.4	58.3	58.4	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.6	4.7	5.0	4.2	4.4
State College .....	67.9	69.7	68.5	71.0	2.3	2.7	2.0	2.4	3.4	3.8	3.0	3.3
Williamsport .....	56.7	58.8	56.5	58.8	3.3	3.7	3.1	3.6	5.9	6.2	5.4	6.1
York .....	199.1	203.2	196.9	200.3	9.5	9.5	8.7	8.1	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.0
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	578.8	573.7	573.8	566.9	28.9	30.6	26.3	25.9	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.6
Providence-Fall River-Warwick .....	647.2	644.4	642.1	636.8	34.4	36.3	32.1	31.2	5.3	5.6	5.0	4.9
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	2,030.3	2,092.5	2,017.3	2,084.3	139.7	135.7	137.7	140.2	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.7
Charleston-North Charleston .....	296.2	316.9	292.4	312.9	14.5	14.1	13.8	14.8	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.7
Columbia .....	291.9	301.6	287.8	302.8	12.1	12.8	12.1	13.8	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.5
Florence .....	64.6	68.2	64.5	68.6	5.6	5.7	5.5	6.1	8.6	8.3	8.6	8.9
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson .....	507.4	522.7	506.7	520.9	33.7	32.4	31.4	32.1	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.2
Myrtle Beach .....	115.9	122.5	113.0	121.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.0	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.1
Sumter .....	46.6	45.7	47.0	45.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.5	8.0	7.8	7.8	9.8
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	433.2	432.0	424.3	424.2	14.5	12.6	12.9	12.0	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.8
Rapid City .....	52.8	53.9	51.0	52.4	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	2.9	2.5	3.1	2.9
Sioux Falls .....	112.9	113.8	112.0	113.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	2,925.0	2,947.5	2,922.9	2,954.3	175.1	142.8	168.9	142.8	6.0	4.8	5.8	4.8
Chattanooga .....	238.0	240.8	238.5	242.6	9.9	8.3	9.1	8.3	4.2	3.4	3.8	3.4
Clarksville-Hopkinsville .....	91.4	94.1	92.0	94.6	5.2	4.4	5.3	4.5	5.7	4.6	5.8	4.8
Jackson .....	59.4	59.6	59.5	60.1	3.6	2.9	3.4	2.9	6.0	4.8	5.8	4.8
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol .....	234.0	233.2	232.9	232.0	14.4	11.5	13.9	10.7	6.1	4.9	6.0	4.6
Knoxville .....	381.7	390.5	381.1	391.0	14.2	12.2	13.6	12.1	3.7	3.1	3.6	3.1
Memphis .....	583.8	589.0	581.9	589.1	38.6	34.3	37.7	35.3	6.6	5.8	6.5	6.0
Nashville .....	692.6	701.0	691.1	702.1	32.0	26.9	31.8	27.0	4.6	3.8	4.6	3.8
<b>Texas</b> .....	10,995.3	11,020.2	10,953.1	10,986.7	765.4	643.0	742.1	598.6	7.0	5.8	6.8	5.4
Abilene .....	62.0	62.4	62.3	62.4	2.7	2.0	2.6	1.8	4.4	3.3	4.2	2.9
Amarillo .....	120.1	121.0	120.4	121.2	5.2	4.0	4.9	3.8	4.3	3.3	4.1	3.1
Austin-San Marcos .....	779.4	779.1	774.2	775.0	45.7	34.9	44.9	32.3	5.9	4.5	5.8	4.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur .....	184.6	183.9	185.1	183.5	18.2	16.7	17.8	15.5	9.8	9.1	9.6	8.4
Brazoria .....	114.5	116.7	115.3	116.6	10.8	10.4	10.5	9.2	9.4	8.9	9.1	7.9
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito .....	145.7	144.2	143.7	142.8	16.1	12.9	15.3	12.2	11.1	8.9	10.7	8.6
Bryan-College Station .....	80.1	81.9	84.5	86.6	2.1	1.6	2.0	1.4	2.6	1.9	2.3	1.7
Corpus Christi .....	185.2	184.7	183.6	183.1	12.8	12.8	12.2	12.1	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.6
Dallas .....	2,052.4	2,051.4	2,036.8	2,041.6	149.0	122.8	144.9	115.6	7.3	6.0	7.1	5.7
El Paso .....	301.2	298.2	303.6	300.8	30.9	22.3	30.7	21.6	10.3	7.5	10.1	7.2
Fort Worth-Arlington .....	973.1	968.7	964.8	962.0	64.2	53.1	62.1	49.8	6.6	5.5	6.4	5.2
Galveston-Texas City .....	127.4	128.9	126.8	127.5	11.3	10.4	10.9	9.5	8.9	8.1	8.6	7.4
Houston .....	2,343.5	2,361.1	2,339.3	2,357.8	169.0	147.6	165.5	138.1	7.2	6.3	7.1	5.9
Killeen-Temple .....	123.4	123.4	123.8	123.9	7.0	5.5	7.0	5.1	5.7	4.5	5.7	4.1
Laredo .....	83.9	87.7	83.6	87.4	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.1	6.9	6.2	6.7	5.8
Longview-Marshall .....	108.7	109.3	108.1	108.6	7.4	5.7	6.9	5.4	6.8	5.2	6.4	5.0
Lubbock .....	130.1	132.1	129.8	131.6	5.3	4.7	4.6	3.9	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission .....	228.7	230.2	229.1	229.7	31.3	26.5	30.5	24.4	13.7	11.5	13.3	10.6
Odessa-Midland .....	129.0	127.7	129.7	128.8	7.7	6.1	7.4	5.6	6.0	4.8	5.7	4.4
San Angelo .....	51.7	53.2	51.7	53.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.6	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.1
San Antonio .....	840.2	848.2	836.3	845.9	49.1	41.8	47.5	39.2	5.8	4.9	5.7	4.6
Sherman-Denison .....	52.8	51.1	52.8	51.6	4.2	2.9	4.0	2.8	8.0	5.7	7.5	5.4
Texarkana .....	57.6	59.3	57.5	59.3	3.2	2.9	3.2	2.8	5.5	4.9	5.6	4.8

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	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Texas—Continued</b>												
Tyler .....	97.7	99.5	97.2	99.1	4.8	4.2	4.6	3.9	4.9	4.2	4.7	3.9
Victoria .....	45.5	46.5	45.2	46.5	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.0	5.2	4.7	5.3	4.4
Waco .....	105.9	105.8	105.8	106.0	6.0	4.7	5.6	4.2	5.6	4.5	5.3	4.0
Wichita Falls .....	65.5	65.3	65.4	65.1	3.7	2.5	3.5	2.2	5.7	3.8	5.4	3.4
<b>Utah</b> .....	1,200.6	1,223.3	1,193.5	1,218.3	68.7	59.8	62.1	55.0	5.7	4.9	5.2	4.5
Provo-Orem .....	180.5	185.4	184.6	191.0	8.3	7.2	7.6	6.7	4.6	3.9	4.1	3.5
Salt Lake City-Ogden .....	761.0	766.5	748.2	756.3	45.5	39.0	41.2	36.1	6.0	5.1	5.5	4.8
<b>Vermont</b> .....	352.3	356.0	352.3	353.2	14.8	10.8	15.3	10.3	4.2	3.0	4.3	2.9
Burlington .....	107.3	110.7	107.6	110.1	3.9	2.8	4.8	2.8	3.7	2.6	4.5	2.6
<b>Virginia</b> .....	3,820.3	3,889.0	3,774.9	3,821.0	159.9	142.6	157.4	127.0	4.2	3.7	4.2	3.3
Charlottesville .....	77.5	78.5	78.7	77.6	3.0	2.2	2.7	1.8	3.9	2.8	3.5	2.3
Danville .....	58.3	58.6	58.1	57.9	6.1	6.0	5.3	4.7	10.4	10.2	9.2	8.1
Lynchburg .....	105.8	104.7	104.6	103.7	5.4	4.5	5.7	3.9	5.1	4.3	5.4	3.8
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News .....	810.4	823.0	796.3	806.8	38.0	37.2	37.2	34.3	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.3
Richmond-Petersburg .....	546.8	557.8	537.6	545.8	25.2	24.3	25.0	22.0	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.0
Roanoke .....	128.4	129.7	128.1	128.3	4.7	4.0	4.8	3.6	3.7	3.1	3.7	2.8
<b>Washington</b> .....	3,141.2	3,210.9	3,116.8	3,183.3	231.0	188.2	222.8	162.6	7.4	5.9	7.2	5.1
Bellingham .....	90.1	92.1	86.6	88.9	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.2	5.9	5.2	5.9	4.7
Bremerton .....	101.9	106.2	100.1	104.6	6.1	5.3	6.0	5.0	5.9	5.0	6.0	4.8
Olympia .....	108.9	112.2	107.5	110.4	6.3	5.5	6.3	5.0	5.7	4.9	5.8	4.5
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco .....	104.8	107.2	105.7	107.1	7.2	6.1	7.1	5.2	6.9	5.7	6.8	4.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett .....	1,391.1	1,422.1	1,373.7	1,406.1	99.5	79.1	98.4	70.0	7.2	5.6	7.2	5.0
Spokane .....	214.6	218.2	213.8	218.0	13.9	11.3	13.5	9.9	6.5	5.2	6.3	4.6
Tacoma .....	353.6	365.7	353.5	365.2	27.4	23.1	27.0	20.6	7.7	6.3	7.6	5.7
Yakima .....	115.1	115.2	119.6	116.5	10.9	9.7	8.8	7.0	9.5	8.4	7.4	6.0
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	795.2	811.1	785.0	802.1	46.5	41.5	41.2	34.9	5.8	5.1	5.2	4.4
Charleston .....	129.7	132.6	126.8	131.6	6.1	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.0
Huntington-Ashland .....	134.6	137.4	134.1	136.6	8.8	8.4	8.2	7.1	6.6	6.1	6.1	5.2
Parkersburg-Marietta .....	77.9	78.0	76.8	76.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	3.7	6.1	5.6	5.5	4.8
Wheeling .....	73.8	75.8	73.1	74.5	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.1	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.2
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	3,122.6	3,145.9	3,073.8	3,099.8	164.7	139.0	144.1	126.5	5.3	4.4	4.7	4.1
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah .....	238.2	238.9	233.4	235.2	11.3	9.1	10.0	8.5	4.8	3.8	4.3	3.6
Eau Claire .....	87.7	89.3	87.1	89.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.2	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.6
Green Bay .....	148.2	153.5	147.8	151.7	6.9	6.0	6.1	5.8	4.7	3.9	4.1	3.8
Janesville-Beloit .....	79.6	79.0	78.6	77.9	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.3	6.4	5.8	5.8	5.6
Kenosha .....	87.2	86.0	84.9	85.2	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	5.7	5.0	5.2	4.8
La Crosse .....	75.7	77.5	75.6	77.1	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.3	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.0
Madison .....	291.7	293.6	288.0	289.7	8.2	6.8	7.3	6.5	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.2
Milwaukee-Waukesha .....	835.7	845.2	819.3	834.7	52.4	44.0	46.4	40.3	6.3	5.2	5.7	4.8
Racine .....	97.3	96.2	95.2	94.2	8.0	6.3	6.8	5.6	8.2	6.6	7.1	6.0
Sheboygan .....	66.0	69.6	65.1	66.9	3.0	2.5	2.7	2.3	4.5	3.5	4.1	3.5
Wausau .....	78.4	78.8	77.7	78.0	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.5	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.2
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	283.4	283.6	280.3	280.6	10.2	8.6	10.2	9.1	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.3
Casper .....	36.7	36.8	36.4	36.5	1.7	1.2	1.6	1.3	4.5	3.2	4.4	3.6
Cheyenne .....	44.4	44.3	44.0	43.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.4
<b>Puerto Rico</b> .....	1,378.5	1,419.9	1,361.0	1,420.2	168.4	162.1	166.2	138.5	12.2	11.4	12.2	9.8
Aguadilla .....	49.2	51.1	48.5	51.0	7.8	7.8	7.6	6.8	15.9	15.3	15.6	13.3
Arecibo .....	55.6	57.2	55.2	57.0	8.3	7.5	8.0	6.3	15.0	13.2	14.5	11.1
Caguas .....	124.4	130.2	123.0	129.5	14.3	14.5	14.2	12.3	11.5	11.1	11.6	9.5
Mayaguez .....	89.0	91.1	88.1	91.3	13.1	12.5	12.8	10.7	14.8	13.7	14.5	11.7
Ponce .....	107.1	107.6	106.0	107.8	16.4	15.1	16.5	13.4	15.3	14.1	15.6	12.4
San Juan-Bayamon .....	786.9	807.2	775.1	810.9	78.6	75.6	77.9	64.3	10.0	9.4	10.0	7.9

<sup>1</sup> Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

P = preliminary.

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

are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2003 to September 2004 <sup>P</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>Alabama</b> .....	1,869.3	1,878.7	1,880.9	1,886.8	5.9	0.3
Birmingham .....	474.3	474.0	475.5	475.1	-.4	-.1
Huntsville .....	188.6	190.6	190.1	191.5	1.4	.7
Mobile .....	224.4	227.4	224.8	227.8	3.0	1.3
Montgomery .....	163.1	164.8	163.2	164.2	1.0	.6
Tuscaloosa .....	80.6	81.4	82.3	83.0	.7	.9
<b>Alaska</b> .....	319.7	323.4	313.4	317.6	4.2	1.3
Anchorage .....	145.3	146.9	145.7	148.0	2.3	1.6
<b>Arizona</b> .....	2,265.6	2,322.5	2,295.8	2,349.9	54.1	2.4
Phoenix-Mesa .....	1,602.5	1,644.1	1,621.3	1,660.2	38.9	2.4
Tucson .....	338.3	344.4	345.8	352.2	6.4	1.9
<b>Arkansas</b> .....	1,139.8	1,148.7	1,154.6	1,162.5	7.9	.7
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers .....	172.5	176.4	174.4	178.9	4.5	2.6
Fort Smith .....	99.3	98.5	100.4	98.6	-1.8	-1.8
Little Rock-North Little Rock .....	317.3	318.7	320.5	321.8	1.3	.4
Pine Bluff .....	35.4	36.6	35.9	36.9	1.0	2.8
<b>California</b> .....	14,360.7	14,462.4	14,425.6	14,539.1	113.5	.8
Bakersfield .....	205.2	205.1	206.4	206.2	-.2	-.1
Fresno .....	317.1	319.3	316.6	320.0	3.4	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach .....	3,959.8	3,969.9	3,975.2	3,991.1	15.9	.4
Modesto .....	157.6	159.7	157.2	155.1	-2.1	-1.3
Oakland .....	1,014.8	1,018.8	1,019.4	1,026.2	6.8	.7
Orange County .....	1,424.7	1,429.5	1,427.3	1,433.2	5.9	.4
Riverside-San Bernardino .....	1,077.2	1,102.9	1,088.7	1,114.5	25.8	2.4
Sacramento .....	753.0	751.9	753.8	754.7	.9	.1
Salinas .....	131.1	128.9	130.4	128.1	-2.3	-1.8
San Diego .....	1,244.4	1,261.0	1,243.7	1,262.2	18.5	1.5
San Francisco .....	947.8	947.9	948.6	951.1	2.5	.3
San Jose .....	848.7	839.2	846.9	839.6	-7.3	-9.9
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc .....	164.3	168.6	165.0	169.4	4.4	2.7
Santa Rosa .....	178.6	180.7	180.8	182.6	1.8	1.0
Stockton-Lodi .....	197.2	201.3	200.6	204.0	3.4	1.7
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa .....	184.0	184.1	184.6	184.2	-.4	-.2
Ventura .....	281.8	283.0	284.0	285.0	1.0	.4
<b>Colorado</b> .....	2,161.5	2,177.5	2,155.9	2,178.5	22.6	1.0
Boulder-Longmont .....	153.7	152.7	156.8	156.2	-.6	-.4
Colorado Springs .....	239.0	239.9	239.9	240.3	.4	.2
Denver .....	1,150.8	1,152.4	1,145.5	1,151.2	5.7	.5
<b>Connecticut</b> .....	1,630.6	1,633.7	1,643.6	1,646.9	3.3	.2
Bridgeport .....	182.3	181.8	183.2	182.6	-.6	-.3
Danbury .....	87.8	88.5	89.0	89.9	.9	1.0
Hartford .....	587.2	578.7	594.1	585.7	-8.4	-1.4
New Haven-Meriden .....	249.9	249.0	254.1	251.7	-2.4	-.9
New London-Norwich .....	148.0	148.3	147.4	147.3	-.1	-.1
Stamford-Norwalk .....	195.2	195.5	196.1	194.6	-1.5	-.8
Waterbury .....	82.2	82.6	82.3	82.2	-.1	-.1
<b>Delaware</b> .....	417.2	423.5	418.6	425.3	6.7	1.6
Dover .....	58.3	61.3	59.0	61.1	2.1	3.6
Wilmington-Newark .....	317.7	324.3	320.5	326.9	6.4	2.0
<b>District of Columbia</b> .....	661.6	675.0	663.8	671.4	7.6	1.1
Washington PMSA .....	2,833.3	2,900.0	2,844.0	2,909.6	65.6	2.3
<b>Florida</b> .....	7,275.4	7,426.5	7,298.7	7,423.7	125.0	1.7
Daytona Beach .....	171.4	177.2	172.5	176.3	3.8	2.2
Fort Lauderdale .....	706.0	720.7	717.6	731.8	14.2	2.0
Fort Myers-Cape Coral .....	186.4	193.9	187.0	193.7	6.7	3.6
Gainesville .....	122.8	125.7	124.4	126.8	2.4	1.9
Jacksonville .....	562.0	575.3	562.0	573.5	11.5	2.0
Lakeland-Winter Haven .....	187.2	190.3	188.5	190.6	2.1	1.1
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay .....	193.1	197.0	193.0	196.3	3.3	1.7
Miami .....	984.2	995.3	1,003.6	1,013.1	9.5	.9
Orlando .....	925.9	947.8	929.8	949.4	19.6	2.1
Pensacola .....	158.1	161.6	159.1	162.1	3.0	1.9
Sarasota-Bradenton .....	283.3	289.1	284.6	290.7	6.1	2.1
Tallahassee .....	156.1	159.7	158.2	161.9	3.7	2.3
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater .....	1,225.6	1,240.5	1,229.5	1,243.6	14.1	1.1
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton .....	521.3	530.9	525.1	531.0	5.9	1.1

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State and area	August		September		Change September 2003 to September 2004 <sup>P</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>Georgia</b> .....	3,873.3	3,905.6	3,882.4	3,912.8	30.4	0.8
Albany .....	57.0	57.3	57.0	57.5	.5	.9
Athens .....	74.4	74.2	74.6	74.5	-.1	-.1
Atlanta .....	2,170.8	2,184.1	2,172.2	2,187.8	15.6	.7
Augusta-Aiken .....	202.6	203.9	203.0	204.5	1.5	.7
Columbus .....	118.5	117.4	118.3	117.6	-.7	-.6
Macon .....	150.0	150.8	150.4	151.1	.7	.5
Savannah .....	140.7	142.2	141.4	142.6	1.2	.8
<b>Hawaii</b> .....	562.0	576.9	564.5	580.1	15.6	2.8
Honolulu .....	414.0	425.3	416.5	428.1	11.6	2.8
<b>Idaho</b> .....	578.4	592.5	582.6	599.0	16.4	2.8
Boise City .....	229.3	238.2	230.3	239.7	9.4	4.1
<b>Illinois</b> .....	5,827.3	5,840.3	5,849.3	5,859.2	9.9	.2
Bloomington-Normal .....	89.0	88.2	91.2	90.6	-.6	-.7
Champaign-Urbana .....	102.1	101.0	102.6	102.6	.0	.0
Chicago .....	4,103.9	4,116.0	4,109.4	4,115.5	6.1	.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island .....	179.3	179.3	179.9	179.0	-.9	-.5
Decatur .....	53.8	54.0	54.2	54.1	-.1	-.2
Kankakee .....	42.7	42.9	42.9	43.0	.1	.2
Peoria-Pekin .....	169.1	169.8	169.0	170.2	1.2	.7
Rockford .....	170.8	170.5	170.3	170.1	-.2	-.1
Springfield .....	113.1	113.2	110.6	110.4	-.2	-.2
<b>Indiana</b> .....	2,890.7	2,899.9	2,928.6	2,943.0	14.4	.5
Bloomington .....	64.0	66.6	70.7	72.9	2.2	3.1
Elkhart-Goshen .....	122.1	120.5	121.2	121.6	.4	.3
Evansville-Henderson .....	161.6	161.5	161.9	162.1	.2	.1
Fort Wayne .....	262.5	264.6	263.6	266.1	2.5	.9
Gary .....	259.3	257.4	263.4	261.5	-1.9	-.7
Indianapolis .....	896.1	886.4	895.7	888.5	-7.2	-.8
Kokomo .....	49.9	49.8	49.9	50.1	.2	.4
Lafayette .....	90.1	92.8	95.5	97.2	1.7	1.8
Muncie .....	54.1	52.5	56.2	55.3	-.9	-1.6
South Bend .....	131.2	133.5	132.1	135.2	3.1	2.3
Terre Haute .....	67.4	68.6	69.8	70.4	.6	.9
<b>Iowa</b> .....	1,430.9	1,440.0	1,450.7	1,459.4	8.7	.6
Cedar Rapids .....	115.5	113.0	116.4	112.1	-4.3	-3.7
Des Moines .....	287.0	293.6	287.0	295.5	8.5	3.0
Dubuque .....	51.1	52.1	52.0	53.1	1.1	2.1
Iowa City .....	75.0	73.4	78.2	76.1	-2.1	-2.7
Sioux City .....	61.1	60.9	62.0	61.1	-.9	-1.5
Waterloo-Cedar Falls .....	70.4	72.9	72.9	75.7	2.8	3.8
<b>Kansas</b> .....	1,293.7	1,306.5	1,310.3	1,334.2	23.9	1.8
Lawrence .....	48.5	48.4	50.5	51.0	.5	1.0
Topeka .....	100.0	98.9	99.6	98.3	-1.3	-1.3
Wichita .....	270.0	271.5	274.6	272.1	-2.5	-.9
<b>Kentucky</b> .....	1,782.8	1,794.4	1,791.9	1,810.7	18.8	1.0
Lexington .....	274.1	275.8	278.5	280.7	2.2	.8
Louisville .....	562.5	560.9	562.6	562.3	-.3	-.1
Owensboro .....	43.9	43.5	43.7	43.6	-.1	-.2
<b>Louisiana</b> .....	1,894.1	1,894.9	1,905.8	1,906.8	1.0	.1
Alexandria .....	56.4	55.9	56.3	56.2	-.1	-.2
Baton Rouge .....	303.3	301.8	307.1	305.5	-1.6	-.5
Houma .....	85.0	81.7	84.7	81.6	-3.1	-3.7
Lafayette .....	169.3	170.8	170.0	171.1	1.1	.6
Lake Charles .....	83.9	86.3	83.5	85.1	1.6	1.9
Monroe .....	73.0	72.8	73.6	73.1	-.5	-.7
New Orleans .....	609.0	608.9	614.1	608.6	-5.5	-.9
Shreveport-Bossier City .....	172.3	170.3	172.5	171.3	-1.2	-.7
<b>Maine</b> .....	618.9	623.3	617.8	624.0	6.2	1.0
Lewiston-Auburn .....	46.0	46.7	46.5	47.0	.5	1.1
Portland .....	159.9	161.3	158.6	160.3	1.7	1.1

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	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>Maryland</b> .....	2,484.8	2,518.9	2,493.5	2,541.3	47.8	1.9
Baltimore PMSA .....	1,244.2	1,264.2	1,250.1	1,270.2	20.1	1.6
Baltimore City .....	383.4	391.6	384.0	393.2	9.2	2.4
Suburban Maryland-D.C. ....	938.2	947.9	939.5	961.7	22.2	2.4
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	3,176.6	3,166.4	3,196.7	3,189.8	-6.9	-2
Barnstable-Yarmouth .....	76.1	74.1	70.6	69.1	-1.5	-2.1
Boston .....	1,921.0	1,913.0	1,927.3	1,921.5	-5.8	-3
Brockton .....	100.3	100.8	100.7	101.3	.6	.6
Fitchburg-Leominster .....	50.7	51.3	51.2	52.0	.8	1.6
Lawrence .....	152.1	151.1	154.0	153.6	-.4	-.3
Lowell .....	119.3	120.3	122.7	122.9	.2	.2
New Bedford .....	64.9	64.3	65.6	65.4	-.2	-.3
Pittsfield .....	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.8	-.2	-.5
Springfield .....	249.0	253.8	255.8	259.9	4.1	1.6
Worcester .....	227.6	230.6	231.2	232.5	1.3	.6
<b>Michigan</b> .....	4,374.4	4,343.0	4,437.2	4,385.7	-51.5	-1.2
Ann Arbor .....	282.5	285.6	291.1	290.3	-.8	-.3
Benton Harbor .....	68.5	69.0	69.7	70.2	.5	.7
Detroit .....	2,046.4	2,019.0	2,059.9	2,034.1	-25.8	-1.3
Flint .....	158.0	154.6	161.1	157.5	-3.6	-2.2
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland .....	556.8	558.2	564.2	566.1	1.9	.3
Jackson .....	62.1	60.6	62.6	60.9	-1.7	-2.7
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek .....	205.4	203.6	210.8	209.6	-1.2	-.6
Lansing-East Lansing .....	235.5	227.9	243.7	232.0	-11.7	-4.8
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland .....	172.6	164.6	173.8	166.0	-7.8	-4.5
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	2,662.5	2,681.0	2,664.6	2,682.7	18.1	.7
Duluth-Superior .....	115.3	116.7	116.1	118.0	1.9	1.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul .....	1,716.9	1,731.2	1,723.5	1,734.6	11.1	.6
Rochester .....	89.9	91.5	88.9	90.5	1.6	1.8
St. Cloud .....	93.1	94.1	95.1	96.3	1.2	1.3
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	1,115.6	1,122.9	1,117.8	1,129.4	11.6	1.0
Jackson .....	234.5	236.9	234.5	237.3	2.8	1.2
<b>Missouri</b> .....	2,652.1	2,685.7	2,695.9	2,735.0	39.1	1.5
Kansas City .....	939.7	940.2	944.4	946.5	2.1	.2
St. Louis .....	1,283.2	1,316.6	1,296.3	1,334.4	38.1	2.9
Springfield .....	169.4	170.6	171.8	174.5	2.7	1.6
<b>Montana</b> .....	407.5	411.9	407.1	411.3	4.2	1.0
Billings .....	70.1	71.6	70.7	71.6	.9	1.3
Missoula .....	53.1	53.8	55.3	55.7	.4	.7
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	899.1	904.0	904.9	910.6	5.7	.6
Lincoln .....	156.7	158.1	156.6	160.0	3.4	2.2
Omaha .....	423.5	418.0	425.1	419.9	-5.2	-1.2
<b>Nevada</b> .....	1,093.1	1,140.0	1,103.2	1,154.3	51.1	4.6
Las Vegas .....	821.7	860.7	830.4	872.9	42.5	5.1
Reno .....	201.5	209.2	202.7	211.0	8.3	4.1
<b>New Hampshire</b> .....	621.2	629.7	622.2	631.1	8.9	1.4
Manchester .....	109.0	109.1	110.3	109.7	-.6	-.5
Nashua .....	94.6	94.7	95.7	95.9	.2	.2
Portsmouth-Rochester .....	125.6	126.1	125.5	127.7	2.2	1.8
<b>New Jersey</b> .....	3,983.7	4,049.5	3,986.9	4,055.0	68.1	1.7
Atlantic-Cape May .....	206.5	208.2	199.8	202.2	2.4	1.2
Bergen-Passaic .....	647.5	656.0	651.8	660.5	8.7	1.3
Camden .....	516.0	525.0	519.6	526.1	6.5	1.3
Jersey City .....	244.0	251.3	248.3	254.8	6.5	2.6
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon .....	635.1	650.4	635.2	649.8	14.6	2.3
Monmouth-Ocean .....	419.6	429.0	411.7	421.9	10.2	2.5
Newark .....	1,006.2	1,015.9	1,010.3	1,017.6	7.3	.7
Trenton .....	225.2	229.3	227.5	230.4	2.9	1.3
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton .....	60.6	60.0	61.9	61.8	-.1	-.2

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2003 to September 2004 <sup>P</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>New Mexico</b> .....	777.4	793.5	781.8	800.0	18.2	2.3
Albuquerque .....	361.2	367.5	363.3	369.9	6.6	1.8
Las Cruces .....	61.8	62.7	62.2	64.3	2.1	3.4
Santa Fe .....	80.1	81.1	79.7	80.8	1.1	1.4
<b>New York</b> .....	8,359.5	8,426.7	8,388.2	8,444.2	56.0	.7
Albany-Schenectady-Troy .....	458.6	463.5	460.7	465.5	4.8	1.0
Binghamton .....	110.7	111.3	113.5	114.0	.5	.4
Buffalo-Niagara Falls .....	542.2	542.5	548.3	547.8	-.5	-.1
Dutchess County .....	119.4	121.8	119.5	122.3	2.8	2.3
Elmira .....	40.5	40.2	40.8	40.3	-.5	-1.2
Glens Falls .....	56.2	56.9	53.1	53.8	.7	1.3
Nassau-Suffolk .....	1,215.4	1,229.9	1,226.2	1,239.0	12.8	1.0
New York PMSA .....	4,052.5	4,099.7	4,056.8	4,093.5	36.7	.9
New York City .....	3,498.8	3,539.4	3,501.7	3,531.9	30.2	.9
Newburgh .....	136.3	139.1	137.0	139.3	2.3	1.7
Rochester .....	534.1	530.3	537.4	533.8	-3.6	-.7
Rockland County .....	113.5	115.4	114.4	116.7	2.3	2.0
Syracuse .....	341.7	345.2	346.7	350.0	3.3	1.0
Utica-Rome .....	133.3	133.2	132.6	133.2	.6	.5
Westchester County .....	415.4	419.2	416.0	419.1	3.1	.7
<b>North Carolina</b> .....	3,811.5	3,859.8	3,824.9	3,872.8	47.9	1.3
Asheville .....	112.6	113.7	111.8	113.7	1.9	1.7
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill .....	819.1	831.0	825.4	841.3	15.9	1.9
Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point .....	630.3	630.4	630.6	632.3	1.7	.3
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill .....	681.7	697.9	685.9	700.1	14.2	2.1
<b>North Dakota</b> .....	330.6	330.8	338.5	339.8	1.3	.4
Bismarck .....	53.5	54.0	54.3	54.3	.0	.0
Fargo-Moorhead .....	106.1	105.6	108.0	107.8	-.2	-.2
Grand Forks .....	48.3	48.5	50.4	50.7	.3	.6
<b>Ohio</b> .....	5,395.7	5,367.3	5,408.1	5,393.1	-15.0	-.3
Akron .....	323.7	321.9	328.5	326.9	-1.6	-.5
Canton-Massillon .....	177.6	176.6	177.6	177.0	-.6	-.3
Cincinnati .....	873.5	881.0	872.0	879.0	7.0	.8
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria .....	1,114.8	1,114.4	1,117.7	1,118.7	1.0	.1
Columbus .....	875.3	876.3	873.7	875.2	1.5	.2
Dayton-Springfield .....	454.8	448.9	456.7	451.3	-5.4	-1.2
Hamilton-Middletown .....	133.7	132.2	136.5	135.9	-.6	-.4
Lima .....	77.6	77.6	77.3	77.4	.1	.1
Mansfield .....	76.5	75.0	75.8	75.0	-.8	-1.1
Steubenville-Weirton .....	49.5	47.5	49.4	47.9	-1.5	-3.0
Toledo .....	309.2	302.1	312.3	306.1	-6.2	-2.0
Youngstown-Warren .....	229.9	228.0	232.3	230.0	-2.3	-1.0
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	1,433.6	1,451.6	1,444.8	1,468.0	23.2	1.6
Enid .....	23.0	22.2	22.8	22.4	-.4	-1.8
Lawton .....	38.9	38.2	38.7	38.4	-.3	-.8
Oklahoma City .....	526.8	534.8	532.6	541.9	9.3	1.7
Tulsa .....	377.4	377.4	377.0	378.8	1.8	.5
<b>Oregon</b> .....	1,559.7	1,595.1	1,568.6	1,601.0	32.4	2.1
Eugene-Springfield .....	138.1	140.6	139.4	141.6	2.2	1.6
Medford-Ashland .....	74.9	76.5	75.9	78.3	2.4	3.2
Portland-Vancouver .....	917.3	924.4	926.3	927.0	.7	.1
Salem .....	139.0	139.4	140.6	140.2	-.4	-.3
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	5,573.0	5,616.8	5,617.0	5,664.5	47.5	.8
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton .....	285.5	286.7	287.9	289.0	1.1	.4
Altoona .....	61.5	61.6	62.2	62.5	.3	.5
Erie .....	128.4	129.6	130.2	131.4	1.2	.9
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle .....	368.1	370.3	368.3	370.4	2.1	.6
Johnstown .....	85.4	85.9	86.2	86.2	.0	.0
Lancaster .....	227.3	229.0	229.1	231.1	2.0	.9
Philadelphia PMSA .....	2,393.3	2,398.9	2,403.4	2,410.9	7.5	.3
Philadelphia City .....	671.2	669.6	675.9	674.6	-1.3	-.2
Pittsburgh .....	1,107.5	1,106.8	1,113.1	1,114.5	1.4	.1
Reading .....	162.9	163.3	165.4	166.0	.6	.4
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton .....	278.6	276.6	281.3	278.7	-2.6	-.9
Sharon .....	48.5	48.3	49.6	49.3	-.3	-.6
State College .....	68.9	69.1	71.4	72.0	.6	.8
Williamsport .....	52.5	53.2	54.0	54.4	.4	.7
York .....	166.0	167.0	168.5	168.5	.0	.0

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	August		September		Change September 2003 to September 2004 <sup>P</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	484.7	489.1	489.6	493.5	3.9	0.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick .....	529.6	533.0	537.1	539.4	2.3	.4
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	1,813.3	1,834.7	1,824.9	1,843.7	18.8	1.0
Charleston-North Charleston .....	260.1	267.9	259.1	266.5	7.4	2.9
Columbia .....	302.9	302.7	300.8	304.6	3.8	1.3
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson .....	469.4	468.6	474.8	471.2	-3.6	-.8
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	383.4	385.5	380.9	384.5	3.6	.9
Rapid City .....	53.4	54.4	51.8	52.9	1.1	2.1
Sioux Falls .....	117.8	118.8	117.6	119.1	1.5	1.3
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	2,673.9	2,693.0	2,689.1	2,704.5	15.4	.6
Chattanooga .....	232.0	234.5	234.3	236.4	2.1	.9
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol .....	199.3	199.0	199.8	200.0	.2	.1
Knoxville .....	357.2	362.5	360.0	364.2	4.2	1.2
Memphis .....	589.5	593.0	592.3	594.3	2.0	.3
Nashville .....	683.6	691.0	687.3	694.4	7.1	1.0
<b>Texas</b> .....	9,341.1	9,434.7	9,382.9	9,490.4	107.5	1.1
Abilene .....	56.1	57.1	56.8	57.4	.6	1.1
Amarillo .....	99.5	100.6	100.4	101.2	.8	.8
Austin-San Marcos .....	652.7	657.0	654.0	659.4	5.4	.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur .....	155.4	155.2	157.4	156.6	-.8	-.5
Brazoria .....	77.0	78.6	78.2	79.5	1.3	1.7
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito .....	113.9	114.7	114.3	115.6	1.3	1.1
Bryan-College Station .....	75.7	77.6	80.6	82.8	2.2	2.7
Corpus Christi .....	160.1	159.5	161.2	160.0	-1.2	-.7
Dallas .....	1,899.4	1,910.7	1,903.1	1,917.7	14.6	.8
El Paso .....	253.5	256.9	257.0	260.8	3.8	1.5
Ft. Worth-Arlington .....	777.1	780.8	778.3	782.8	4.5	.6
Galveston-Texas City .....	87.7	89.5	88.3	89.6	1.3	1.5
Houston .....	2,086.5	2,109.9	2,095.6	2,120.2	24.6	1.2
Killeen-Temple .....	103.5	104.5	104.6	106.1	1.5	1.4
Laredo .....	74.8	78.4	75.3	78.7	3.4	4.5
Longview-Marshall .....	92.2	94.2	93.1	94.7	1.6	1.7
Lubbock .....	118.6	121.0	120.1	122.2	2.1	1.7
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission .....	172.5	177.9	175.2	181.0	5.8	3.3
Odessa-Midland .....	105.6	105.1	106.9	106.7	-.2	-.2
San Angelo .....	43.6	44.6	43.8	45.1	1.3	3.0
San Antonio .....	726.0	735.0	727.5	737.3	9.8	1.3
Sherman-Denison .....	43.6	43.4	44.4	44.2	-.2	-.5
Texarkana .....	52.6	53.7	53.2	54.1	.9	1.7
Tyler .....	85.3	86.9	85.8	87.4	1.6	1.9
Victoria .....	36.7	37.3	36.6	37.6	1.0	2.7
Waco .....	99.7	100.5	100.8	101.8	1.0	1.0
Wichita Falls .....	58.2	58.9	58.6	59.2	.6	1.0
<b>Utah</b> .....	1,071.6	1,100.7	1,083.0	1,115.2	32.2	3.0
Provo-Orem .....	149.0	154.7	155.5	162.3	6.8	4.4
Salt Lake City-Ogden .....	707.2	719.1	707.8	721.5	13.7	1.9
<b>Vermont</b> .....	294.7	296.2	301.4	303.1	1.7	.6
Barre-Montpelier .....	34.0	34.2	34.6	35.1	.5	1.4
Burlington .....	106.9	109.3	108.4	111.1	2.7	2.5
<b>Virginia</b> .....	3,499.2	3,581.1	3,517.1	3,595.1	78.0	2.2
Bristol .....	38.9	39.1	39.4	39.7	.3	.8
Charlottesville .....	83.7	85.8	86.9	87.2	.3	.3
Danville .....	44.4	44.5	45.5	46.0	.5	1.1
Lynchburg .....	98.7	98.2	98.6	99.5	.9	.9
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News .....	735.4	742.4	733.8	743.0	9.2	1.3
Northern Virginia .....	1,198.7	1,235.3	1,202.2	1,240.9	38.7	3.2
Richmond-Petersburg .....	562.4	570.7	561.1	570.5	9.4	1.7
Roanoke .....	140.2	142.0	141.9	143.5	1.6	1.1
<b>Washington</b> .....	2,664.4	2,714.7	2,680.6	2,735.2	54.6	2.0
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett .....	1,341.4	1,364.3	1,345.2	1,370.8	25.6	1.9
Spokane .....	196.3	199.0	199.2	202.5	3.3	1.7
Tacoma .....	248.6	255.3	252.8	259.3	6.5	2.6

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<b>West Virginia</b> .....	729.8	735.7	730.5	740.1	9.6	1.3
Charleston .....	134.0	134.2	132.8	134.8	2.0	1.5
Huntington-Ashland .....	119.7	120.7	121.2	122.9	1.7	1.4
Parkersburg-Marietta .....	69.9	69.5	70.2	70.0	-.2	-.3
Wheeling .....	66.6	67.8	66.9	67.6	.7	1.0
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	2,804.8	2,854.4	2,798.3	2,851.2	52.9	1.9
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah .....	204.1	205.9	202.2	205.3	3.1	1.5
Eau Claire .....	77.1	78.3	77.7	79.4	1.7	2.2
Green Bay .....	148.8	154.8	150.1	154.9	4.8	3.2
Janesville-Beloit .....	67.2	66.8	67.1	66.8	-.3	-.4
Kenosha .....	55.3	54.6	54.3	54.6	.3	.6
La Crosse .....	72.3	74.2	73.3	74.9	1.6	2.2
Madison .....	299.2	301.7	298.0	301.1	3.1	1.0
Milwaukee-Waukesha .....	833.2	847.1	826.4	847.9	21.5	2.6
Racine .....	80.4	80.4	80.0	80.0	.0	.0
Sheboygan .....	62.4	66.3	62.2	64.4	2.2	3.5
Wausau .....	70.2	70.5	70.5	71.0	.5	.7
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	258.7	262.4	257.4	262.0	4.6	1.8
Casper .....	34.5	35.6	34.5	35.7	1.2	3.5
<b>Puerto Rico</b> .....	989.8	1,002.0	997.0	1,004.4	7.4	.7
Caguas .....	68.0	70.1	68.4	69.5	1.1	1.6
Mayaguez .....	62.5	63.1	63.3	63.7	.4	.6
Ponce .....	70.6	69.8	70.9	69.9	-1.0	-1.4
San Juan-Bayamon .....	647.0	655.0	650.7	656.6	5.9	.9
<b>Virgin Islands</b> .....	41.4	41.4	41.0	41.1	.1	.2

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are

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