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## REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT – DECEMBER 2009

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally higher in December. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, four states registered rate decreases, and three states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the year, jobless rates increased in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in December at 10.0 percent but was 2.6 percentage points higher than a year earlier.

In December, nonfarm payroll employment increased in 11 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 39 states. The largest over-the-month increase in employment occurred in Virginia (+9,500), followed by Oklahoma (+5,000), Oregon (+2,900), New Hampshire and Washington (+2,000 each). New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and Virginia experienced the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.3 percent each), followed by the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Oregon (+0.2 percent each). The largest over-the-month decrease in employment occurred in California (-38,800), followed by Texas (-23,900), Ohio (-16,700), Illinois (-16,300), Michigan (-15,700), Wisconsin (-15,200), and Georgia (-15,100). Montana (-1.5 percent) experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decrease in employment, followed by Nevada (-1.0 percent), Iowa and South Dakota (-0.9 percent each), and Vermont (-0.8 percent). Over the year, nonfarm employment decreased in all 50 states but increased in the District of Columbia. The largest over-the-year percentage decreases occurred in Wyoming (-6.8 percent), Nevada (-6.6 percent), Michigan (-5.1 percent), and Arizona (-4.8 percent).

### Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The West had the highest regional jobless rate in December, 10.7 percent. The Northeast recorded the lowest rate, 9.2 percent. The Northeast had a statistically significant rate increase over the month (+0.5 percentage point). The South had the only other significant regional rate change (+0.3 percentage point). Over the year, all four regions registered significant rate increases, the largest of which was in the West (+3.3 percentage points). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the Pacific continued to report the highest jobless rate, 11.7 percent in December. The East North Central recorded the next highest rate, 11.3 percent. The West North Central registered the lowest December jobless rate, 7.3 percent, followed by the West South

Central, 8.0 percent. The South Atlantic rate (10.3 percent) set a new series high. (All region, division, and state series begin in 1976.) Five divisions experienced statistically significant unemployment rate increases from a month earlier, the largest of which were in East South Central and New England (+0.5 percentage point each). No division had a rate decrease. All nine divisions reported significant over-the-year rate increases of at least 1.8 percentage points. The largest of these occurred in the East South Central (+3.8 percentage points) and East North Central (+3.7 points).

### **State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

Michigan again recorded the highest unemployment rate among the states, 14.6 percent in December. The states with the next highest rates were Nevada, 13.0 percent; Rhode Island, 12.9 percent; and South Carolina, 12.6 percent. North Dakota continued to register the lowest jobless rate, 4.4 percent in December, followed by Nebraska and South Dakota, 4.7 percent each. The rate in South Carolina set a new series high, as did the rates in three other states: Delaware (9.0 percent), Florida (11.8 percent), and North Carolina (11.2 percent). The rate in the District of Columbia also set a new series high (12.1 percent). In total, 27 states posted jobless rates significantly lower than the U.S. figure of 10.0 percent, 10 states and the District of Columbia had measurably higher rates, and 13 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Twenty-one states reported statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate increases in December. Louisiana and Mississippi experienced the largest of these (+0.8 percentage point each). One state, South Dakota, saw a statistically significant rate decrease from November (-0.2 percentage point). The remaining 28 states and the District of Columbia registered jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes. (See table B.)

All states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant increases in their jobless rates from December 2008. The largest of these increases were in Nevada and West Virginia (+4.6 percentage points each), closely followed by Alabama (+4.5 points) and Michigan (+4.4 points). The smallest rate increases occurred in Minnesota and Nebraska (+0.8 percentage point each). (See table C.)

### **Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

In December, 13 states experienced statistically significant over-the-month changes in employment, all of which were decreases. The largest statistically significant job losses occurred in California (-38,800), Ohio (-16,700), and Illinois (-16,300). The smallest statistically significant decreases in employment occurred in Vermont (-2,400), South Dakota (-3,600), and Montana (-6,400). (See tables D and 5.)

Over the year, 44 states experienced statistically significant changes in employment, all of which were decreases. The largest statistically significant job losses occurred in California (-579,400), Texas (-276,000), Illinois (-237,300), Florida (-232,400), and Michigan (-207,100). The smallest statistically significant decreases in employment occurred in South Dakota (-10,900), Delaware (-12,100), and Montana (-13,700). (See table E.)

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**The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment news release for December 2009 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (EST). The Regional and State Unemployment 2009 Annual Averages news release is scheduled to be released on Friday, February 26, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (EST). The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment**

news release for January is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (EST).

### **Upcoming Changes to Local Area Unemployment Statistics Data**

Effective with the release of 2009 annual average estimates on February 26, the labor force data for regions, divisions, states, the District of Columbia, and the modeled sub-state areas presented in tables 1-4 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated inputs, updated population controls, reestimation of models, and adjustment to new division and national control totals. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program will introduce a long-run trend smoothing procedure to its seasonally adjusted data series back to January 1976. The smoothing procedure reduces month-to-month volatility in the estimates and addresses long-standing issues related to end-of-year revisions that will enhance the analytical capability of the estimates. For more information about this topic, please see the questions and answers on our website at [www.bls.gov/lau/lassaqa.htm](http://www.bls.gov/lau/lassaqa.htm).

Revised seasonal adjustment factors will apply to tables 1 and 3 only. Not seasonally adjusted data are subject to revision back to 2005.

### **Upcoming Changes to Current Employment Statistics Data**

Effective with the release of January 2010 estimates, all nonfarm payroll employment estimates for states and areas presented in tables 5 and 6 of this news release will be adjusted to 2009 benchmark levels. Data in table 5 will be adjusted to incorporate new seasonal adjustment factors. A common start year of 1990 for seasonally adjusted series will also be implemented with the 2010 benchmark. As a result, seasonally adjusted series will be subject to revision from 1990 forward. Not seasonally adjusted payroll data back to April 2008 also will be subject to revision.

**Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., December 2009, seasonally adjusted**

| State                            | Rate <sup>P</sup> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| United States <sup>1</sup> ..... | 10.0              |
| Alaska .....                     | 8.8               |
| Arkansas .....                   | 7.7               |
| California .....                 | 12.4              |
| Colorado .....                   | 7.5               |
| Connecticut .....                | 8.9               |
| Delaware .....                   | 9.0               |
| District of Columbia .....       | 12.1              |
| Florida .....                    | 11.8              |
| Hawaii .....                     | 6.9               |
| Illinois .....                   | 11.1              |
| Iowa .....                       | 6.6               |
| Kansas .....                     | 6.6               |
| Louisiana .....                  | 7.5               |
| Maine .....                      | 8.3               |
| Maryland .....                   | 7.5               |
| Michigan .....                   | 14.6              |
| Minnesota .....                  | 7.4               |
| Montana .....                    | 6.7               |
| Nebraska .....                   | 4.7               |
| Nevada .....                     | 13.0              |
| New Hampshire .....              | 7.0               |
| New Mexico .....                 | 8.3               |
| New York .....                   | 9.0               |
| North Carolina .....             | 11.2              |
| North Dakota .....               | 4.4               |
| Ohio .....                       | 10.9              |
| Oklahoma .....                   | 6.6               |
| Oregon .....                     | 11.0              |
| Pennsylvania .....               | 8.9               |
| Rhode Island .....               | 12.9              |
| South Carolina .....             | 12.6              |
| South Dakota .....               | 4.7               |
| Texas .....                      | 8.3               |
| Utah .....                       | 6.7               |
| Vermont .....                    | 6.9               |
| Virginia .....                   | 6.9               |
| Wisconsin .....                  | 8.7               |
| Wyoming .....                    | 7.5               |

<sup>1</sup> Data are not preliminary.

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**Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from November 2009 to December 2009, seasonally adjusted**

| State                | Rate          |                            | Over-the-month rate change <sup>P</sup> |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|
|                      | November 2009 | December 2009 <sup>P</sup> |   |
| Colorado .....       | 6.9           | 7.5                        | 0.6                                     |
| Connecticut .....    | 8.2           | 8.9                        | .7                                      |
| Delaware .....       | 8.6           | 9.0                        | .4                                      |
| Florida .....        | 11.5          | 11.8                       | .3                                      |
| Louisiana .....      | 6.7           | 7.5                        | .8                                      |
| Massachusetts .....  | 8.7           | 9.4                        | .7                                      |
| Mississippi .....    | 9.8           | 10.6                       | .8                                      |
| Montana .....        | 6.4           | 6.7                        | .3                                      |
| New Mexico .....     | 7.8           | 8.3                        | .5                                      |
| New York .....       | 8.6           | 9.0                        | .4                                      |
| North Carolina ..... | 10.7          | 11.2                       | .5                                      |
| North Dakota .....   | 4.1           | 4.4                        | .3                                      |
| Pennsylvania .....   | 8.5           | 8.9                        | .4                                      |
| South Dakota .....   | 4.8           | 4.7                        | -.2                                     |
| Tennessee .....      | 10.2          | 10.9                       | .7                                      |
| Texas .....          | 8.0           | 8.3                        | .3                                      |
| Utah .....           | 6.3           | 6.7                        | .4                                      |
| Vermont .....        | 6.4           | 6.9                        | .5                                      |
| Virginia .....       | 6.6           | 6.9                        | .3                                      |
| Washington .....     | 9.0           | 9.5                        | .5                                      |
| West Virginia .....  | 8.4           | 9.1                        | .7                                      |
| Wisconsin .....      | 8.2           | 8.7                        | .5                                      |

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

**Table C. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from December 2008 to December 2009, seasonally adjusted**

| State                      | Rate          |                            | Over-the-year rate change <sup>P</sup> |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--|
|                            | December 2008 | December 2009 <sup>P</sup> |  |
| Alabama .....              | 6.5           | 11.0                       | 4.5                                    |
| Alaska .....               | 6.8           | 8.8                        | 2.0                                    |
| Arizona .....              | 6.6           | 9.1                        | 2.5                                    |
| Arkansas .....             | 5.7           | 7.7                        | 2.0                                    |
| California .....           | 8.7           | 12.4                       | 3.7                                    |
| Colorado .....             | 5.8           | 7.5                        | 1.7                                    |
| Connecticut .....          | 6.6           | 8.9                        | 2.3                                    |
| Delaware .....             | 5.7           | 9.0                        | 3.3                                    |
| District of Columbia ..... | 8.2           | 12.1                       | 3.9                                    |
| Florida .....              | 7.6           | 11.8                       | 4.2                                    |
| Georgia .....              | 7.5           | 10.3                       | 2.8                                    |
| Hawaii .....               | 5.1           | 6.9                        | 1.8                                    |
| Idaho .....                | 6.1           | 9.1                        | 3.0                                    |
| Illinois .....             | 7.2           | 11.1                       | 3.9                                    |
| Indiana .....              | 7.8           | 9.9                        | 2.1                                    |
| Iowa .....                 | 4.4           | 6.6                        | 2.2                                    |
| Kansas .....               | 5.0           | 6.6                        | 1.6                                    |
| Kentucky .....             | 7.6           | 10.7                       | 3.1                                    |
| Louisiana .....            | 5.5           | 7.5                        | 2.0                                    |
| Maine .....                | 6.5           | 8.3                        | 1.8                                    |
| Maryland .....             | 5.4           | 7.5                        | 2.1                                    |
| Massachusetts .....        | 6.4           | 9.4                        | 3.0                                    |
| Michigan .....             | 10.2          | 14.6                       | 4.4                                    |
| Minnesota .....            | 6.6           | 7.4                        | .8                                     |
| Mississippi .....          | 7.8           | 10.6                       | 2.8                                    |
| Missouri .....             | 7.1           | 9.6                        | 2.5                                    |
| Montana .....              | 5.0           | 6.7                        | 1.7                                    |
| Nebraska .....             | 3.9           | 4.7                        | .8                                     |
| Nevada .....               | 8.4           | 13.0                       | 4.6                                    |
| New Hampshire .....        | 4.3           | 7.0                        | 2.7                                    |
| New Jersey .....           | 6.8           | 10.1                       | 3.3                                    |
| New Mexico .....           | 4.7           | 8.3                        | 3.6                                    |
| New York .....             | 6.6           | 9.0                        | 2.4                                    |
| North Carolina .....       | 8.1           | 11.2                       | 3.1                                    |
| North Dakota .....         | 3.3           | 4.4                        | 1.1                                    |
| Ohio .....                 | 7.4           | 10.9                       | 3.5                                    |
| Oklahoma .....             | 4.6           | 6.6                        | 2.0                                    |
| Oregon .....               | 8.3           | 11.0                       | 2.7                                    |
| Pennsylvania .....         | 6.4           | 8.9                        | 2.5                                    |
| Rhode Island .....         | 9.4           | 12.9                       | 3.5                                    |
| South Carolina .....       | 8.8           | 12.6                       | 3.8                                    |
| South Dakota .....         | 3.7           | 4.7                        | 1.0                                    |
| Tennessee .....            | 7.6           | 10.9                       | 3.3                                    |
| Texas .....                | 5.6           | 8.3                        | 2.7                                    |
| Utah .....                 | 4.1           | 6.7                        | 2.6                                    |
| Vermont .....              | 5.9           | 6.9                        | 1.0                                    |
| Virginia .....             | 5.0           | 6.9                        | 1.9                                    |
| Washington .....           | 6.5           | 9.5                        | 3.0                                    |
| West Virginia .....        | 4.5           | 9.1                        | 4.6                                    |
| Wisconsin .....            | 5.9           | 8.7                        | 2.8                                    |
| Wyoming .....              | 3.2           | 7.5                        | 4.3                                    |

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

**Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from November 2009 to December 2009, seasonally adjusted**

| State             | November<br>2009 | December<br>2009 | Over-the-month<br>change <sup>P</sup> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alabama.....      | 1,898,900        | 1,888,500        | -10,400                               |
| California.....   | 14,186,800       | 14,148,000       | -38,800                               |
| Georgia.....      | 3,854,800        | 3,839,700        | -15,100                               |
| Illinois.....     | 5,628,500        | 5,612,200        | -16,300                               |
| Iowa.....         | 1,482,000        | 1,468,800        | -13,200                               |
| Michigan.....     | 3,846,700        | 3,831,000        | -15,700                               |
| Montana.....      | 437,400          | 431,000          | -6,400                                |
| Nevada.....       | 1,166,200        | 1,154,600        | -11,600                               |
| Ohio.....         | 5,103,600        | 5,086,900        | -16,700                               |
| South Dakota..... | 404,100          | 400,500          | -3,600                                |
| Tennessee.....    | 2,646,600        | 2,636,700        | -9,900                                |
| Vermont.....      | 294,600          | 292,200          | -2,400                                |
| Wisconsin.....    | 2,727,500        | 2,712,300        | -15,200                               |

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

**Table E. States with statistically significant employment changes from December 2008 to December 2009, seasonally adjusted**

| State               | December 2008 | December 2009 | Over-the-year change <sup>P</sup> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Alabama.....        | 1,953,500     | 1,888,500     | -65,000                           |
| Arizona.....        | 2,534,100     | 2,412,000     | -122,100                          |
| California.....     | 14,727,400    | 14,148,000    | -579,400                          |
| Colorado.....       | 2,320,600     | 2,234,000     | -86,600                           |
| Connecticut.....    | 1,673,900     | 1,614,900     | -59,000                           |
| Delaware.....       | 421,900       | 409,800       | -12,100                           |
| Florida.....        | 7,576,100     | 7,343,700     | -232,400                          |
| Georgia.....        | 4,013,600     | 3,839,700     | -173,900                          |
| Hawaii.....         | 609,400       | 586,100       | -23,300                           |
| Illinois.....       | 5,849,500     | 5,612,200     | -237,300                          |
| Indiana.....        | 2,899,400     | 2,796,300     | -103,100                          |
| Iowa.....           | 1,508,900     | 1,468,800     | -40,100                           |
| Kansas.....         | 1,389,600     | 1,329,900     | -59,700                           |
| Kentucky.....       | 1,823,800     | 1,764,500     | -59,300                           |
| Louisiana.....      | 1,948,600     | 1,901,700     | -46,900                           |
| Maine.....          | 604,800       | 588,800       | -16,000                           |
| Maryland.....       | 2,568,400     | 2,524,000     | -44,400                           |
| Massachusetts.....  | 3,230,200     | 3,164,000     | -66,200                           |
| Michigan.....       | 4,038,100     | 3,831,000     | -207,100                          |
| Minnesota.....      | 2,722,300     | 2,642,400     | -79,900                           |
| Mississippi.....    | 1,127,200     | 1,101,400     | -25,800                           |
| Missouri.....       | 2,770,900     | 2,708,300     | -62,600                           |
| Montana.....        | 444,700       | 431,000       | -13,700                           |
| Nebraska.....       | 963,700       | 938,300       | -25,400                           |
| Nevada.....         | 1,235,600     | 1,154,600     | -81,000                           |
| New Jersey.....     | 4,000,500     | 3,910,400     | -90,100                           |
| New Mexico.....     | 843,100       | 817,100       | -26,000                           |
| New York.....       | 8,713,500     | 8,544,900     | -168,600                          |
| North Carolina..... | 4,048,200     | 3,924,000     | -124,200                          |
| Ohio.....           | 5,271,800     | 5,086,900     | -184,900                          |
| Oklahoma.....       | 1,595,600     | 1,558,900     | -36,700                           |
| Oregon.....         | 1,689,600     | 1,617,200     | -72,400                           |
| Pennsylvania.....   | 5,749,200     | 5,598,900     | -150,300                          |
| Rhode Island.....   | 471,200       | 453,800       | -17,400                           |
| South Carolina..... | 1,884,100     | 1,846,400     | -37,700                           |
| South Dakota.....   | 411,400       | 400,500       | -10,900                           |
| Tennessee.....      | 2,726,100     | 2,636,700     | -89,400                           |
| Texas.....          | 10,631,300    | 10,355,300    | -276,000                          |
| Utah.....           | 1,246,700     | 1,200,100     | -46,600                           |
| Virginia.....       | 3,711,200     | 3,656,500     | -54,700                           |
| Washington.....     | 2,923,700     | 2,834,900     | -88,800                           |
| West Virginia.....  | 757,400       | 738,500       | -18,900                           |
| Wisconsin.....      | 2,832,800     | 2,712,300     | -120,500                          |
| Wyoming.....        | 303,100       | 282,400       | -20,700                           |

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.



## Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, and selected substate areas from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1 to 4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry sector from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 5 and 6). The LAUS and CES programs are both federal-state cooperative endeavors.

### Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

**Definitions.** The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. *Employed* persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. *Unemployed* persons are those who were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The *labor force* is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The *unemployment rate* is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

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

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

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

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

**Area definitions.** The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on November 20, 2008. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>.

### Employment—from the CES program

**Definitions.** Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Method of estimation.** The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios. Small-domain models

are used as the official estimators for the approximately 44 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

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

**Seasonal adjustment.** Payroll employment data are seasonally adjusted at the statewide supersector level. In some states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is computed by aggregating the independently adjusted supersector series. In other states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is independently adjusted. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are made once a year, coincident with annual benchmark adjustments.

**Caution on aggregating state data.** State estimation procedures are designed to produce accurate data for each individual state. BLS independently develops a national employment series; state estimates are not forced to sum to national totals. Because each state series is subject to larger sampling and nonsampling errors than the national series, summing them cumulates individual state level errors and can cause significant distortions at an aggregate level. Due to these statistical limitations, BLS does not compile a “sum-of-states” employment series, and cautions users that such a series is subject to a relatively large and volatile error structure.

### **Reliability of the estimates**

The estimates presented in this release are based on sample surveys, administrative data, and modeling and, thus, are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the specific estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding. Unemployment rates are computed from unrounded data and thus may differ slightly from rates computed using the rounded data displayed in the tables.

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

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

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

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

### **Additional information**

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings Online*.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment from the LAUS program, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 300 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339.

**Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Census region and division | Civilian labor force |           |           |           | Unemployed |           |           |           |                        |           |           |           |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                            |                      |           |           |           | Number     |           |           |           | Percent of labor force |           |           |           |
|                            | Dec. 2008            | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Dec. 2008  | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 | Dec. 2008              | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 |
| <b>Northeast</b> .....     | 28,456.6             | 28,280.0  | 28,268.3  | 28,195.1  | 1,827.5    | 2,542.0   | 2,466.2   | 2,583.6   | 6.4                    | 9.0       | 8.7       | 9.2       |
| New England .....          | 7,709.7              | 7,701.9   | 7,717.0   | 7,684.2   | 490.5      | 674.7     | 655.3     | 694.9     | 6.4                    | 8.8       | 8.5       | 9.0       |
| Middle Atlantic .....      | 20,747.0             | 20,578.2  | 20,551.3  | 20,510.8  | 1,337.0    | 1,867.3   | 1,810.9   | 1,888.8   | 6.4                    | 9.1       | 8.8       | 9.2       |
| <b>South</b> .....         | 55,357.6             | 54,896.6  | 54,952.7  | 54,847.9  | 3,593.2    | 5,190.4   | 5,113.4   | 5,275.8   | 6.5                    | 9.5       | 9.3       | 9.6       |
| South Atlantic .....       | 29,672.7             | 29,208.2  | 29,260.7  | 29,171.2  | 2,065.6    | 2,905.3   | 2,918.3   | 2,993.7   | 7.0                    | 9.9       | 10.0      | 10.3      |
| East South Central .....   | 8,573.0              | 8,417.5   | 8,390.8   | 8,394.3   | 599.1      | 897.7     | 862.2     | 906.1     | 7.0                    | 10.7      | 10.3      | 10.8      |
| West South Central .....   | 17,111.9             | 17,270.9  | 17,301.2  | 17,282.3  | 928.5      | 1,387.4   | 1,333.0   | 1,376.1   | 5.4                    | 8.0       | 7.7       | 8.0       |
| <b>Midwest</b> .....       | 34,808.7             | 34,466.3  | 34,491.8  | 34,398.8  | 2,408.4    | 3,437.7   | 3,394.3   | 3,448.0   | 6.9                    | 10.0      | 9.8       | 10.0      |
| East North Central .....   | 23,837.4             | 23,520.8  | 23,540.1  | 23,471.4  | 1,809.9    | 2,635.5   | 2,601.0   | 2,649.4   | 7.6                    | 11.2      | 11.0      | 11.3      |
| West North Central .....   | 10,971.2             | 10,945.5  | 10,951.7  | 10,927.4  | 598.6      | 802.2     | 793.2     | 798.6     | 5.5                    | 7.3       | 7.2       | 7.3       |
| <b>West</b> .....          | 36,409.2             | 35,865.1  | 35,839.1  | 35,690.5  | 2,710.6    | 3,858.4   | 3,783.3   | 3,830.7   | 7.4                    | 10.8      | 10.6      | 10.7      |
| Mountain .....             | 11,257.9             | 11,043.2  | 11,049.6  | 11,027.1  | 653.5      | 938.1     | 909.0     | 953.6     | 5.8                    | 8.5       | 8.2       | 8.6       |
| Pacific .....              | 25,151.3             | 24,821.9  | 24,789.5  | 24,663.5  | 2,057.1    | 2,920.3   | 2,874.3   | 2,877.2   | 8.2                    | 11.8      | 11.6      | 11.7      |

<sup>1</sup> Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The States (including the District of Columbia) that compose the various census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and

Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

**Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Census region and division | Civilian labor force |          |          |          | Unemployed |         |          |         |                        |      |          |      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------|----------|---------|------------------------|------|----------|------|
|                            |                      |          |          |          | Number     |         |          |         | Percent of labor force |      |          |      |
|                            | November             |          | December |          | November   |         | December |         | November               |      | December |      |
|                            | 2008                 | 2009     | 2008     | 2009     | 2008       | 2009    | 2008     | 2009    | 2008                   | 2009 | 2008     | 2009 |
| <b>Northeast</b> .....     | 28,279.1             | 28,245.3 | 28,255.5 | 28,109.0 | 1,695.9    | 2,392.1 | 1,874.6  | 2,494.2 | 6.0                    | 8.5  | 6.6      | 8.9  |
| New England .....          | 7,667.3              | 7,711.0  | 7,644.2  | 7,650.3  | 456.2      | 631.3   | 499.8    | 668.1   | 5.9                    | 8.2  | 6.5      | 8.7  |
| Middle Atlantic .....      | 20,611.9             | 20,534.3 | 20,611.3 | 20,458.7 | 1,239.8    | 1,760.8 | 1,374.7  | 1,826.1 | 6.0                    | 8.6  | 6.7      | 8.9  |
| <b>South</b> .....         | 55,104.2             | 54,957.4 | 54,975.0 | 54,695.6 | 3,440.9    | 5,019.5 | 3,724.2  | 5,128.1 | 6.2                    | 9.1  | 6.8      | 9.4  |
| South Atlantic .....       | 29,500.5             | 29,223.5 | 29,438.9 | 29,054.0 | 1,979.6    | 2,880.7 | 2,150.3  | 2,918.3 | 6.7                    | 9.9  | 7.3      | 10.0 |
| East South Central .....   | 8,559.2              | 8,411.0  | 8,549.9  | 8,401.6  | 565.4      | 837.3   | 624.1    | 882.7   | 6.6                    | 10.0 | 7.3      | 10.5 |
| West South Central .....   | 17,044.6             | 17,322.9 | 16,986.1 | 17,240.0 | 895.9      | 1,301.5 | 949.8    | 1,327.1 | 5.3                    | 7.5  | 5.6      | 7.7  |
| <b>Midwest</b> .....       | 34,695.9             | 34,484.9 | 34,549.7 | 34,252.5 | 2,252.7    | 3,266.7 | 2,521.0  | 3,360.0 | 6.5                    | 9.5  | 7.3      | 9.8  |
| East North Central .....   | 23,780.3             | 23,547.3 | 23,688.5 | 23,387.6 | 1,690.5    | 2,508.6 | 1,891.4  | 2,582.8 | 7.1                    | 10.7 | 8.0      | 11.0 |
| West North Central .....   | 10,915.6             | 10,937.6 | 10,861.2 | 10,864.9 | 562.2      | 758.1   | 629.6    | 777.3   | 5.2                    | 6.9  | 5.8      | 7.2  |
| <b>West</b> .....          | 36,226.3             | 35,851.3 | 36,244.2 | 35,635.7 | 2,603.3    | 3,728.8 | 2,855.2  | 3,757.8 | 7.2                    | 10.4 | 7.9      | 10.5 |
| Mountain .....             | 11,208.7             | 11,058.2 | 11,186.8 | 11,007.4 | 629.1      | 890.0   | 684.4    | 934.5   | 5.6                    | 8.0  | 6.1      | 8.5  |
| Pacific .....              | 25,017.7             | 24,793.1 | 25,057.4 | 24,628.2 | 1,974.1    | 2,838.8 | 2,170.8  | 2,823.3 | 7.9                    | 11.5 | 8.7      | 11.5 |

<sup>1</sup> 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 |           |           |                        |
|  | Dec. 2008            | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 <sup>P</sup> | Dec. 2008  | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 <sup>P</sup> | Dec. 2008              | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009 <sup>P</sup> |
| Alabama                                      | 2,160.2              | 2,080.1   | 2,064.5   | 2,059.7                | 141.2      | 226.5     | 216.3     | 225.6                  | 6.5                    | 10.9      | 10.5      | 11.0                   |
| Alaska                                       | 359.3                | 357.9     | 358.0     | 357.9                  | 24.6       | 31.2      | 30.1      | 31.6                   | 6.8                    | 8.7       | 8.4       | 8.8                    |
| Arizona                                      | 3,179.3              | 3,142.6   | 3,145.0   | 3,141.2                | 209.4      | 292.3     | 279.8     | 285.7                  | 6.6                    | 9.3       | 8.9       | 9.1                    |
| Arkansas                                     | 1,373.5              | 1,369.3   | 1,377.3   | 1,370.2                | 77.7       | 104.0     | 101.9     | 105.4                  | 5.7                    | 7.6       | 7.4       | 7.7                    |
| California                                   | 18,557.2             | 18,340.4  | 18,338.7  | 18,232.3               | 1,605.8    | 2,299.2   | 2,272.7   | 2,254.4                | 8.7                    | 12.5      | 12.4      | 12.4                   |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup> | 4,974.6              | 4,890.0   | 4,891.5   | 4,865.1                | 456.2      | 620.9     | 596.8     | 602.9                  | 9.2                    | 12.7      | 12.2      | 12.4                   |
| Colorado                                     | 2,751.3              | 2,660.6   | 2,664.0   | 2,656.8                | 159.9      | 186.2     | 183.5     | 198.4                  | 5.8                    | 7.0       | 6.9       | 7.5                    |
| Connecticut                                  | 1,894.2              | 1,900.6   | 1,895.2   | 1,883.0                | 124.8      | 166.9     | 155.6     | 167.9                  | 6.6                    | 8.8       | 8.2       | 8.9                    |
| Delaware                                     | 445.5                | 428.4     | 426.7     | 426.6                  | 25.6       | 36.8      | 36.5      | 38.2                   | 5.7                    | 8.6       | 8.6       | 9.0                    |
| District of Columbia                         | 332.8                | 329.8     | 330.8     | 331.6                  | 27.4       | 39.2      | 39.0      | 40.0                   | 8.2                    | 11.9      | 11.8      | 12.1                   |
| Florida                                      | 9,342.6              | 9,183.1   | 9,210.5   | 9,179.7                | 708.9      | 1,035.1   | 1,063.6   | 1,087.1                | 7.6                    | 11.3      | 11.5      | 11.8                   |
| Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>       | 1,221.4              | 1,233.6   | 1,230.8   | 1,230.9                | 78.6       | 141.8     | 137.9     | 143.5                  | 6.4                    | 11.5      | 11.2      | 11.7                   |
| Georgia                                      | 4,880.6              | 4,717.7   | 4,717.5   | 4,702.2                | 365.9      | 478.0     | 476.8     | 485.1                  | 7.5                    | 10.1      | 10.1      | 10.3                   |
| Hawaii                                       | 657.6                | 645.6     | 643.5     | 638.1                  | 33.4       | 46.8      | 43.7      | 44.3                   | 5.1                    | 7.3       | 6.8       | 6.9                    |
| Idaho  | 759.2                | 753.8     | 755.2     | 753.8                  | 46.0       | 67.7      | 68.9      | 68.8                   | 6.1                    | 9.0       | 9.1       | 9.1                    |
| Illinois                                     | 6,658.3              | 6,639.6   | 6,647.8   | 6,623.9                | 480.5      | 730.6     | 722.6     | 733.3                  | 7.2                    | 11.0      | 10.9      | 11.1                   |
| Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>       | 4,105.1              | 4,118.3   | 4,121.6   | 4,092.9                | 271.7      | 458.8     | 450.9     | 453.8                  | 6.6                    | 11.1      | 10.9      | 11.1                   |
| Indiana                                      | 3,247.6              | 3,108.0   | 3,108.4   | 3,104.0                | 254.4      | 305.8     | 297.6     | 306.9                  | 7.8                    | 9.8       | 9.6       | 9.9                    |
| Iowa   | 1,676.5              | 1,685.4   | 1,682.2   | 1,683.8                | 73.7       | 112.0     | 111.9     | 110.8                  | 4.4                    | 6.6       | 6.7       | 6.6                    |
| Kansas                                       | 1,511.9              | 1,526.5   | 1,521.9   | 1,519.0                | 76.1       | 102.9     | 97.1      | 100.9                  | 5.0                    | 6.7       | 6.4       | 6.6                    |
| Kentucky                                     | 2,062.2              | 2,072.2   | 2,064.3   | 2,061.8                | 156.8      | 233.4     | 218.5     | 221.1                  | 7.6                    | 11.3      | 10.6      | 10.7                   |
| Louisiana                                    | 2,110.8              | 2,065.8   | 2,055.1   | 2,049.8                | 116.4      | 152.6     | 138.4     | 154.2                  | 5.5                    | 7.4       | 6.7       | 7.5                    |
| Maine  | 710.6                | 700.5     | 702.4     | 703.1                  | 46.3       | 57.4      | 56.3      | 58.3                   | 6.5                    | 8.2       | 8.0       | 8.3                    |
| Maryland                                     | 3,012.8              | 2,934.7   | 2,946.8   | 2,936.7                | 161.6      | 214.7     | 215.8     | 219.9                  | 5.4                    | 7.3       | 7.3       | 7.5                    |
| Massachusetts                                | 3,432.6              | 3,443.5   | 3,453.8   | 3,431.8                | 219.7      | 307.5     | 302.1     | 323.2                  | 6.4                    | 8.9       | 8.7       | 9.4                    |
| Michigan                                     | 4,884.7              | 4,850.0   | 4,843.9   | 4,812.7                | 496.2      | 733.1     | 712.4     | 701.0                  | 10.2                   | 15.1      | 14.7      | 14.6                   |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>          | 2,096.5              | 2,096.1   | 2,079.5   | 2,064.6                | 207.5      | 361.9     | 341.3     | 326.0                  | 9.9                    | 17.3      | 16.4      | 15.8                   |
| Minnesota                                    | 2,950.9              | 2,950.4   | 2,964.0   | 2,956.0                | 194.6      | 225.1     | 218.9     | 217.7                  | 6.6                    | 7.6       | 7.4       | 7.4                    |
| Mississippi                                  | 1,321.4              | 1,281.9   | 1,283.9   | 1,292.7                | 103.6      | 125.5     | 125.2     | 137.5                  | 7.8                    | 9.8       | 9.8       | 10.6                   |
| Missouri                                     | 3,017.5              | 3,000.0   | 2,990.8   | 2,979.8                | 213.0      | 280.1     | 282.1     | 284.7                  | 7.1                    | 9.3       | 9.4       | 9.6                    |
| Montana                                      | 507.3                | 496.5     | 497.7     | 495.3                  | 25.6       | 31.8      | 32.1      | 33.2                   | 5.0                    | 6.4       | 6.4       | 6.7                    |
| Nebraska                                     | 1,001.4              | 979.6     | 981.7     | 983.2                  | 39.1       | 48.3      | 44.8      | 46.3                   | 3.9                    | 4.9       | 4.6       | 4.7                    |
| Nevada                                       | 1,406.8              | 1,387.0   | 1,378.1   | 1,375.1                | 118.1      | 179.4     | 169.2     | 178.5                  | 8.4                    | 12.9      | 12.3      | 13.0                   |
| New Hampshire                                | 738.9                | 738.0     | 739.2     | 737.7                  | 31.4       | 50.5      | 49.6      | 51.6                   | 4.3                    | 6.8       | 6.7       | 7.0                    |
| New Jersey                                   | 4,520.8              | 4,526.3   | 4,539.7   | 4,537.2                | 305.7      | 439.3     | 441.1     | 458.3                  | 6.8                    | 9.7       | 9.7       | 10.1                   |
| New Mexico                                   | 964.9                | 957.7     | 962.7     | 962.2                  | 45.1       | 75.0      | 75.1      | 79.8                   | 4.7                    | 7.8       | 7.8       | 8.3                    |
| New York                                     | 9,733.7              | 9,729.6   | 9,692.5   | 9,669.2                | 637.9      | 871.0     | 832.2     | 868.6                  | 6.6                    | 9.0       | 8.6       | 9.0                    |
| New York City                                | 3,999.1              | 4,017.6   | 4,006.6   | 4,001.9                | 280.1      | 411.8     | 401.2     | 424.5                  | 7.0                    | 10.3      | 10.0      | 10.6                   |
| North Carolina                               | 4,577.3              | 4,529.2   | 4,534.6   | 4,522.3                | 369.7      | 494.5     | 486.9     | 505.9                  | 8.1                    | 10.9      | 10.7      | 11.2                   |
| North Dakota                                 | 372.1                | 362.3     | 362.9     | 363.1                  | 12.3       | 15.1      | 14.9      | 16.0                   | 3.3                    | 4.2       | 4.1       | 4.4                    |
| Ohio   | 5,979.3              | 5,886.5   | 5,905.7   | 5,900.5                | 445.1      | 618.4     | 624.0     | 640.7                  | 7.4                    | 10.5      | 10.6      | 10.9                   |
| Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>         | 1,075.1              | 1,067.7   | 1,069.0   | 1,064.2                | 71.3       | 101.7     | 102.6     | 99.0                   | 6.6                    | 9.5       | 9.6       | 9.3                    |
| Oklahoma                                     | 1,767.8              | 1,781.4   | 1,783.6   | 1,773.3                | 80.6       | 130.1     | 126.3     | 117.8                  | 4.6                    | 7.3       | 7.1       | 6.6                    |
| Oregon                                       | 1,982.3              | 1,953.1   | 1,946.8   | 1,949.3                | 164.2      | 218.2     | 208.0     | 214.7                  | 8.3                    | 11.2      | 10.7      | 11.0                   |
| Pennsylvania                                 | 6,441.5              | 6,339.8   | 6,328.9   | 6,310.1                | 412.0      | 561.8     | 540.9     | 559.5                  | 6.4                    | 8.9       | 8.5       | 8.9                    |
| Rhode Island                                 | 565.3                | 569.8     | 570.6     | 570.3                  | 53.2       | 73.7      | 72.4      | 73.5                   | 9.4                    | 12.9      | 12.7      | 12.9                   |
| South Carolina                               | 2,193.2              | 2,171.0   | 2,173.4   | 2,166.7                | 193.1      | 260.4     | 266.8     | 273.2                  | 8.8                    | 12.0      | 12.3      | 12.6                   |
| South Dakota                                 | 446.7                | 446.7     | 445.7     | 443.9                  | 16.4       | 22.2      | 22.0      | 21.0                   | 3.7                    | 5.0       | 4.9       | 4.7                    |
| Tennessee                                    | 3,046.1              | 2,987.0   | 2,982.6   | 2,986.3                | 231.3      | 313.6     | 304.4     | 325.7                  | 7.6                    | 10.5      | 10.2      | 10.9                   |
| Texas  | 11,856.7             | 12,059.8  | 12,092.6  | 12,092.9               | 658.7      | 1,002.6   | 970.3     | 999.0                  | 5.6                    | 8.3       | 8.0       | 8.3                    |
| Utah   | 1,400.1              | 1,361.0   | 1,363.4   | 1,356.1                | 57.3       | 88.7      | 86.3      | 91.2                   | 4.1                    | 6.5       | 6.3       | 6.7                    |
| Vermont                                      | 356.7                | 356.7     | 359.9     | 357.8                  | 21.0       | 23.3      | 23.1      | 24.7                   | 5.9                    | 6.5       | 6.4       | 6.9                    |
| Virginia                                     | 4,183.3              | 4,135.0   | 4,139.3   | 4,131.1                | 207.3      | 274.3     | 271.3     | 284.3                  | 5.0                    | 6.6       | 6.6       | 6.9                    |
| Washington                                   | 3,525.5              | 3,543.2   | 3,514.5   | 3,509.2                | 230.1      | 328.3     | 316.2     | 334.8                  | 6.5                    | 9.3       | 9.0       | 9.5                    |
| Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>        | 1,471.5              | 1,515.3   | 1,494.4   | 1,489.6                | 72.5       | 139.5     | 125.0     | 137.0                  | 4.9                    | 9.2       | 8.4       | 9.2                    |
| West Virginia                                | 805.5                | 789.6     | 790.0     | 786.5                  | 35.9       | 67.3      | 66.1      | 71.6                   | 4.5                    | 8.5       | 8.4       | 9.1                    |
| Wisconsin                                    | 3,110.6              | 3,047.7   | 3,041.4   | 3,028.0                | 182.9      | 256.5     | 250.6     | 263.3                  | 5.9                    | 8.4       | 8.2       | 8.7                    |
| Wyoming                                      | 294.9                | 291.7     | 291.6     | 291.7                  | 9.5        | 21.6      | 20.9      | 21.8                   | 3.2                    | 7.4       | 7.2       | 7.5                    |
| Puerto Rico                                  | 1,377.1              | 1,333.3   | 1,320.1   | 1,311.7                | 185.9      | 208.0     | 209.3     | 196.5                  | 13.5                   | 15.6      | 15.9      | 15.0                   |

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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 |      |          |       |
|  | November             |          | December |          | November   |         | December |         | November               |      | December |       |
|  | 2008                 | 2009     | 2008     | 2009P    | 2008       | 2009    | 2008     | 2009P   | 2008                   | 2009 | 2008     | 2009P |
| Alabama                                      | 2,159.7              | 2,072.6  | 2,153.9  | 2,063.6  | 127.8      | 211.6   | 139.4    | 219.2   | 5.9                    | 10.2 | 6.5      | 10.6  |
| Alaska                                       | 355.8                | 355.2    | 356.3    | 354.6    | 24.3       | 29.3    | 27.1     | 31.8    | 6.8                    | 8.2  | 7.6      | 9.0   |
| Arizona                                      | 3,169.7              | 3,149.7  | 3,163.5  | 3,139.3  | 200.1      | 274.2   | 211.6    | 277.0   | 6.3                    | 8.7  | 6.7      | 8.8   |
| Arkansas                                     | 1,365.9              | 1,372.1  | 1,366.2  | 1,357.9  | 70.9       | 94.9    | 81.4     | 103.0   | 5.2                    | 6.9  | 6.0      | 7.6   |
| California                                   | 18,515.7             | 18,332.2 | 18,551.1 | 18,195.8 | 1,547.8    | 2,248.8 | 1,689.0  | 2,206.6 | 8.4                    | 12.3 | 9.1      | 12.1  |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale <sup>1</sup> | 5,003.9              | 4,906.7  | 4,989.3  | 4,869.4  | 442.3      | 588.2   | 473.8    | 584.3   | 8.8                    | 12.0 | 9.5      | 12.0  |
| Colorado                                     | 2,735.7              | 2,664.7  | 2,732.2  | 2,649.9  | 147.9      | 179.1   | 165.0    | 194.2   | 5.4                    | 6.7  | 6.0      | 7.3   |
| Connecticut                                  | 1,884.2              | 1,893.1  | 1,877.1  | 1,869.9  | 117.4      | 150.7   | 123.1    | 158.0   | 6.2                    | 8.0  | 6.6      | 8.5   |
| Delaware                                     | 443.4                | 426.6    | 442.1    | 426.6    | 23.6       | 34.4    | 25.9     | 36.7    | 5.3                    | 8.1  | 5.9      | 8.6   |
| District of Columbia                         | 330.2                | 329.3    | 328.8    | 329.2    | 27.7       | 38.8    | 29.1     | 39.3    | 8.4                    | 11.8 | 8.9      | 11.9  |
| Florida                                      | 9,263.6              | 9,203.6  | 9,248.5  | 9,147.3  | 684.0      | 1,060.6 | 725.9    | 1,057.6 | 7.4                    | 11.5 | 7.8      | 11.6  |
| Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall <sup>1</sup>       | 1,214.0              | 1,228.0  | 1,215.1  | 1,230.5  | 75.0       | 129.4   | 85.4     | 139.0   | 6.2                    | 10.5 | 7.0      | 11.3  |
| Georgia                                      | 4,849.1              | 4,720.3  | 4,858.4  | 4,712.9  | 344.3      | 464.6   | 378.5    | 473.2   | 7.1                    | 9.8  | 7.8      | 10.0  |
| Hawaii                                       | 655.7                | 643.3    | 654.6    | 636.0    | 33.1       | 44.0    | 33.1     | 41.1    | 5.0                    | 6.8  | 5.1      | 6.5   |
| Idaho  | 756.0                | 753.7    | 753.1    | 751.0    | 44.0       | 67.6    | 48.8     | 68.6    | 5.8                    | 9.0  | 6.5      | 9.1   |
| Illinois                                     | 6,627.2              | 6,643.9  | 6,604.2  | 6,602.4  | 443.8      | 694.7   | 486.2    | 714.6   | 6.7                    | 10.5 | 7.4      | 10.8  |
| Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup>       | 4,076.9              | 4,103.8  | 4,063.6  | 4,066.5  | 258.2      | 422.8   | 281.9    | 430.1   | 6.3                    | 10.3 | 6.9      | 10.6  |
| Indiana                                      | 3,224.0              | 3,106.4  | 3,209.9  | 3,082.2  | 221.4      | 288.3   | 260.3    | 301.0   | 6.9                    | 9.3  | 8.1      | 9.8   |
| Iowa   | 1,674.7              | 1,683.9  | 1,664.1  | 1,679.7  | 68.6       | 107.0   | 79.5     | 113.0   | 4.1                    | 6.4  | 4.8      | 6.7   |
| Kansas                                       | 1,504.1              | 1,523.8  | 1,497.7  | 1,512.4  | 70.8       | 95.4    | 73.0     | 95.1    | 4.7                    | 6.3  | 4.9      | 6.3   |
| Kentucky                                     | 2,048.9              | 2,066.3  | 2,050.1  | 2,059.2  | 137.2      | 208.9   | 155.0    | 213.8   | 6.7                    | 10.1 | 7.6      | 10.4  |
| Louisiana                                    | 2,103.9              | 2,059.4  | 2,086.8  | 2,035.8  | 108.1      | 130.9   | 116.2    | 146.2   | 5.1                    | 6.4  | 5.6      | 7.2   |
| Maine  | 704.1                | 698.7    | 702.9    | 698.1    | 43.9       | 55.2    | 48.8     | 57.4    | 6.2                    | 7.9  | 6.9      | 8.2   |
| Maryland                                     | 2,982.5              | 2,940.3  | 2,969.9  | 2,919.1  | 152.4      | 211.5   | 163.0    | 209.6   | 5.1                    | 7.2  | 5.5      | 7.2   |
| Massachusetts                                | 3,421.4              | 3,451.0  | 3,412.3  | 3,421.3  | 198.8      | 287.3   | 221.3    | 310.2   | 5.8                    | 8.3  | 6.5      | 9.1   |
| Michigan                                     | 4,890.1              | 4,845.8  | 4,862.6  | 4,805.7  | 453.5      | 683.2   | 509.4    | 687.4   | 9.3                    | 14.1 | 10.5     | 14.3  |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sup>2</sup>          | 2,088.5              | 2,071.8  | 2,073.7  | 2,053.4  | 205.0      | 320.0   | 220.6    | 305.2   | 9.8                    | 15.4 | 10.6     | 14.9  |
| Minnesota                                    | 2,937.6              | 2,964.3  | 2,923.4  | 2,941.9  | 169.8      | 207.2   | 199.2    | 215.1   | 5.8                    | 7.0  | 6.8      | 7.3   |
| Mississippi                                  | 1,309.2              | 1,282.4  | 1,316.7  | 1,295.9  | 88.3       | 117.3   | 101.2    | 133.7   | 6.7                    | 9.1  | 7.7      | 10.3  |
| Missouri                                     | 2,995.3              | 2,982.2  | 2,984.6  | 2,958.2  | 194.2      | 272.4   | 210.1    | 273.4   | 6.5                    | 9.1  | 7.0      | 9.2   |
| Montana                                      | 502.9                | 494.8    | 499.2    | 489.7    | 25.4       | 31.7    | 27.5     | 33.4    | 5.1                    | 6.4  | 5.5      | 6.8   |
| Nebraska                                     | 995.1                | 981.3    | 988.5    | 976.9    | 34.1       | 41.8    | 38.3     | 44.0    | 3.4                    | 4.3  | 3.9      | 4.5   |
| Nevada                                       | 1,392.7              | 1,371.6  | 1,396.5  | 1,369.8  | 108.9      | 161.3   | 121.3    | 176.0   | 7.8                    | 11.8 | 8.7      | 12.8  |
| New Hampshire                                | 735.3                | 737.3    | 731.9    | 734.3    | 29.4       | 47.7    | 31.3     | 49.1    | 4.0                    | 6.5  | 4.3      | 6.7   |
| New Jersey                                   | 4,493.9              | 4,531.5  | 4,505.6  | 4,527.9  | 270.5      | 425.8   | 306.6    | 441.6   | 6.0                    | 9.4  | 6.8      | 9.8   |
| New Mexico                                   | 965.7                | 966.2    | 959.9    | 962.7    | 42.7       | 72.6    | 43.4     | 75.9    | 4.4                    | 7.5  | 4.5      | 7.9   |
| New York                                     | 9,689.4              | 9,669.3  | 9,687.9  | 9,636.5  | 592.6      | 813.7   | 655.7    | 848.8   | 6.1                    | 8.4  | 6.8      | 8.8   |
| New York City                                | 3,979.0              | 4,004.3  | 3,985.8  | 3,993.3  | 261.4      | 397.0   | 286.4    | 414.7   | 6.6                    | 9.9  | 7.2      | 10.4  |
| North Carolina                               | 4,549.1              | 4,531.5  | 4,518.5  | 4,491.4  | 348.1      | 482.8   | 380.6    | 491.6   | 7.7                    | 10.7 | 8.4      | 10.9  |
| North Dakota                                 | 364.8                | 357.8    | 363.4    | 356.9    | 10.2       | 13.1    | 12.3     | 15.5    | 2.8                    | 3.7  | 3.4      | 4.3   |
| Ohio   | 5,956.9              | 5,914.3  | 5,931.6  | 5,883.5  | 412.7      | 603.9   | 455.5    | 628.7   | 6.9                    | 10.2 | 7.7      | 10.7  |
| Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor <sup>2</sup>         | 1,068.6              | 1,064.5  | 1,054.0  | 1,048.6  | 70.3       | 95.9    | 74.7     | 92.9    | 6.6                    | 9.0  | 7.1      | 8.9   |
| Oklahoma                                     | 1,766.5              | 1,790.2  | 1,754.5  | 1,767.5  | 76.3       | 123.4   | 84.4     | 114.9   | 4.3                    | 6.9  | 4.8      | 6.5   |
| Oregon                                       | 1,979.7              | 1,951.5  | 1,973.9  | 1,938.9  | 152.9      | 203.3   | 173.1    | 209.6   | 7.7                    | 10.4 | 8.8      | 10.8  |
| Pennsylvania                                 | 6,428.5              | 6,333.5  | 6,417.8  | 6,294.3  | 376.6      | 521.3   | 412.5    | 535.6   | 5.9                    | 8.2  | 6.4      | 8.5   |
| Rhode Island                                 | 567.3                | 571.9    | 565.0    | 569.7    | 47.9       | 68.0    | 54.2     | 69.9    | 8.4                    | 11.9 | 9.6      | 12.3  |
| South Carolina                               | 2,157.2              | 2,159.0  | 2,160.4  | 2,145.5  | 178.4      | 262.7   | 200.6    | 267.9   | 8.3                    | 12.2 | 9.3      | 12.5  |
| South Dakota                                 | 443.9                | 444.3    | 439.5    | 439.0    | 14.4       | 21.1    | 17.2     | 21.1    | 3.3                    | 4.7  | 3.9      | 4.8   |
| Tennessee                                    | 3,041.4              | 2,989.6  | 3,029.2  | 2,982.9  | 212.1      | 299.5   | 228.4    | 316.0   | 7.0                    | 10.0 | 7.5      | 10.6  |
| Texas  | 11,808.2             | 12,101.2 | 11,788.6 | 12,078.7 | 640.6      | 952.3   | 667.9    | 963.0   | 5.4                    | 7.9  | 5.7      | 8.0   |
| Utah   | 1,393.0              | 1,366.3  | 1,391.0  | 1,354.9  | 50.8       | 83.0    | 56.5     | 87.3    | 3.6                    | 6.1  | 4.1      | 6.4   |
| Vermont                                      | 355.0                | 358.9    | 355.0    | 357.0    | 18.7       | 22.3    | 21.1     | 23.5    | 5.3                    | 6.2  | 5.9      | 6.6   |
| Virginia                                     | 4,126.5              | 4,123.9  | 4,119.8  | 4,101.6  | 188.9      | 263.1   | 212.0    | 274.9   | 4.6                    | 6.4  | 5.1      | 6.7   |
| Washington                                   | 3,510.9              | 3,511.0  | 3,521.4  | 3,502.8  | 216.1      | 313.4   | 248.5    | 334.3   | 6.2                    | 8.9  | 7.1      | 9.5   |
| Seattle-Bellevue-Everett <sup>1</sup>        | 1,466.6              | 1,488.3  | 1,472.5  | 1,486.9  | 81.1       | 125.2   | 88.4     | 133.3   | 5.5                    | 8.4  | 6.0      | 9.0   |
| West Virginia                                | 799.0                | 789.0    | 792.7    | 780.5    | 32.2       | 62.1    | 34.7     | 67.4    | 4.0                    | 7.9  | 4.4      | 8.6   |
| Wisconsin                                    | 3,082.2              | 3,037.0  | 3,080.1  | 3,013.7  | 159.1      | 238.6   | 180.0    | 250.9   | 5.2                    | 7.9  | 5.8      | 8.3   |
| Wyoming                                      | 293.0                | 291.2    | 291.5    | 290.1    | 9.2        | 20.5    | 10.5     | 22.0    | 3.1                    | 7.0  | 3.6      | 7.6   |
| Puerto Rico                                  | 1,371.0              | 1,321.6  | 1,370.7  | 1,311.8  | 169.8      | 204.9   | 179.6    | 187.0   | 12.4                   | 15.5 | 13.1     | 14.3  |

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

(In thousands)

| State                             | Total <sup>1</sup> |           |           |            | Construction |           |           |            | Manufacturing    |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | Dec. 2008          | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009P | Dec. 2008    | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009P | Dec. 2008        | Oct. 2009        | Nov. 2009        | Dec. 2009P       |
| Alabama                           | 1,953.5            | 1,898.5   | 1,898.9   | 1,888.5    | 103.7        | 86.5      | 87.4      | 85.2       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Alaska                            | 324.3              | 319.4     | 321.5     | 320.9      | 17.2         | 16.1      | 15.9      | 15.9       | 14.0             | 12.9             | 13.9             | 12.8             |
| Arizona                           | 2,534.1            | 2,411.0   | 2,417.5   | 2,412.0    | 162.9        | 134.7     | 133.9     | 132.0      | 170.5            | 160.3            | 160.8            | 159.3            |
| Arkansas                          | 1,192.9            | 1,175.7   | 1,175.5   | 1,172.1    | 56.2         | 51.1      | 51.8      | 51.2       | 176.9            | 162.3            | 161.8            | 162.8            |
| California                        | 14,727.4           | 14,204.4  | 14,186.8  | 14,148.0   | 722.6        | 615.0     | 614.0     | 606.5      | 1,384.8          | 1,289.1          | 1,284.1          | 1,278.2          |
| Colorado                          | 2,320.6            | 2,241.1   | 2,242.4   | 2,234.0    | 152.8        | 132.4     | 133.2     | 130.4      | 139.9            | 127.8            | 128.2            | 127.8            |
| Connecticut                       | 1,673.9            | 1,623.8   | 1,619.7   | 1,614.9    | 58.5         | 52.5      | 51.5      | 51.3       | 185.0            | 170.7            | 169.4            | 169.3            |
| Delaware <sup>3</sup>             | 421.9              | 410.9     | 409.7     | 409.8      | 23.7         | 21.4      | 21.6      | 21.6       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| District of Columbia <sup>3</sup> | 704.7              | 711.5     | 709.4     | 710.9      | 12.5         | 12.0      | 12.0      | 12.0       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Florida                           | 7,576.1            | 7,340.3   | 7,342.9   | 7,343.7    | 465.0        | 411.2     | 405.2     | 405.1      | 357.7            | 321.5            | 319.0            | 319.4            |
| Georgia                           | 4,013.6            | 3,846.7   | 3,854.8   | 3,839.7    | 190.8        | 162.2     | 164.3     | 160.8      | 388.1            | 343.1            | 343.5            | 343.6            |
| Hawaii <sup>3</sup>               | 609.4              | 590.9     | 584.9     | 586.1      | 36.5         | 32.2      | 31.3      | 31.6       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Idaho                             | 631.6              | 612.2     | 612.5     | 612.0      | 41.7         | 36.8      | 37.4      | 35.9       | 60.5             | 56.2             | 55.7             | 56.2             |
| Illinois                          | 5,849.5            | 5,636.7   | 5,628.5   | 5,612.2    | 236.4        | 221.8     | 217.5     | 209.8      | 643.8            | 574.7            | 574.3            | 572.9            |
| Indiana                           | 2,899.4            | 2,805.6   | 2,804.2   | 2,796.3    | 130.8        | 123.9     | 125.1     | 120.9      | 494.7            | 437.0            | 442.4            | 441.3            |
| Iowa                              | 1,508.9            | 1,479.0   | 1,482.0   | 1,468.8    | 70.5         | 64.6      | 64.7      | 62.8       | 222.3            | 203.6            | 204.2            | 202.4            |
| Kansas                            | 1,389.6            | 1,333.4   | 1,330.2   | 1,329.9    | 63.3         | 57.0      | 58.3      | 56.8       | 185.6            | 162.1            | 161.6            | 159.5            |
| Kentucky                          | 1,823.8            | 1,763.7   | 1,764.4   | 1,764.5    | 77.8         | 66.7      | 65.9      | 64.8       | 230.6            | 208.2            | 209.1            | 208.8            |
| Louisiana                         | 1,948.6            | 1,907.1   | 1,907.6   | 1,901.7    | 138.4        | 135.9     | 135.1     | 133.5      | 149.6            | 140.5            | 139.8            | 138.7            |
| Maine                             | 604.8              | 591.3     | 588.6     | 588.8      | 27.8         | 24.7      | 24.5      | 24.4       | 57.1             | 52.6             | 52.4             | 52.2             |
| Maryland <sup>3</sup>             | 2,568.4            | 2,533.7   | 2,532.7   | 2,524.0    | 170.9        | 140.9     | 140.4     | 139.4      | 125.6            | 122.2            | 123.5            | 123.4            |
| Massachusetts                     | 3,230.2            | 3,175.3   | 3,172.4   | 3,164.0    | 122.6        | 108.6     | 108.8     | 107.0      | 281.1            | 265.5            | 266.4            | 266.9            |
| Michigan                          | 4,038.1            | 3,864.5   | 3,846.7   | 3,831.0    | 143.0        | 123.0     | 121.9     | 119.0      | 543.6            | 465.7            | 460.1            | 452.9            |
| Minnesota                         | 2,722.3            | 2,648.0   | 2,646.5   | 2,642.4    | 99.6         | 93.6      | 93.6      | 91.9       | 327.5            | 293.3            | 293.4            | 294.4            |
| Mississippi                       | 1,127.2            | 1,105.8   | 1,100.3   | 1,101.4    | 58.1         | 52.1      | 52.1      | 52.7       | 153.2            | 145.8            | 145.0            | 145.5            |
| Missouri                          | 2,770.9            | 2,713.3   | 2,710.3   | 2,708.3    | 139.0        | 120.5     | 121.1     | 119.9      | 278.2            | 260.7            | 258.7            | 260.1            |
| Montana                           | 444.7              | 439.0     | 437.4     | 431.0      | 28.5         | 24.9      | 25.6      | 22.9       | 19.3             | 19.1             | 19.2             | 19.1             |
| Nebraska <sup>3</sup>             | 963.7              | 942.3     | 942.1     | 938.3      | 49.6         | 47.8      | 48.4      | 46.4       | 99.7             | 90.4             | 90.8             | 91.5             |
| Nevada                            | 1,235.6            | 1,174.8   | 1,166.2   | 1,154.6    | 107.3        | 82.0      | 82.3      | 77.6       | 46.6             | 44.0             | 43.9             | 43.3             |
| New Hampshire                     | 638.8              | 629.1     | 627.5     | 629.5      | 23.1         | 21.3      | 20.9      | 20.9       | 72.3             | 65.7             | 65.7             | 65.7             |
| New Jersey                        | 4,000.5            | 3,921.0   | 3,912.7   | 3,910.4    | 156.6        | 140.0     | 137.2     | 134.8      | 286.2            | 272.7            | 275.6            | 270.2            |
| New Mexico                        | 843.1              | 818.8     | 821.9     | 817.1      | 54.5         | 47.1      | 47.7      | 47.8       | 34.4             | 30.1             | 30.6             | 30.4             |
| New York                          | 8,713.5            | 8,553.5   | 8,550.8   | 8,544.9    | 346.6        | 322.2     | 321.5     | 321.3      | 521.1            | 485.4            | 482.1            | 482.5            |
| North Carolina                    | 4,048.2            | 3,928.8   | 3,926.4   | 3,924.0    | 220.4        | 187.9     | 188.3     | 187.1      | 491.1            | 442.1            | 438.5            | 437.6            |
| North Dakota                      | 368.7              | 368.2     | 368.8     | 367.8      | 20.7         | 21.6      | 21.8      | 19.7       | 26.1             | 23.5             | 23.7             | 23.7             |
| Ohio                              | 5,271.8            | 5,104.0   | 5,103.6   | 5,086.9    | 192.4        | 175.7     | 177.7     | 176.4      | 703.7            | 619.4            | 613.1            | 614.5            |
| Oklahoma                          | 1,595.6            | 1,555.9   | 1,553.9   | 1,558.9    | 76.6         | 74.0      | 72.8      | 73.5       | 148.1            | 132.6            | 131.6            | 133.5            |
| Oregon                            | 1,689.6            | 1,616.3   | 1,614.3   | 1,617.2    | 88.0         | 76.6      | 76.2      | 75.1       | 186.4            | 162.4            | 163.0            | 164.8            |
| Pennsylvania                      | 5,749.2            | 5,615.4   | 5,607.0   | 5,598.9    | 249.7        | 228.7     | 229.7     | 227.1      | 621.5            | 568.4            | 566.0            | 564.9            |
| Rhode Island                      | 471.2              | 456.5     | 455.1     | 453.8      | 18.9         | 17.5      | 17.6      | 17.6       | 45.8             | 42.0             | 42.1             | 41.4             |
| South Carolina                    | 1,884.1            | 1,845.5   | 1,849.7   | 1,846.4    | 108.6        | 96.9      | 95.8      | 96.3       | 234.4            | 211.8            | 213.0            | 212.7            |
| South Dakota <sup>3</sup>         | 411.4              | 404.4     | 404.1     | 400.5      | 22.7         | 21.7      | 21.7      | 20.6       | 42.2             | 37.4             | 37.2             | 37.2             |
| Tennessee <sup>3</sup>            | 2,726.1            | 2,646.2   | 2,646.6   | 2,636.7    | 123.9        | 102.7     | 102.6     | 99.1       | 344.0            | 319.7            | 319.6            | 316.5            |
| Texas                             | 10,631.3           | 10,358.5  | 10,379.2  | 10,355.3   | 655.8        | 557.9     | 560.2     | 555.8      | 909.6            | 823.6            | 820.4            | 820.0            |
| Utah                              | 1,246.7            | 1,206.5   | 1,204.6   | 1,200.1    | 84.6         | 73.3      | 72.5      | 70.3       | 122.5            | 112.4            | 111.5            | 111.3            |
| Vermont                           | 297.8              | 294.6     | 294.6     | 292.2      | 13.7         | 13.0      | 12.4      | 11.9       | 32.7             | 30.0             | 30.2             | 29.2             |
| Virginia                          | 3,711.2            | 3,646.5   | 3,647.0   | 3,656.5    | 210.0        | 191.5     | 193.5     | 195.6      | 257.3            | 236.0            | 236.1            | 235.7            |
| Washington                        | 2,923.7            | 2,840.9   | 2,832.9   | 2,834.9    | 191.7        | 165.1     | 161.1     | 155.5      | 284.7            | 261.1            | 261.3            | 260.8            |
| West Virginia                     | 757.4              | 740.3     | 741.7     | 738.5      | 37.9         | 35.3      | 36.5      | 36.3       | 54.8             | 49.6             | 50.1             | 49.7             |
| Wisconsin                         | 2,832.8            | 2,733.8   | 2,727.5   | 2,712.3    | 112.3        | 105.4     | 104.9     | 99.1       | 479.5            | 437.8            | 438.0            | 436.8            |
| Wyoming                           | 303.1              | 283.8     | 283.5     | 282.4      | 28.6         | 23.4      | 23.4      | 21.8       | 9.8              | 9.5              | 9.1              | 9.0              |

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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 |           |           |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                                   | Dec. 2008                            | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009P | Dec. 2008            | Oct. 2009        | Nov. 2009        | Dec. 2009P       | Dec. 2008                          | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009P |
| Alabama                           | 381.7                                | 373.8     | 372.0     | 371.0      | 99.9                 | 95.1             | 94.6             | 94.0             | 213.7                              | 203.3     | 205.9     | 204.1      |
| Alaska                            | 65.6                                 | 63.2      | 63.7      | 64.2       | 14.9                 | 14.6             | 14.5             | 14.6             | 25.7                               | 25.5      | 25.4      | 25.5       |
| Arizona                           | 493.6                                | 472.9     | 471.0     | 471.0      | 172.9                | 164.5            | 165.4            | 165.8            | 364.5                              | 343.2     | 346.4     | 345.8      |
| Arkansas                          | 239.3                                | 230.6     | 231.0     | 228.8      | 51.4                 | 48.6             | 48.8             | 49.7             | 115.6                              | 117.1     | 117.1     | 115.2      |
| California                        | 2,767.0                              | 2,664.4   | 2,655.2   | 2,639.9    | 829.2                | 800.5            | 797.6            | 798.7            | 2,212.3                            | 2,122.2   | 2,127.1   | 2,122.4    |
| Colorado                          | 420.7                                | 408.3     | 406.5     | 405.2      | 152.7                | 144.7            | 144.4            | 145.4            | 339.3                              | 323.9     | 326.5     | 324.4      |
| Connecticut                       | 300.3                                | 291.6     | 291.3     | 289.4      | 141.4                | 137.6            | 137.4            | 137.4            | 199.0                              | 187.9     | 185.9     | 185.5      |
| Delaware <sup>3</sup>             | 77.4                                 | 75.0      | 74.8      | 74.6       | 45.0                 | 43.2             | 43.2             | 43.2             | 54.8                               | 53.2      | 53.5      | 54.4       |
| District of Columbia <sup>3</sup> | 27.5                                 | 26.9      | 26.6      | 26.7       | 28.1                 | 27.2             | 26.8             | 26.7             | 151.6                              | 150.6     | 151.6     | 152.6      |
| Florida                           | 1,518.7                              | 1,474.6   | 1,477.7   | 1,467.9    | 519.0                | 495.7            | 494.1            | 496.3            | 1,120.4                            | 1,057.2   | 1,061.1   | 1,079.9    |
| Georgia                           | 851.2                                | 808.0     | 808.4     | 800.7      | 219.4                | 205.2            | 205.6            | 205.9            | 538.5                              | 508.6     | 511.1     | 510.7      |
| Hawaii <sup>3</sup>               | 114.5                                | 110.3     | 109.7     | 109.0      | 28.9                 | 27.8             | 27.6             | 27.7             | 74.3                               | 71.6      | 70.7      | 70.6       |
| Idaho                             | 127.2                                | 121.1     | 120.8     | 120.5      | 31.4                 | 30.6             | 30.9             | 30.9             | 75.0                               | 74.9      | 74.7      | 75.4       |
| Illinois                          | 1,180.6                              | 1,138.8   | 1,137.6   | 1,132.4    | 387.4                | 368.9            | 368.4            | 369.7            | 834.9                              | 789.8     | 790.9     | 790.9      |
| Indiana                           | 569.9                                | 553.6     | 550.4     | 547.9      | 134.5                | 134.0            | 131.9            | 133.4            | 274.0                              | 269.6     | 270.5     | 271.7      |
| Iowa                              | 308.0                                | 303.7     | 304.3     | 300.1      | 103.2                | 103.2            | 103.5            | 104.1            | 113.5                              | 113.4     | 115.4     | 114.7      |
| Kansas                            | 262.6                                | 254.3     | 253.4     | 252.6      | 72.5                 | 71.8             | 71.8             | 73.2             | 147.4                              | 133.2     | 133.0     | 132.0      |
| Kentucky                          | 376.3                                | 361.6     | 358.6     | 357.9      | 92.1                 | 86.9             | 87.4             | 87.4             | 179.5                              | 177.3     | 180.5     | 185.4      |
| Louisiana                         | 381.1                                | 370.2     | 372.4     | 370.1      | 95.7                 | 91.0             | 91.0             | 91.0             | 206.9                              | 201.1     | 202.1     | 201.4      |
| Maine                             | 119.9                                | 116.4     | 115.8     | 115.2      | 32.0                 | 31.6             | 31.4             | 31.4             | 55.0                               | 55.2      | 54.9      | 54.7       |
| Maryland <sup>3</sup>             | 452.6                                | 443.0     | 440.8     | 439.1      | 148.4                | 139.4            | 139.5            | 137.6            | 400.1                              | 402.0     | 406.6     | 406.0      |
| Massachusetts                     | 555.0                                | 541.4     | 538.8     | 533.8      | 211.4                | 205.9            | 204.9            | 205.2            | 471.7                              | 464.7     | 466.2     | 464.8      |
| Michigan                          | 742.6                                | 701.3     | 696.6     | 695.3      | 199.1                | 189.1            | 188.6            | 187.8            | 525.4                              | 512.0     | 516.2     | 514.6      |
| Minnesota                         | 512.9                                | 498.1     | 499.4     | 495.6      | 176.6                | 176.0            | 176.3            | 174.6            | 315.8                              | 300.5     | 303.4     | 307.3      |
| Mississippi                       | 220.3                                | 213.6     | 211.3     | 211.1      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 90.2                               | 86.3      | 86.0      | 85.0       |
| Missouri                          | 535.4                                | 526.7     | 525.7     | 523.1      | 162.3                | 161.9            | 162.2            | 162.3            | 342.2                              | 329.0     | 328.7     | 330.3      |
| Montana                           | 91.6                                 | 89.4      | 89.9      | 88.3       | 21.6                 | 21.8             | 21.7             | 22.1             | 39.8                               | 38.5      | 39.2      | 38.0       |
| Nebraska <sup>3</sup>             | 204.8                                | 196.7     | 195.4     | 196.2      | 69.2                 | 68.7             | 68.2             | 68.5             | 105.2                              | 98.0      | 97.7      | 96.9       |
| Nevada                            | 229.4                                | 222.6     | 223.1     | 220.1      | 59.5                 | 58.2             | 57.8             | 57.6             | 146.7                              | 141.0     | 137.8     | 138.9      |
| New Hampshire                     | 139.0                                | 138.8     | 138.6     | 138.6      | 37.7                 | 36.5             | 36.4             | 36.2             | 65.9                               | 64.5      | 67.0      | 69.1       |
| New Jersey                        | 844.0                                | 835.3     | 826.2     | 830.1      | 260.8                | 252.6            | 251.4            | 249.7            | 599.3                              | 578.3     | 576.4     | 579.9      |
| New Mexico                        | 143.1                                | 133.5     | 131.8     | 129.9      | 34.3                 | 32.4             | 33.4             | 32.8             | 106.8                              | 100.3     | 100.9     | 100.1      |
| New York                          | 1,493.6                              | 1,461.0   | 1,460.4   | 1,460.0    | 710.9                | 682.4            | 681.6            | 680.2            | 1,137.3                            | 1,098.1   | 1,100.4   | 1,097.4    |
| North Carolina                    | 743.9                                | 719.7     | 721.1     | 720.3      | 208.3                | 200.1            | 200.1            | 200.3            | 477.7                              | 468.1     | 467.9     | 469.8      |
| North Dakota                      | 78.7                                 | 78.1      | 77.8      | 77.9       | 20.4                 | 20.1             | 20.1             | 20.6             | 29.9                               | 29.4      | 29.5      | 29.6       |
| Ohio                              | 1,011.6                              | 984.4     | 983.2     | 975.7      | 289.2                | 277.9            | 276.7            | 276.8            | 642.3                              | 623.7     | 631.6     | 625.1      |
| Oklahoma                          | 287.6                                | 284.9     | 284.8     | 283.6      | 82.4                 | 81.4             | 81.3             | 81.5             | 185.3                              | 173.0     | 171.8     | 174.8      |
| Oregon                            | 324.5                                | 312.9     | 313.1     | 314.5      | 99.9                 | 94.9             | 94.5             | 94.2             | 190.6                              | 181.0     | 181.1     | 181.5      |
| Pennsylvania                      | 1,104.4                              | 1,083.3   | 1,083.5   | 1,077.1    | 328.2                | 312.9            | 311.8            | 311.8            | 700.3                              | 668.1     | 667.1     | 671.8      |
| Rhode Island                      | 74.4                                 | 72.1      | 71.4      | 71.4       | 32.8                 | 32.3             | 32.3             | 32.6             | 52.7                               | 51.7      | 51.3      | 50.6       |
| South Carolina                    | 362.9                                | 356.5     | 353.5     | 353.4      | 105.6                | 102.3            | 102.2            | 101.7            | 209.7                              | 218.1     | 225.5     | 223.7      |
| South Dakota <sup>3</sup>         | 82.6                                 | 81.0      | 81.2      | 81.0       | 31.4                 | 30.8             | 30.5             | 30.1             | 26.7                               | 26.1      | 26.0      | 26.3       |
| Tennessee <sup>3</sup>            | 587.0                                | 563.5     | 562.6     | 560.9      | 143.0                | 136.5            | 136.7            | 135.4            | 312.8                              | 308.6     | 308.7     | 307.6      |
| Texas                             | 2,143.5                              | 2,041.8   | 2,042.4   | 2,035.0    | 651.6                | 647.8            | 651.6            | 649.9            | 1,339.2                            | 1,274.9   | 1,278.5   | 1,273.2    |
| Utah                              | 246.5                                | 237.3     | 238.4     | 237.4      | 72.5                 | 71.1             | 71.0             | 70.2             | 163.3                              | 153.6     | 152.6     | 154.4      |
| Vermont                           | 55.9                                 | 56.2      | 56.1      | 54.8       | 12.7                 | 12.7             | 12.7             | 12.6             | 21.7                               | 20.6      | 20.8      | 20.4       |
| Virginia                          | 642.5                                | 631.3     | 630.4     | 627.4      | 187.7                | 188.0            | 187.1            | 186.4            | 649.9                              | 636.2     | 633.4     | 638.4      |
| Washington                        | 539.0                                | 523.0     | 524.1     | 527.9      | 148.7                | 145.2            | 144.8            | 143.8            | 344.2                              | 328.4     | 332.1     | 333.3      |
| West Virginia                     | 139.9                                | 134.0     | 133.8     | 133.0      | 29.5                 | 28.5             | 28.5             | 28.5             | 60.0                               | 61.1      | 61.6      | 60.3       |
| Wisconsin                         | 528.5                                | 514.5     | 510.0     | 507.3      | 161.5                | 157.3            | 157.3            | 157.1            | 269.0                              | 252.6     | 255.3     | 252.1      |
| Wyoming                           | 57.1                                 | 53.8      | 53.3      | 53.6       | 11.8                 | 11.2             | 11.0             | 11.1             | 18.8                               | 17.6      | 17.5      | 17.0       |

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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 |           |           |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                                   | Dec. 2008                     | Oct. 2009        | Nov. 2009        | Dec. 2009P       | Dec. 2008               | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009P | Dec. 2008  | Oct. 2009 | Nov. 2009 | Dec. 2009P |
| Alabama                           | 211.5                         | 218.6            | 219.7            | 219.0            | 171.8                   | 170.0     | 169.6     | 167.4      | 383.6      | 385.4     | 386.0     | 385.8      |
| Alaska                            | 37.7                          | 39.6             | 39.7             | 39.7             | 31.8                    | 30.0      | 30.6      | 30.1       | 83.0       | 84.0      | 84.3      | 84.6       |
| Arizona                           | 321.7                         | 321.6            | 324.2            | 326.2            | 260.8                   | 255.2     | 257.2     | 256.4      | 434.9      | 417.6     | 417.3     | 414.4      |
| Arkansas                          | 160.0                         | 169.4            | 169.2            | 170.0            | 102.5                   | 102.3     | 101.9     | 101.0      | 216.3      | 220.8     | 220.8     | 221.1      |
| California                        | 1,741.7                       | 1,758.7          | 1,757.0          | 1,764.5          | 1,545.0                 | 1,511.0   | 1,506.4   | 1,501.4    | 2,515.2    | 2,478.6   | 2,473.6   | 2,470.9    |
| Colorado                          | 254.7                         | 260.2            | 261.0            | 261.0            | 270.8                   | 263.0     | 262.5     | 261.7      | 388.3      | 393.3     | 392.9     | 391.1      |
| Connecticut                       | 299.1                         | 298.8            | 299.2            | 300.5            | 138.5                   | 140.6     | 140.4     | 138.7      | 251.8      | 246.9     | 247.0     | 246.4      |
| Delaware <sup>3</sup>             | 61.4                          | 62.2             | 62.5             | 62.5             | 40.1                    | 38.6      | 38.1      | 37.6       | 62.4       | 62.6      | 62.7      | 62.5       |
| District of Columbia <sup>3</sup> | 103.9                         | 106.1            | 104.8            | 106.1            | 59.2                    | 59.9      | 59.6      | 59.8       | 234.5      | 242.6     | 243.0     | 243.1      |
| Florida                           | 1,060.2                       | 1,065.0          | 1,070.0          | 1,070.0          | 920.0                   | 910.1     | 913.7     | 910.0      | 1,124.2    | 1,119.7   | 1,120.0   | 1,114.2    |
| Georgia                           | 472.7                         | 482.4            | 484.6            | 483.9            | 386.6                   | 387.0     | 388.4     | 386.3      | 693.3      | 683.6     | 682.4     | 683.5      |
| Hawaii <sup>3</sup>               | 74.2                          | 75.4             | 75.5             | 75.5             | 104.1                   | 100.1     | 100.5     | 99.6       | 125.6      | 124.1     | 123.5     | 123.8      |
| Idaho                             | 77.5                          | 79.1             | 79.2             | 79.6             | 61.2                    | 61.4      | 62.2      | 61.6       | 121.4      | 117.8     | 117.4     | 117.9      |
| Illinois                          | 805.1                         | 796.8            | 800.5            | 801.2            | 520.7                   | 516.2     | 511.3     | 508.7      | 854.9      | 855.3     | 856.0     | 854.6      |
| Indiana                           | 418.4                         | 417.3            | 414.9            | 414.9            | 283.4                   | 277.3     | 278.0     | 276.6      | 438.9      | 440.7     | 440.4     | 439.1      |
| Iowa                              | 209.1                         | 212.6            | 212.5            | 211.7            | 135.1                   | 134.9     | 133.9     | 130.6      | 254.3      | 252.4     | 252.6     | 252.6      |
| Kansas                            | 177.7                         | 179.0            | 178.8            | 179.2            | 115.5                   | 113.7     | 111.3     | 112.6      | 263.9      | 260.7     | 260.9     | 262.0      |
| Kentucky                          | 245.8                         | 246.3            | 246.2            | 246.4            | 173.8                   | 173.7     | 173.7     | 169.0      | 320.3      | 316.2     | 316.0     | 316.7      |
| Louisiana                         | 260.1                         | 263.1            | 262.4            | 262.9            | 198.0                   | 192.4     | 191.9     | 192.4      | 366.9      | 367.3     | 367.1     | 366.4      |
| Maine                             | 118.3                         | 119.3            | 119.5            | 120.0            | 58.4                    | 58.2      | 57.1      | 57.5       | 103.5      | 101.8     | 101.5     | 101.9      |
| Maryland <sup>3</sup>             | 387.3                         | 395.9            | 396.9            | 396.6            | 229.0                   | 233.4     | 230.1     | 228.5      | 488.2      | 494.0     | 492.9     | 491.1      |
| Massachusetts                     | 643.3                         | 653.8            | 655.6            | 656.6            | 299.0                   | 301.4     | 301.0     | 297.6      | 439.8      | 428.7     | 427.8     | 428.7      |
| Michigan                          | 612.4                         | 621.4            | 619.9            | 623.8            | 390.6                   | 384.5     | 381.7     | 378.6      | 641.2      | 635.6     | 632.3     | 630.6      |
| Minnesota                         | 451.2                         | 457.7            | 457.0            | 456.1            | 240.3                   | 238.1     | 236.6     | 235.3      | 418.7      | 417.4     | 414.7     | 415.0      |
| Mississippi                       | 128.3                         | 132.9            | 132.7            | 133.1            | 121.8                   | 119.5     | 119.2     | 119.1      | 250.5      | 253.8     | 252.9     | 252.5      |
| Missouri                          | 398.0                         | 406.0            | 407.6            | 408.2            | 277.1                   | 272.6     | 271.4     | 270.4      | 449.1      | 453.0     | 452.0     | 451.8      |
| Montana                           | 61.7                          | 62.6             | 62.3             | 62.2             | 60.6                    | 59.6      | 58.3      | 57.6       | 88.8       | 90.3      | 88.8      | 89.0       |
| Nebraska <sup>3</sup>             | 133.7                         | 138.0            | 139.3            | 139.1            | 83.4                    | 82.5      | 81.1      | 80.2       | 165.0      | 168.0     | 168.3     | 167.9      |
| Nevada                            | 96.1                          | 99.4             | 99.3             | 99.7             | 324.1                   | 308.1     | 304.8     | 301.2      | 162.1      | 156.8     | 154.4     | 154.1      |
| New Hampshire                     | 107.2                         | 107.9            | 107.9            | 107.7            | 62.5                    | 63.6      | 60.3      | 61.0       | 96.5       | 95.3      | 95.7      | 95.0       |
| New Jersey                        | 600.3                         | 598.1            | 598.2            | 597.7            | 345.7                   | 338.8     | 340.5     | 340.3      | 652.4      | 650.0     | 651.6     | 650.4      |
| New Mexico                        | 117.2                         | 119.8            | 120.9            | 120.5            | 86.9                    | 86.4      | 85.9      | 86.7       | 199.0      | 201.0     | 202.3     | 201.5      |
| New York                          | 1,645.2                       | 1,683.3          | 1,686.5          | 1,688.9          | 712.2                   | 701.9     | 703.6     | 702.5      | 1,510.6    | 1,498.8   | 1,497.0   | 1,494.2    |
| North Carolina                    | 541.3                         | 546.0            | 547.7            | 548.0            | 394.1                   | 389.2     | 387.2     | 384.6      | 717.4      | 732.9     | 734.0     | 734.8      |
| North Dakota                      | 52.5                          | 53.8             | 54.0             | 54.1             | 33.8                    | 33.9      | 34.1      | 34.1       | 76.3       | 77.9      | 77.6      | 77.8       |
| Ohio                              | 825.8                         | 834.8            | 833.9            | 834.0            | 500.2                   | 494.8     | 493.8     | 494.1      | 792.1      | 791.2     | 789.1     | 788.1      |
| Oklahoma                          | 197.9                         | 201.4            | 202.8            | 204.1            | 145.8                   | 139.9     | 140.2     | 140.7      | 328.5      | 333.3     | 333.7     | 332.9      |
| Oregon                            | 223.7                         | 226.4            | 225.5            | 228.4            | 171.1                   | 162.4     | 162.4     | 161.4      | 300.8      | 299.3     | 298.3     | 298.0      |
| Pennsylvania                      | 1,112.3                       | 1,129.9          | 1,133.5          | 1,132.8          | 501.8                   | 495.4     | 490.7     | 488.9      | 752.7      | 757.6     | 755.5     | 753.6      |
| Rhode Island                      | 100.5                         | 99.3             | 99.6             | 99.6             | 50.5                    | 48.9      | 48.2      | 47.8       | 62.6       | 61.5      | 61.1      | 61.0       |
| South Carolina                    | 208.7                         | 208.2            | 210.3            | 211.1            | 206.7                   | 202.7     | 200.2     | 199.2      | 343.3      | 343.8     | 343.3     | 342.2      |
| South Dakota <sup>3</sup>         | 63.2                          | 64.2             | 64.1             | 63.6             | 43.9                    | 43.0      | 43.4      | 42.8       | 76.0       | 77.7      | 77.6      | 76.6       |
| Tennessee <sup>3</sup>            | 363.5                         | 368.8            | 370.6            | 372.0            | 275.6                   | 270.4     | 270.6     | 270.3      | 427.1      | 429.8     | 428.8     | 428.6      |
| Texas                             | 1,317.4                       | 1,371.9          | 1,373.0          | 1,377.8          | 1,014.1                 | 1,000.9   | 1,006.6   | 1,000.1    | 1,785.9    | 1,867.3   | 1,869.7   | 1,867.9    |
| Utah                              | 148.6                         | 155.3            | 157.4            | 156.1            | 113.5                   | 108.1     | 105.9     | 104.9      | 215.8      | 217.7     | 217.1     | 217.3      |
| Vermont                           | 59.0                          | 61.8             | 62.2             | 62.0             | 31.9                    | 30.4      | 30.3      | 31.4       | 54.0       | 53.9      | 53.8      | 53.8       |
| Virginia                          | 441.7                         | 449.3            | 450.4            | 452.4            | 339.8                   | 342.1     | 342.9     | 342.8      | 697.6      | 702.8     | 704.2     | 702.3      |
| Washington                        | 364.9                         | 367.7            | 370.3            | 370.9            | 284.6                   | 286.6     | 280.5     | 281.9      | 544.4      | 551.0     | 546.5     | 548.8      |
| West Virginia                     | 117.1                         | 119.5            | 119.2            | 119.1            | 72.5                    | 70.8      | 71.1      | 70.7       | 147.2      | 148.5     | 148.2     | 148.7      |
| Wisconsin                         | 409.8                         | 414.4            | 416.3            | 418.2            | 254.2                   | 244.8     | 241.8     | 241.0      | 423.1      | 425.3     | 423.4     | 420.7      |
| Wyoming                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 35.0                    | 32.8      | 32.5      | 33.1       | 70.9       | 70.7      | 71.6      | 71.6       |

<sup>1</sup> Includes mining and logging, information, and other services (except public administration), not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> This series is not published seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

<sup>3</sup> Mining and logging is combined with construction.  
P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2008 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.



Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

| State                | Total    |          |          |                   | Mining and Logging |                  |                  |                   | Construction |       |          |                   | Manufacturing |         |          |                   |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|----------|-------------------|---------------|---------|----------|-------------------|
|                      | November |          | December |                   | November           |                  | December         |                   | November     |       | December |                   | November      |         | December |                   |
|                      | 2008     | 2009     | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008               | 2009             | 2008             | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008         | 2009  | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008          | 2009    | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> |
| Alabama              | 1,978.6  | 1,906.5  | 1,962.3  | 1,897.2           | 12.7               | 12.4             | 12.8             | 12.5              | 103.8        | 87.4  | 103.3    | 84.8              | 275.5         | 248.5   | 271.6    | 248.2             |
| Alaska               | 313.2    | 310.4    | 309.2    | 306.6             | 15.7               | 15.2             | 15.7             | 15.1              | 16.2         | 15.0  | 15.2     | 14.0              | 9.6           | 9.5     | 7.2      | 6.6               |
| Arizona              | 2,580.9  | 2,439.2  | 2,561.3  | 2,437.5           | 13.8               | 11.2             | 13.0             | 11.1              | 169.0        | 134.1 | 162.9    | 131.8             | 172.4         | 160.3   | 170.8    | 159.6             |
| Arkansas             | 1,206.4  | 1,182.6  | 1,196.4  | 1,175.6           | 11.1               | 11.9             | 11.1             | 11.8              | 56.5         | 51.7  | 55.3     | 50.3              | 178.0         | 161.8   | 176.6    | 162.5             |
| California           | 14,909.7 | 14,281.4 | 14,825.2 | 14,240.9          | 28.9               | 27.5             | 28.3             | 26.8              | 741.1        | 620.7 | 717.1    | 600.8             | 1,396.5       | 1,279.9 | 1,378.9  | 1,272.7           |
| Colorado             | 2,336.9  | 2,246.5  | 2,336.7  | 2,249.0           | 29.7               | 23.1             | 29.5             | 23.2              | 155.7        | 134.0 | 149.1    | 126.5             | 141.1         | 128.3   | 140.4    | 128.3             |
| Connecticut          | 1,700.8  | 1,636.8  | 1,694.8  | 1,635.4           | .8                 | .7               | .7               | .6                | 62.5         | 53.0  | 58.2     | 51.0              | 185.4         | 169.7   | 185.5    | 169.7             |
| Delaware             | 427.4    | 413.2    | 425.0    | 412.8             | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 24.4         | 22.1  | 23.8     | 21.7              | 30.7          | 26.7    | 30.1     | 26.7              |
| District of Columbia | 709.2    | 713.2    | 707.7    | 713.8             | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 12.7         | 12.1  | 12.4     | 11.9              | 1.4           | 1.3     | 1.4      | 1.3               |
| Florida              | 7,650.7  | 7,383.5  | 7,656.9  | 7,421.9           | 6.3                | 6.1              | 6.3              | 5.9               | 476.5        | 406.5 | 467.2    | 407.4             | 361.6         | 319.8   | 358.5    | 320.2             |
| Georgia              | 4,066.6  | 3,877.5  | 4,034.8  | 3,859.8           | 10.0               | 9.7              | 10.0             | 9.7               | 197.5        | 163.6 | 189.2    | 159.1             | 391.1         | 342.1   | 386.6    | 342.1             |
| Hawaii               | 621.1    | 591.7    | 617.3    | 593.6             | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 37.7         | 31.7  | 36.6     | 31.7              | 14.6          | 13.7    | 14.7     | 13.5              |
| Idaho                | 643.4    | 617.7    | 631.7    | 611.9             | 4.0                | 3.6              | 3.7              | 3.4               | 43.6         | 38.2  | 40.9     | 35.1              | 61.9          | 56.4    | 60.4     | 56.1              |
| Illinois             | 5,933.5  | 5,679.1  | 5,885.4  | 5,645.7           | 10.3               | 10.5             | 10.2             | 10.2              | 257.2        | 225.5 | 233.0    | 206.3             | 648.8         | 575.2   | 644.4    | 573.3             |
| Indiana              | 2,963.8  | 2,837.3  | 2,920.9  | 2,817.1           | 6.9                | 6.9              | 6.9              | 6.8               | 140.1        | 128.3 | 128.3    | 118.3             | 503.8         | 442.0   | 493.9    | 440.4             |
| Iowa                 | 1,536.5  | 1,499.6  | 1,521.3  | 1,480.9           | 2.3                | 2.2              | 2.1              | 2.0               | 76.2         | 67.4  | 68.7     | 61.0              | 226.4         | 204.4   | 221.7    | 201.7             |
| Kansas               | 1,407.1  | 1,347.4  | 1,400.7  | 1,340.7           | 10.1               | 10.2             | 10.1             | 10.3              | 64.4         | 59.4  | 61.4     | 54.9              | 187.5         | 162.0   | 185.8    | 159.7             |
| Kentucky             | 1,852.3  | 1,777.8  | 1,835.9  | 1,776.5           | 25.4               | 25.7             | 25.1             | 26.0              | 84.7         | 66.9  | 77.5     | 64.5              | 237.6         | 208.9   | 231.0    | 209.1             |
| Louisiana            | 1,957.1  | 1,916.0  | 1,958.5  | 1,911.4           | 56.1               | 50.7             | 56.2             | 50.7              | 140.0        | 135.4 | 138.8    | 133.9             | 151.4         | 140.5   | 150.1    | 139.2             |
| Maine                | 614.2    | 595.5    | 610.0    | 593.7             | 2.6                | 2.5              | 2.6              | 2.4               | 28.7         | 25.1  | 27.1     | 23.7              | 58.4          | 53.2    | 57.8     | 52.8              |
| Maryland             | 2,590.3  | 2,549.8  | 2,586.6  | 2,541.9           | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 173.3        | 142.4 | 170.7    | 139.2             | 125.7         | 123.5   | 125.9    | 123.7             |
| Massachusetts        | 3,287.2  | 3,202.4  | 3,254.2  | 3,187.0           | 1.4                | 1.2              | 1.2              | 1.2               | 130.1        | 112.2 | 122.0    | 106.3             | 281.8         | 266.2   | 280.7    | 266.5             |
| Michigan             | 4,140.8  | 3,893.4  | 4,068.9  | 3,858.1           | 8.1                | 7.6              | 7.7              | 7.4               | 152.8        | 127.8 | 139.8    | 115.7             | 560.0         | 463.5   | 549.4    | 457.4             |
| Minnesota            | 2,753.2  | 2,666.2  | 2,725.9  | 2,645.2           | 6.1                | 5.0              | 5.8              | 4.8               | 104.3        | 97.1  | 94.5     | 86.8              | 330.6         | 293.5   | 325.0    | 291.9             |
| Mississippi          | 1,141.2  | 1,106.4  | 1,131.3  | 1,105.1           | 9.4                | 9.5              | 9.4              | 9.4               | 58.8         | 52.5  | 57.8     | 52.4              | 154.9         | 145.2   | 153.5    | 145.8             |
| Missouri             | 2,800.1  | 2,730.6  | 2,784.5  | 2,721.7           | 5.2                | 5.0              | 5.1              | 4.9               | 141.4        | 121.8 | 135.6    | 116.4             | 282.7         | 259.8   | 278.8    | 260.6             |
| Montana              | 445.3    | 438.6    | 444.4    | 430.9             | 8.6                | 8.4              | 8.6              | 8.3               | 29.0         | 26.3  | 27.5     | 21.9              | 19.4          | 19.3    | 19.4     | 19.3              |
| Nebraska             | 969.8    | 948.5    | 968.0    | 942.6             | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 50.1         | 49.0  | 48.5     | 45.3              | 100.9         | 91.3    | 100.0    | 91.9              |
| Nevada               | 1,248.8  | 1,173.4  | 1,241.6  | 1,160.9           | 12.5               | 12.2             | 12.6             | 11.9              | 109.6        | 82.5  | 106.7    | 77.2              | 47.0          | 43.8    | 46.4     | 43.1              |
| New Hampshire        | 647.1    | 631.4    | 643.6    | 634.1             | 1.0                | .9               | .9               | .9                | 24.9         | 21.7  | 23.2     | 21.0              | 73.2          | 65.7    | 72.4     | 65.7              |
| New Jersey           | 4,052.3  | 3,949.8  | 4,036.2  | 3,944.7           | 1.7                | 1.7              | 1.7              | 1.7               | 162.2        | 140.7 | 157.8    | 136.0             | 291.3         | 276.8   | 287.2    | 271.2             |
| New Mexico           | 848.4    | 825.1    | 846.4    | 820.5             | 21.2               | 19.3             | 20.6             | 18.6              | 55.0         | 47.8  | 53.5     | 46.9              | 34.6          | 30.6    | 34.2     | 30.2              |
| New York             | 8,861.7  | 8,653.5  | 8,818.1  | 8,648.3           | 6.6                | 6.3              | 6.1              | 5.7               | 364.9        | 331.0 | 345.1    | 319.7             | 526.4         | 484.6   | 521.5    | 482.8             |
| North Carolina       | 4,107.1  | 3,959.0  | 4,068.9  | 3,944.4           | 6.5                | 6.4              | 6.5              | 6.3               | 226.6        | 188.7 | 219.9    | 186.7             | 496.5         | 439.3   | 491.4    | 437.9             |
| North Dakota         | 372.9    | 373.1    | 370.7    | 370.1             | 7.7                | 8.0              | 7.5              | 8.0               | 21.1         | 22.1  | 19.0     | 18.0              | 26.5          | 23.8    | 25.9     | 23.6              |
| Ohio                 | 5,355.6  | 5,154.2  | 5,312.7  | 5,124.9           | 12.2               | 11.7             | 11.7             | 11.4              | 205.8        | 184.1 | 190.0    | 173.8             | 721.3         | 615.0   | 707.4    | 617.7             |
| Oklahoma             | 1,612.5  | 1,566.6  | 1,604.4  | 1,567.7           | 53.0               | 44.8             | 51.2             | 44.0              | 76.0         | 72.6  | 75.3     | 72.3              | 149.2         | 131.8   | 148.0    | 133.3             |
| Oregon               | 1,715.0  | 1,629.3  | 1,695.3  | 1,623.2           | 8.6                | 7.5              | 8.0              | 6.2               | 89.6         | 77.1  | 86.3     | 73.6              | 189.3         | 163.0   | 184.5    | 162.8             |
| Pennsylvania         | 5,830.5  | 5,665.4  | 5,791.9  | 5,642.0           | 23.0               | 24.3             | 22.5             | 23.7              | 253.6        | 235.3 | 245.1    | 222.6             | 633.0         | 566.7   | 622.2    | 565.6             |
| Rhode Island         | 480.4    | 460.8    | 475.4    | 457.8             | .2                 | .2               | .2               | .2                | 20.2         | 18.1  | 18.9     | 17.6              | 47.1          | 42.6    | 46.4     | 41.9              |
| South Carolina       | 1,904.2  | 1,857.4  | 1,885.6  | 1,847.5           | 4.2                | 4.1              | 4.2              | 4.2               | 110.7        | 96.1  | 108.5    | 96.2              | 236.4         | 212.7   | 233.6    | 211.9             |
| South Dakota         | 412.1    | 404.3    | 409.5    | 398.4             | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 23.4         | 21.9  | 21.4     | 19.2              | 42.3          | 37.1    | 41.9     | 36.9              |
| Tennessee            | 2,767.5  | 2,669.0  | 2,747.0  | 2,656.4           | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 130.4        | 102.3 | 123.1    | 98.4              | 349.1         | 319.2   | 342.5    | 314.9             |
| Texas                | 10,712.6 | 10,443.9 | 10,685.7 | 10,408.3          | 239.9              | 210.0            | 240.8            | 210.4             | 663.7        | 559.3 | 648.1    | 548.6             | 916.1         | 823.3   | 912.0    | 822.2             |
| Utah                 | 1,262.0  | 1,214.6  | 1,258.3  | 1,211.4           | 13.6               | 13.3             | 13.6             | 13.3              | 88.5         | 73.7  | 84.1     | 69.9              | 124.2         | 111.7   | 122.4    | 111.2             |
| Vermont              | 304.3    | 296.1    | 303.9    | 298.2             | .9                 | .8               | .8               | .8                | 14.7         | 12.8  | 13.2     | 11.4              | 34.2          | 30.3    | 32.9     | 29.4              |
| Virginia             | 3,748.1  | 3,674.7  | 3,731.4  | 3,676.6           | 11.2               | 11.1             | 11.4             | 11.1              | 212.3        | 194.0 | 207.6    | 193.1             | 258.4         | 236.3   | 257.2    | 235.6             |
| Washington           | 2,964.8  | 2,858.1  | 2,931.0  | 2,842.3           | 7.4                | 7.0              | 7.3              | 6.7               | 194.4        | 161.9 | 187.5    | 151.2             | 287.9         | 261.8   | 283.4    | 259.6             |
| West Virginia        | 765.8    | 748.0    | 761.7    | 742.6             | 32.0               | 27.4             | 32.0             | 27.0              | 39.0         | 37.5  | 37.1     | 35.5              | 55.1          | 50.1    | 54.7     | 49.6              |
| Wisconsin            | 2,877.9  | 2,753.6  | 2,843.5  | 2,722.8           | 3.5                | 3.2              | 3.1              | 2.8               | 118.3        | 109.1 | 108.0    | 94.8              | 481.8         | 436.6   | 477.6    | 434.9             |
| Wyoming              | 299.9    | 281.5    | 300.6    | 279.9             | 30.1               | 24.4             | 30.2             | 24.4              | 29.0         | 23.7  | 27.4     | 20.6              | 10.1          | 9.3     | 10.0     | 9.2               |
| Puerto Rico          | 1,007.2  | 951.2    | 1,019.6  | 955.5             | ( <sup>1</sup> )   | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )  | 54.9         | 40.0  | 53.7     | 39.3              | 100.2         | 90.7    | 99.2     | 91.1              |

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

| State                   | Trade, transportation, and utilities |         |          |                   | Information |       |          |                   | Financial activities |       |          |                   | Professional and business services |         |          |                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|
|                         | November                             |         | December |                   | November    |       | December |                   | November             |       | December |                   | November                           |         | December |                   |
|                         | 2008                                 | 2009    | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008        | 2009  | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008                 | 2009  | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008                               | 2009    | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> |
| Alabama .....           | 392.3                                | 377.1   | 389.7    | 378.9             | 27.0        | 25.2  | 26.7     | 25.3              | 99.6                 | 94.8  | 100.1    | 94.3              | 215.1                              | 206.6   | 213.1    | 203.5             |
| Alaska .....            | 63.2                                 | 61.7    | 63.3     | 61.9              | 7.1         | 6.8   | 7.1      | 6.8               | 14.7                 | 14.3  | 14.6     | 14.3              | 24.9                               | 24.6    | 24.7     | 24.5              |
| Arizona .....           | 506.6                                | 478.5   | 506.4    | 482.9             | 41.0        | 38.8  | 40.6     | 38.5              | 174.1                | 165.6 | 173.9    | 166.6             | 370.8                              | 346.9   | 366.0    | 346.9             |
| Arkansas .....          | 245.2                                | 234.0   | 243.5    | 232.9             | 18.2        | 17.0  | 18.0     | 17.1              | 51.8                 | 48.7  | 51.3     | 49.6              | 117.0                              | 117.1   | 114.8    | 114.4             |
| California .....        | 2,843.4                              | 2,703.3 | 2,846.5  | 2,714.9           | 480.0       | 448.5 | 468.0    | 450.5             | 831.5                | 797.4 | 830.2    | 799.5             | 2,233.1                            | 2,137.5 | 2,222.6  | 2,132.2           |
| Colorado .....          | 432.0                                | 414.4   | 433.5    | 417.7             | 76.5        | 72.2  | 76.3     | 71.9              | 152.4                | 143.7 | 153.2    | 145.8             | 342.2                              | 325.3   | 337.8    | 322.8             |
| Connecticut .....       | 311.4                                | 297.1   | 312.1    | 301.0             | 36.6        | 34.6  | 36.5     | 34.3              | 141.6                | 137.4 | 141.4    | 137.4             | 201.8                              | 186.8   | 200.3    | 186.7             |
| Delaware .....          | 79.2                                 | 76.6    | 79.8     | 76.9              | 7.1         | 7.0   | 7.1      | 7.0               | 45.1                 | 43.1  | 45.0     | 43.2              | 55.8                               | 54.1    | 55.2     | 54.8              |
| District of Columbia .. | 28.1                                 | 27.0    | 28.3     | 27.5              | 20.2        | 18.6  | 20.2     | 18.5              | 28.3                 | 26.9  | 28.2     | 26.8              | 152.7                              | 151.6   | 151.6    | 152.6             |
| Florida .....           | 1,565.5                              | 1,498.7 | 1,564.6  | 1,511.9           | 150.0       | 143.9 | 150.4    | 141.5             | 518.5                | 493.3 | 519.4    | 496.7             | 1,121.8                            | 1,065.8 | 1,127.0  | 1,086.4           |
| Georgia .....           | 874.4                                | 821.6   | 870.7    | 819.8             | 106.6       | 102.1 | 106.1    | 101.5             | 219.6                | 205.3 | 219.7    | 206.1             | 544.3                              | 513.6   | 539.6    | 511.6             |
| Hawaii .....            | 117.4                                | 111.4   | 118.0    | 112.5             | 9.6         | 9.2   | 9.5      | 9.1               | 29.0                 | 27.6  | 29.0     | 27.7              | 74.2                               | 70.8    | 74.8     | 71.1              |
| Idaho .....             | 129.9                                | 123.1   | 129.5    | 122.6             | 12.2        | 12.2  | 12.1     | 12.2              | 31.4                 | 30.8  | 31.3     | 30.8              | 78.0                               | 75.2    | 74.1     | 74.5              |
| Illinois .....          | 1,209.2                              | 1,158.6 | 1,214.4  | 1,164.8           | 113.8       | 105.4 | 113.7    | 106.3             | 388.0                | 368.1 | 388.8    | 371.0             | 848.9                              | 798.6   | 835.6    | 791.4             |
| Indiana .....           | 586.1                                | 560.6   | 582.7    | 560.3             | 39.1        | 38.0  | 39.4     | 38.1              | 133.8                | 131.8 | 134.6    | 133.5             | 281.0                              | 274.8   | 273.7    | 271.3             |
| Iowa .....              | 314.4                                | 309.7   | 315.2    | 307.1             | 33.1        | 32.3  | 33.1     | 32.2              | 102.7                | 103.3 | 103.4    | 104.3             | 118.2                              | 115.8   | 113.3    | 114.4             |
| Kansas .....            | 266.4                                | 257.6   | 268.2    | 257.9             | 37.4        | 36.4  | 37.5     | 36.4              | 72.6                 | 71.9  | 72.7     | 73.4              | 148.7                              | 133.9   | 147.5    | 132.0             |
| Kentucky .....          | 385.7                                | 365.3   | 384.7    | 365.9             | 29.9        | 29.3  | 29.6     | 29.3              | 91.9                 | 86.7  | 92.0     | 87.3              | 183.0                              | 183.7   | 182.9    | 188.8             |
| Louisiana .....         | 383.4                                | 375.7   | 387.2    | 376.1             | 27.4        | 26.6  | 27.2     | 26.6              | 96.0                 | 90.9  | 95.7     | 91.0              | 207.5                              | 202.2   | 207.1    | 201.5             |
| Maine .....             | 126.6                                | 120.9   | 126.4    | 121.5             | 10.7        | 10.0  | 10.8     | 10.0              | 32.0                 | 31.3  | 32.0     | 31.4              | 55.2                               | 54.9    | 54.6     | 54.3              |
| Maryland .....          | 465.3                                | 449.4   | 467.5    | 453.5             | 49.2        | 48.7  | 49.2     | 48.7              | 149.0                | 138.9 | 148.2    | 137.4             | 398.9                              | 407.2   | 400.4    | 406.4             |
| Massachusetts .....     | 573.4                                | 550.4   | 573.5    | 551.6             | 87.6        | 86.0  | 86.9     | 85.7              | 212.2                | 203.9 | 211.1    | 204.8             | 484.1                              | 469.4   | 472.7    | 465.7             |
| Michigan .....          | 768.9                                | 710.5   | 760.0    | 711.7             | 60.8        | 53.4  | 60.8     | 53.1              | 200.0                | 187.7 | 198.4    | 187.1             | 544.0                              | 520.2   | 525.4    | 514.3             |
| Minnesota .....         | 524.8                                | 508.0   | 524.0    | 506.3             | 57.7        | 54.7  | 57.3     | 54.8              | 175.9                | 175.3 | 176.4    | 174.5             | 321.4                              | 305.1   | 313.8    | 305.1             |
| Mississippi .....       | 224.2                                | 214.1   | 223.7    | 214.3             | 13.3        | 13.0  | 13.3     | 13.0              | 46.1                 | 43.2  | 45.9     | 43.7              | 93.3                               | 86.1    | 90.2     | 85.0              |
| Missouri .....          | 544.4                                | 534.0   | 547.7    | 535.0             | 64.0        | 62.4  | 64.5     | 62.3              | 163.7                | 162.1 | 162.8    | 162.8             | 343.2                              | 329.9   | 342.4    | 330.5             |
| Montana .....           | 92.4                                 | 90.6    | 93.1     | 89.8              | 7.3         | 7.2   | 7.3      | 7.3               | 21.7                 | 21.7  | 21.8     | 22.3              | 39.6                               | 39.3    | 39.1     | 37.4              |
| Nebraska .....          | 207.4                                | 198.1   | 209.2    | 200.4             | 18.4        | 17.6  | 18.4     | 17.6              | 68.9                 | 68.0  | 69.1     | 68.5              | 104.6                              | 97.6    | 104.8    | 96.4              |
| Nevada .....            | 233.0                                | 226.5   | 234.4    | 225.1             | 14.6        | 13.8  | 14.5     | 13.5              | 60.1                 | 58.0  | 59.9     | 58.0              | 149.8                              | 138.9   | 145.9    | 138.2             |
| New Hampshire .....     | 142.9                                | 142.1   | 144.1    | 143.6             | 12.1        | 12.1  | 12.0     | 12.1              | 37.5                 | 36.3  | 37.8     | 36.3              | 67.9                               | 66.9    | 65.6     | 68.8              |
| New Jersey .....        | 870.4                                | 847.6   | 872.6    | 858.4             | 90.7        | 88.3  | 90.7     | 89.9              | 259.7                | 251.0 | 260.8    | 249.7             | 609.2                              | 581.8   | 599.9    | 579.7             |
| New Mexico .....        | 145.9                                | 134.1   | 146.8    | 133.6             | 16.4        | 18.4  | 16.5     | 18.2              | 34.3                 | 33.3  | 34.4     | 32.9              | 107.5                              | 101.1   | 107.0    | 100.3             |
| New York .....          | 1,545.5                              | 1,493.5 | 1,545.4  | 1,510.8           | 266.4       | 248.4 | 262.9    | 249.1             | 711.7                | 680.3 | 711.0    | 680.3             | 1,155.6                            | 1,111.5 | 1,145.6  | 1,105.3           |
| North Carolina .....    | 761.9                                | 733.4   | 759.9    | 735.9             | 70.3        | 66.5  | 70.8     | 66.9              | 208.7                | 200.1 | 208.3    | 200.2             | 488.4                              | 470.7   | 476.5    | 468.5             |
| North Dakota .....      | 79.6                                 | 78.8    | 80.1     | 79.3              | 7.4         | 7.2   | 7.4      | 7.2               | 20.4                 | 20.1  | 20.5     | 20.7              | 30.1                               | 29.7    | 29.7     | 29.4              |
| Ohio .....              | 1,037.7                              | 1,003.9 | 1,041.9  | 1,004.8           | 85.4        | 76.0  | 85.6     | 76.5              | 289.2                | 276.2 | 289.0    | 276.6             | 652.1                              | 635.2   | 641.2    | 623.5             |
| Oklahoma .....          | 293.5                                | 289.8   | 294.0    | 289.9             | 28.6        | 28.8  | 28.7     | 28.7              | 82.7                 | 81.5  | 82.4     | 81.5              | 185.6                              | 172.0   | 184.7    | 174.2             |
| Oregon .....            | 335.5                                | 320.3   | 332.6    | 322.5             | 36.0        | 35.2  | 35.7     | 35.4              | 98.8                 | 93.7  | 99.9     | 94.2              | 190.8                              | 180.0   | 188.6    | 179.6             |
| Pennsylvania .....      | 1,133.8                              | 1,105.1 | 1,139.4  | 1,111.4           | 102.3       | 95.6  | 102.0    | 96.6              | 328.8                | 311.0 | 328.4    | 312.0             | 708.9                              | 671.8   | 700.3    | 671.6             |
| Rhode Island .....      | 77.4                                 | 73.3    | 76.8     | 73.7              | 10.5        | 9.8   | 10.3     | 9.9               | 33.4                 | 32.4  | 32.9     | 32.7              | 54.0                               | 52.0    | 53.0     | 50.9              |
| South Carolina .....    | 369.9                                | 357.5   | 368.5    | 358.8             | 29.1        | 29.8  | 29.4     | 30.1              | 104.6                | 101.7 | 105.3    | 101.4             | 216.1                              | 228.0   | 210.2    | 224.0             |
| South Dakota .....      | 83.3                                 | 82.0    | 83.8     | 82.1              | 6.9         | 6.7   | 7.0      | 6.8               | 31.1                 | 30.3  | 31.2     | 29.9              | 26.8                               | 26.0    | 26.5     | 26.1              |
| Tennessee .....         | 596.4                                | 572.6   | 600.6    | 573.8             | 49.1        | 46.2  | 48.2     | 45.9              | 144.9                | 137.2 | 143.7    | 136.0             | 321.9                              | 314.8   | 318.5    | 313.1             |
| Texas .....             | 2,184.5                              | 2,072.6 | 2,190.9  | 2,079.8           | 214.3       | 200.6 | 215.2    | 200.8             | 650.9                | 651.2 | 652.7    | 651.0             | 1,345.4                            | 1,280.4 | 1,335.5  | 1,269.4           |
| Utah .....              | 253.5                                | 244.2   | 254.0    | 244.9             | 30.5        | 31.0  | 30.2     | 31.3              | 73.1                 | 71.2  | 73.4     | 71.1              | 163.7                              | 153.0   | 163.5    | 154.5             |
| Vermont .....           | 58.9                                 | 57.2    | 58.0     | 56.9              | 5.6         | 5.4   | 5.6      | 5.5               | 12.7                 | 12.6  | 12.7     | 12.6              | 22.6                               | 20.9    | 21.6     | 20.3              |
| Virginia .....          | 660.5                                | 643.8   | 663.5    | 648.1             | 85.7        | 78.8  | 84.8     | 78.3              | 187.5                | 186.6 | 188.3    | 187.1             | 654.8                              | 636.4   | 650.4    | 638.9             |
| Washington .....        | 552.8                                | 535.1   | 552.7    | 541.3             | 106.1       | 99.0  | 106.2    | 98.7              | 149.6                | 144.8 | 148.6    | 143.6             | 346.5                              | 333.7   | 343.0    | 332.2             |
| West Virginia .....     | 142.9                                | 136.4   | 142.9    | 135.9             | 11.0        | 10.4  | 10.9     | 10.4              | 29.4                 | 28.4  | 29.5     | 28.5              | 60.1                               | 61.6    | 60.1     | 60.4              |
| Wisconsin .....         | 545.5                                | 523.7   | 543.7    | 522.1             | 50.2        | 49.4  | 50.2     | 49.6              | 161.1                | 156.8 | 161.6    | 157.1             | 277.4                              | 257.1   | 268.7    | 251.9             |
| Wyoming .....           | 56.6                                 | 53.3    | 57.4     | 53.9              | 4.0         | 4.0   | 4.1      | 4.0               | 11.7                 | 11.0  | 11.7     | 11.0              | 18.2                               | 17.1    | 18.1     | 16.4              |
| Puerto Rico .....       | 176.0                                | 174.4   | 182.8    | 182.1             | 19.9        | 18.3  | 20.1     | 18.4              | 46.3                 | 43.9  | 46.2     | 44.4              | 105.7                              | 100.3   | 106.1    | 101.6             |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued**

(In thousands)

| State                | Education and health services |         |          |                   | Leisure and hospitality |         |          |                   | Other services |       |          |                   | Government |         |          |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------------|
|                      | November                      |         | December |                   | November                |         | December |                   | November       |       | December |                   | November   |         | December |                   |
|                      | 2008                          | 2009    | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008                    | 2009    | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008           | 2009  | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> | 2008       | 2009    | 2008     | 2009 <sup>P</sup> |
| Alabama              | 215.3                         | 221.3   | 212.3    | 219.8             | 172.7                   | 167.5   | 168.9    | 164.6             | 78.5           | 76.8  | 78.4     | 77.7              | 386.1      | 388.9   | 385.4    | 387.6             |
| Alaska               | 37.7                          | 39.5    | 37.6     | 39.6              | 28.1                    | 27.0    | 28.1     | 26.6              | 11.6           | 11.5  | 11.4     | 11.4              | 84.4       | 85.3    | 84.3     | 85.8              |
| Arizona              | 322.8                         | 324.8   | 322.1    | 326.6             | 261.7                   | 257.1   | 261.4    | 257.0             | 99.7           | 91.4  | 97.9     | 90.7              | 449.0      | 430.5   | 446.3    | 425.8             |
| Arkansas             | 161.4                         | 170.7   | 161.0    | 171.0             | 100.7                   | 100.0   | 99.4     | 97.9              | 45.3           | 44.1  | 45.3     | 43.2              | 221.2      | 225.6   | 220.1    | 224.9             |
| California           | 1,756.2                       | 1,775.1 | 1,754.8  | 1,777.8           | 1,540.9                 | 1,494.3 | 1,534.6  | 1,491.2           | 512.8          | 495.3 | 511.9    | 486.8             | 2,545.3    | 2,501.9 | 2,532.3  | 2,487.7           |
| Colorado             | 254.9                         | 261.8   | 255.7    | 262.0             | 261.3                   | 252.0   | 272.1    | 262.8             | 94.9           | 91.2  | 95.4     | 91.6              | 396.2      | 400.5   | 393.7    | 396.4             |
| Connecticut          | 304.0                         | 304.4   | 302.9    | 304.4             | 135.1                   | 137.1   | 135.8    | 136.0             | 62.4           | 62.0  | 63.4     | 61.8              | 259.2      | 254.0   | 258.0    | 252.5             |
| Delaware             | 61.4                          | 62.7    | 61.5     | 62.6              | 39.8                    | 37.3    | 38.9     | 36.4              | 20.5           | 19.9  | 20.3     | 20.1              | 63.4       | 63.7    | 63.3     | 63.4              |
| District of Columbia | 107.4                         | 109.3   | 107.0    | 109.2             | 58.8                    | 59.7    | 58.7     | 59.3              | 66.3           | 65.1  | 66.1     | 64.4              | 233.3      | 241.6   | 233.8    | 242.3             |
| Florida              | 1,061.8                       | 1,074.0 | 1,065.2  | 1,075.0           | 904.3                   | 899.0   | 916.5    | 906.0             | 334.3          | 332.2 | 335.4    | 334.6             | 1,150.1    | 1,144.2 | 1,146.4  | 1,136.3           |
| Georgia              | 474.4                         | 487.8   | 475.3    | 486.5             | 387.4                   | 385.7   | 381.6    | 381.2             | 159.5          | 154.9 | 156.3    | 152.4             | 701.8      | 691.1   | 699.7    | 689.8             |
| Hawaii               | 74.4                          | 75.7    | 74.7     | 76.0              | 103.9                   | 100.1   | 104.3    | 99.8              | 27.2           | 25.4  | 27.1     | 25.4              | 133.1      | 126.1   | 128.6    | 126.8             |
| Idaho                | 78.2                          | 80.1    | 78.0     | 80.1              | 61.0                    | 59.8    | 59.5     | 59.9              | 19.6           | 18.3  | 19.5     | 18.0              | 123.6      | 120.0   | 122.7    | 119.2             |
| Illinois             | 809.4                         | 806.1   | 809.6    | 805.7             | 516.1                   | 505.8   | 510.9    | 498.6             | 262.9          | 255.9 | 261.7    | 255.4             | 868.9      | 869.4   | 863.1    | 862.7             |
| Indiana              | 422.1                         | 420.7   | 424.5    | 421.0             | 285.6                   | 275.0   | 278.9    | 272.1             | 110.6          | 105.1 | 108.3    | 105.4             | 454.7      | 454.1   | 449.7    | 449.9             |
| Iowa                 | 213.1                         | 217.3   | 214.0    | 216.6             | 131.0                   | 131.2   | 131.5    | 127.2             | 57.7           | 56.4  | 57.8     | 55.7              | 261.4      | 259.6   | 260.5    | 258.7             |
| Kansas               | 178.8                         | 180.1   | 178.5    | 180.0             | 115.4                   | 111.4   | 114.2    | 111.4             | 53.8           | 54.9  | 53.9     | 55.7              | 272.0      | 269.6   | 270.9    | 269.0             |
| Kentucky             | 247.3                         | 247.3   | 246.5    | 247.2             | 169.8                   | 171.1   | 170.0    | 165.3             | 73.5           | 72.7  | 72.9     | 72.9              | 323.5      | 320.2   | 323.7    | 320.2             |
| Louisiana            | 260.7                         | 263.6   | 260.9    | 263.6             | 194.5                   | 190.5   | 196.8    | 191.3             | 69.0           | 68.4  | 68.7     | 68.1              | 371.1      | 371.5   | 369.8    | 369.4             |
| Maine                | 119.2                         | 120.7   | 119.0    | 120.7             | 53.3                    | 51.5    | 52.2     | 51.3              | 19.7           | 19.2  | 19.5     | 19.2              | 107.8      | 106.2   | 108.0    | 106.4             |
| Maryland             | 387.4                         | 398.6   | 388.9    | 398.3             | 225.3                   | 225.2   | 221.8    | 221.3             | 117.7          | 113.1 | 117.0    | 113.5             | 498.5      | 502.8   | 497.0    | 499.9             |
| Massachusetts        | 654.0                         | 666.2   | 652.3    | 665.6             | 294.6                   | 293.4   | 287.6    | 286.5             | 118.0          | 115.2 | 117.7    | 115.9             | 450.0      | 438.3   | 448.5    | 437.2             |
| Michigan             | 619.2                         | 627.4   | 617.7    | 629.3             | 383.1                   | 370.6   | 378.0    | 365.7             | 174.2          | 167.7 | 170.8    | 166.8             | 669.7      | 657.0   | 660.9    | 649.6             |
| Minnesota            | 452.2                         | 460.9   | 454.5    | 459.4             | 233.5                   | 229.2   | 232.8    | 227.9             | 116.8          | 112.8 | 117.1    | 113.0             | 429.9      | 424.6   | 424.7    | 420.7             |
| Mississippi          | 129.7                         | 133.5   | 128.8    | 133.6             | 121.6                   | 118.5   | 120.8    | 118.0             | 36.5           | 35.4  | 36.0     | 36.1              | 253.4      | 255.4   | 251.9    | 253.8             |
| Missouri             | 399.7                         | 409.8   | 399.5    | 409.8             | 275.6                   | 267.8   | 269.4    | 263.1             | 120.4          | 115.4 | 119.5    | 114.5             | 459.8      | 462.6   | 459.2    | 461.8             |
| Montana              | 62.6                          | 63.1    | 62.4     | 62.9              | 55.5                    | 54.6    | 57.8     | 54.9              | 18.2           | 16.9  | 17.0     | 16.3              | 91.0       | 91.2    | 90.4     | 90.5              |
| Nebraska             | 134.6                         | 140.0   | 134.4    | 139.8             | 82.2                    | 80.0    | 81.3     | 78.2              | 35.0           | 35.5  | 35.1     | 34.4              | 167.7      | 171.4   | 167.2    | 170.1             |
| Nevada               | 96.4                          | 99.5    | 96.4     | 100.0             | 322.9                   | 303.4   | 322.3    | 299.5             | 36.6           | 36.6  | 36.6     | 36.6              | 166.3      | 158.2   | 165.9    | 157.8             |
| New Hampshire        | 108.1                         | 108.6   | 107.4    | 108.0             | 58.0                    | 56.0    | 58.9     | 57.4              | 22.1           | 22.0  | 21.6     | 22.2              | 99.4       | 99.1    | 99.7     | 98.1              |
| New Jersey           | 603.6                         | 601.9   | 604.4    | 601.8             | 337.0                   | 331.5   | 335.1    | 329.8             | 161.4          | 164.8 | 162.1    | 164.7             | 665.1      | 663.7   | 663.9    | 661.8             |
| New Mexico           | 117.7                         | 122.0   | 118.1    | 121.4             | 84.4                    | 83.7    | 85.1     | 84.9              | 29.3           | 29.9  | 29.0     | 29.8              | 202.1      | 204.9   | 201.2    | 203.7             |
| New York             | 1,676.7                       | 1,719.7 | 1,674.2  | 1,719.0           | 702.5                   | 692.2   | 700.1    | 690.3             | 372.2          | 367.8 | 372.4    | 368.2             | 1,533.2    | 1,518.2 | 1,533.8  | 1,517.1           |
| North Carolina       | 544.2                         | 550.5   | 543.1    | 549.7             | 388.1                   | 381.9   | 385.1    | 376.2             | 177.3          | 168.0 | 175.0    | 166.5             | 738.6      | 753.5   | 732.4    | 749.6             |
| North Dakota         | 52.3                          | 53.9    | 52.5     | 54.2              | 33.3                    | 33.8    | 33.2     | 33.5              | 15.4           | 15.2  | 15.5     | 15.3              | 79.1       | 80.5    | 79.4     | 80.9              |
| Ohio                 | 836.1                         | 844.7   | 835.2    | 843.4             | 486.1                   | 482.9   | 486.5    | 480.5             | 217.1          | 216.6 | 217.5    | 214.5             | 812.6      | 807.9   | 806.7    | 802.2             |
| Oklahoma             | 200.7                         | 205.1   | 198.8    | 204.9             | 144.4                   | 138.9   | 143.6    | 138.5             | 63.9           | 60.8  | 63.2     | 61.5              | 334.9      | 340.5   | 334.5    | 338.9             |
| Oregon               | 226.6                         | 228.9   | 226.4    | 231.1             | 170.1                   | 160.1   | 167.8    | 158.4             | 60.5           | 57.5  | 60.1     | 58.8              | 309.2      | 306.0   | 305.4    | 302.6             |
| Pennsylvania         | 1,128.3                       | 1,150.2 | 1,122.5  | 1,143.1           | 489.1                   | 478.2   | 487.4    | 475.6             | 254.3          | 249.4 | 253.1    | 249.7             | 775.4      | 777.8   | 769.0    | 770.1             |
| Rhode Island         | 102.3                         | 101.8   | 102.2    | 101.2             | 49.0                    | 46.9    | 48.6     | 46.1              | 22.7           | 21.5  | 22.4     | 21.6              | 63.6       | 62.2    | 63.7     | 62.0              |
| South Carolina       | 210.0                         | 211.2   | 209.0    | 211.4             | 201.4                   | 194.4   | 196.6    | 189.2             | 71.0           | 71.7  | 70.1     | 71.2              | 350.8      | 350.2   | 350.2    | 349.1             |
| South Dakota         | 63.4                          | 64.6    | 63.8     | 64.2              | 41.7                    | 41.1    | 41.0     | 39.9              | 15.8           | 15.7  | 15.7     | 15.5              | 77.4       | 78.9    | 77.2     | 77.8              |
| Tennessee            | 365.0                         | 372.2   | 364.6    | 373.1             | 273.3                   | 268.1   | 271.2    | 265.9             | 101.2          | 100.1 | 100.5    | 99.8              | 436.2      | 436.3   | 434.1    | 435.5             |
| Texas                | 1,324.2                       | 1,381.1 | 1,322.5  | 1,383.0           | 997.6                   | 994.4   | 1,000.2  | 986.2             | 356.6          | 364.5 | 356.8    | 362.9             | 1,819.4    | 1,906.5 | 1,811.0  | 1,894.0           |
| Utah                 | 150.4                         | 159.6   | 151.0    | 158.5             | 110.0                   | 102.6   | 112.8    | 104.0             | 35.4           | 33.8  | 35.3     | 33.3              | 219.1      | 220.5   | 218.0    | 219.4             |
| Vermont              | 59.8                          | 62.6    | 59.7     | 62.7              | 28.4                    | 27.3    | 28.2     | 27.2              | 9.7            | 9.5   | 9.7      | 9.7               | 56.8       | 56.7    | 56.9     | 56.7              |
| Virginia             | 446.7                         | 457.0   | 446.4    | 457.1             | 333.2                   | 334.1   | 327.6    | 330.0             | 188.7          | 180.7 | 186.6    | 184.9             | 709.1      | 715.9   | 707.6    | 712.4             |
| Washington           | 369.6                         | 374.7   | 366.9    | 373.1             | 280.0                   | 275.4   | 279.8    | 277.2             | 107.1          | 105.4 | 107.2    | 105.8             | 563.4      | 559.3   | 548.4    | 552.9             |
| West Virginia        | 119.3                         | 120.7   | 118.2    | 120.2             | 71.4                    | 69.6    | 71.2     | 69.4              | 55.6           | 55.0  | 55.7     | 54.9              | 150.0      | 150.9   | 149.4    | 150.8             |
| Wisconsin            | 412.5                         | 419.0   | 411.7    | 420.1             | 245.5                   | 233.0   | 243.9    | 231.0             | 140.8          | 127.9 | 142.0    | 128.0             | 441.3      | 437.8   | 433.0    | 430.5             |
| Wyoming              | 25.2                          | 25.7    | 24.8     | 25.7              | 31.1                    | 29.1    | 32.6     | 30.8              | 12.1           | 11.3  | 12.2     | 11.0              | 71.8       | 72.6    | 72.1     | 72.9              |
| Puerto Rico          | 110.8                         | 113.1   | 113.4    | 114.5             | 73.3                    | 71.5    | 74.3     | 72.0              | 16.4           | 14.6  | 16.2     | 14.5              | 303.7      | 284.4   | 307.6    | 277.6             |

<sup>1</sup> Mining and logging is combined with construction.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

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

from 2008 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, December 2009

(U.S. rate = 10.0 percent)

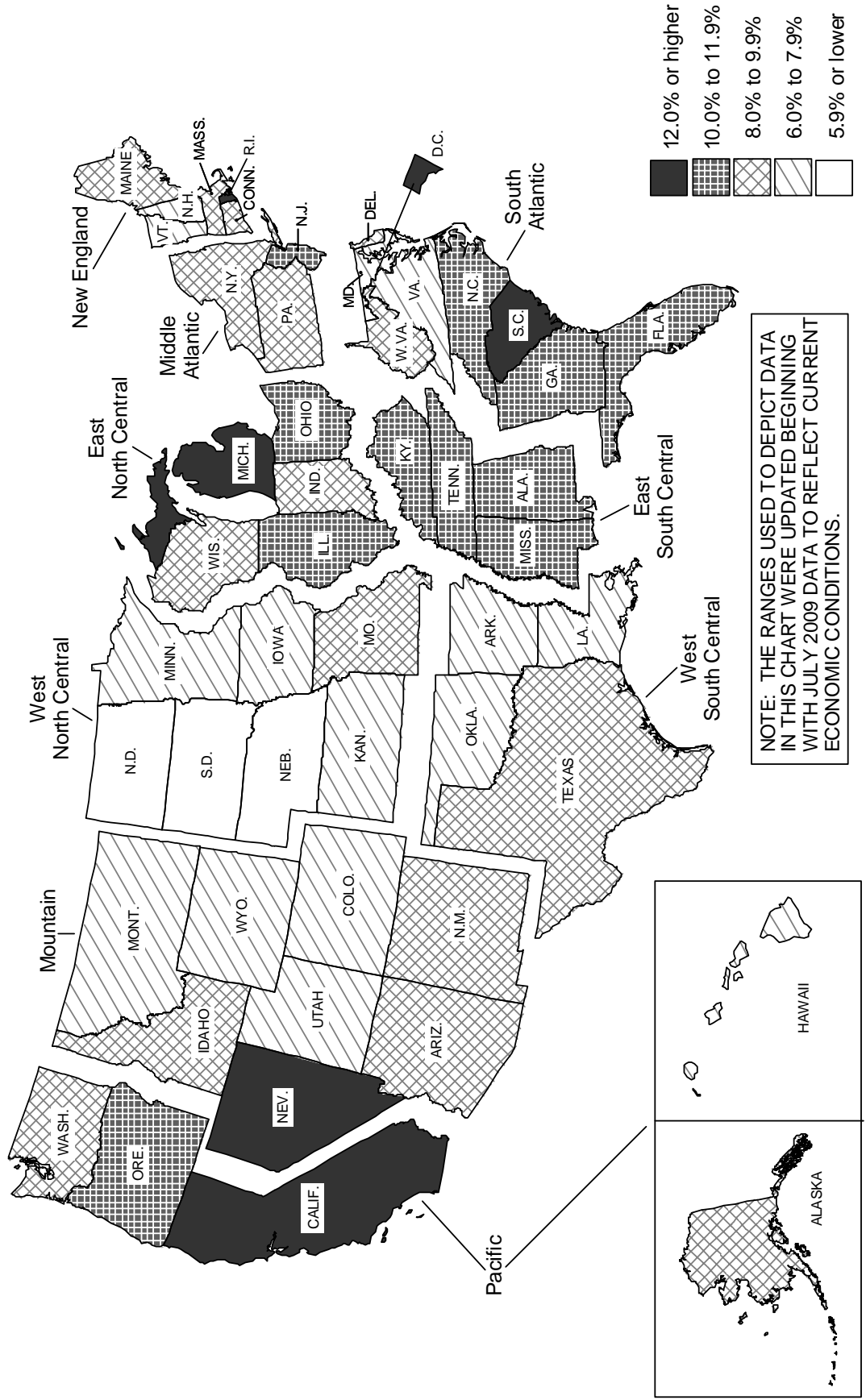


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, December 2008 – December 2009

