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Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in September. Thirty-one states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states and the District of Columbia registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states and the District of Columbia, up in 7 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The national unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in September at 4.6 percent, but was 0.5 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 37 states and decreased in 13 states and the District of Columbia. The largest employment increases were recorded in California (+17,300), Texas (+15,200), Florida (+14,200), and North Carolina (+10,700). Hawaii posted the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.7 percent), followed by Nevada, North Dakota, and Utah (+0.6 percent each), and Delaware (+0.5 percent). The largest employment decreases occurred in Minnesota (-12,700), Missouri (-8,200), Georgia (-5,600), and Ohio (-2,500). Minnesota experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment (-0.5 percent), followed by Alaska (-0.4 percent), Missouri (-0.3 percent), and Arkansas (-0.2 percent). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 49 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 1 state (Michigan, -32,900 or -0.7 percent). The largest over-the-year percentage gains in employment were reported in Nevada (+5.2 percent), Utah (+5.0 percent), Arizona (+4.7 percent), and Wyoming (+4.1 percent).

September marks the first month that Louisiana has recorded an over-the-year employment increase since Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005. In the 2 months following Hurricane Katrina, nonfarm payroll employment fell by 13,600 in Mississippi and 241,300 in Louisiana. Employment returned to its prehurricane level in Mississippi in February 2006. Louisiana has added 59,500 jobs since September 2005, although employment continues to be significantly below its prehurricane level.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

The South posted the lowest jobless rate among the regions in September, 4.4 percent, followed by the Northeast and West, 4.6 percent each. The Midwest continued to report the highest unemployment rate, 4.9 percent. Two regions recorded statistically significant changes in their jobless rates from August—the Northeast (-0.2 percentage point) and the South (-0.1 point). Over the year, unemployment rates were down significantly in the South (-0.7 percentage point) and Midwest and West (-0.4 point each). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the areas with the lowest unemployment rates in September were the Mountain, 3.8 percent, West North Central, 4.0 percent, and South Atlantic, 4.1 percent. The East North Central again reported the highest jobless rate, 5.3 percent. The East South Central and Middle Atlantic were the only divisions to post statistically significant over-the-month rate changes (-0.6 and -0.3 percentage point, respectively). Seven divisions recorded significant over-the-year unemployment rate declines: the West South Central (-1.3 percentage points), East South Central (-0.9 point), Mountain (-0.7 point), East North Central and West North Central (-0.4 point each), and Pacific and South Atlantic (-0.3 point each). No division registered a jobless rate increase from a year earlier.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In September, Hawaii again had the lowest unemployment rate, 2.5 percent, and Utah had the next lowest rate, 2.8 percent. Utah posted the lowest unemployment rate in its series. (All state series begin in 1976.) The states registering the highest jobless rates were Mississippi, 7.2 percent, Michigan, 7.1 percent, Alaska, 6.6 percent, and South Carolina, 6.4 percent. In September, 19 states recorded unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate (4.6 percent), 7 states and the District of Columbia reported measurably higher rates, and 24 states had rates that were little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Tennessee registered the largest unemployment rate decline from August (-1.1 percentage points). Kansas and Kentucky reported the next largest rate decreases (-0.5 percentage point each). Nine other states posted statistically significant unemployment rate declines from August: Colorado, North Dakota, Ohio, and Utah (-0.4 percentage point each), Hawaii, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas (-0.3 point each), and Iowa (-0.2 point). The remaining 38 states and the District of Columbia recorded September unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, even though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as those with statistically significant changes.

Louisiana and Mississippi—the two states impacted the most by Hurricane Katrina—experienced the largest over-the-year jobless rate declines in September (-8.4 and -3.2 percentage points, respectively). The states with the next largest rate declines were Utah (-1.5 percentage points), Illinois (-1.2 points), Arizona, Iowa, and Kentucky (-1.1 points each), and Georgia (-1.0 point). Twenty-two states had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate decreases. Two states registered significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier: New Jersey (+0.8 percentage point) and Michigan (+0.6 point). Eighteen states and the District of Columbia recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of September 2005. (See table B.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between August and September, six states reported statistically significant changes in employment, five of which were increases. The gains were in Washington (+9,700), Nevada (+7,600), Utah (+7,400), Hawaii (+4,400), and North Dakota (+2,100). The employment loss was in Minnesota (-12,700). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, 34 states and the District of Columbia posted statistically significant changes in employment. All had gains in employment. The largest employment gains occurred in Florida (+230,500), Texas (+226,200), California (+179,800), and Arizona (+119,200). Six states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant gains in employment that were less than 15,000: Montana (+12,400),

Wyoming (+10,800), South Dakota (+10,400), the District of Columbia (+10,000), West Virginia (+7,900), Delaware (+7,600), and North Dakota (+6,100). (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for September is scheduled to be issued on November 1. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for October is scheduled to be issued on November 21.

Hurricane Katrina

For September, BLS and its state partners continued to make modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in a key input—nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or cities within those parishes where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for September 2006, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., September 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	September 2006
United States	4.6
Alabama	3.3
Alaska	6.6
Arizona	3.7
Delaware	3.7
District of Columbia	5.9
Florida	3.2
Hawaii	2.5
Idaho	3.3
Iowa	3.4
Maryland	4.0
Michigan	7.1
Minnesota	3.8
Mississippi	7.2
Montana	3.6
Nebraska	3.1
Nevada	4.0
New Hampshire	3.2
North Dakota	3.1
Ohio	5.3
Oregon	5.4
South Carolina	6.4
South Dakota	3.2
Utah	2.8
Vermont	3.7
Virginia	3.2
Washington	5.3
Wyoming	3.6

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

State	September 2005	September 2006	Over-the-year rate change
Alabama	4.0	3.3	-0.7
Arizona	4.8	3.7	-1.1
California	5.2	4.8	-.4
Colorado	5.0	4.4	-.6
Delaware	4.3	3.7	-.6
Florida	3.5	3.2	-.3
Georgia	5.5	4.5	-1.0
Hawaii	2.8	2.5	-.3
Idaho	3.7	3.3	-.4
Illinois	5.6	4.4	-1.2
Iowa	4.5	3.4	-1.1
Kansas	5.0	4.3	-.7
Kentucky	6.4	5.3	-1.1
Louisiana	12.1	3.7	-8.4
Michigan	6.5	7.1	.6
Mississippi	10.4	7.2	-3.2
Montana	3.9	3.6	-.3
Nebraska	3.7	3.1	-.6
New Hampshire	3.6	3.2	-.4
New Jersey	4.4	5.2	.8
New Mexico	5.1	4.2	-.9
New York	5.1	4.4	-.7
North Carolina	5.3	4.9	-.4
North Dakota	3.5	3.1	-.4
Ohio	5.9	5.3	-.6
Oregon	6.0	5.4	-.6
South Carolina	7.0	6.4	-.6
South Dakota	3.8	3.2	-.6
Tennessee	5.5	4.6	-.9
Texas	5.4	4.8	-.6
Utah	4.3	2.8	-1.5
Virginia	3.6	3.2	-.4

Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from August 2006 to September 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	August 2006	September 2006 ^p	Over-the-month change ^p
Hawaii	619,400	623,800	4,400
Minnesota	2,783,200	2,770,500	-12,700
Nevada	1,295,700	1,303,300	7,600
North Dakota	350,800	352,900	2,100
Utah	1,212,100	1,219,500	7,400
Washington	2,869,600	2,879,300	9,700

p = preliminary.

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

State	September 2005	September 2006 ^p	Over-the-year change ^p
Alabama	1,951,700	1,979,700	28,000
Arizona	2,535,400	2,654,600	119,200
California	14,863,700	15,043,500	179,800
Colorado	2,236,900	2,281,800	44,900
Delaware	432,000	439,600	7,600
District of Columbia	680,200	690,200	10,000
Florida	7,874,000	8,104,500	230,500
Georgia	4,019,800	4,092,600	72,800
Hawaii	606,100	623,800	17,700
Idaho	618,000	642,200	24,200
Illinois	5,881,500	5,952,500	71,000
Iowa	1,485,200	1,515,400	30,200
Louisiana	1,730,500	1,790,000	59,500
Massachusetts	3,195,100	3,228,200	33,100
Minnesota	2,714,200	2,770,500	56,300
Mississippi	1,112,700	1,144,000	31,300
Montana	423,500	435,900	12,400
Nebraska	936,600	953,100	16,500
Nevada	1,239,300	1,303,300	64,000
New Mexico	814,700	838,900	24,200
New York	8,550,400	8,624,300	73,900
North Carolina	3,931,300	4,001,600	70,300
North Dakota	346,800	352,900	6,100
Oklahoma	1,520,400	1,541,900	21,500
Oregon	1,672,000	1,723,500	51,500
Pennsylvania	5,717,600	5,764,600	47,000
South Carolina	1,858,500	1,911,200	52,700
South Dakota	391,500	401,900	10,400
Tennessee	2,748,300	2,781,100	32,800
Texas	9,794,200	10,020,400	226,200
Utah	1,161,200	1,219,500	58,300
Virginia	3,692,600	3,747,800	55,200
Washington	2,783,100	2,879,300	96,200
West Virginia	749,000	756,900	7,900
Wyoming	264,900	275,700	10,800

p = preliminary.

Technical Note

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

Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

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

Method of estimation. Estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2005, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. Estimates for the six other areas contained in this release use a different regression approach. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions and then calculating the unemployment rate.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

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

procedure. The model estimation is based on the classical approach to seasonal adjustment, in which the series is decomposed into trend, seasonal, irregular, and survey error. This directly yields seasonally adjusted estimates for employment and unemployment levels with reliability measures. Labor force levels and unemployment rates are calculated from these two estimates. Additionally, measures for the state of California are derived by summing the seasonally adjusted estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California, and the estimates for the State of New York are the sum of the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York. Labor force estimates for census regions are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component divisions, and the unemployment rate is then calculated. In most years, historical data for the most recent 5 years are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with the release of January estimates.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on December 5, 2005. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/laumsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment—from the CES program

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

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

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

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

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

Reliability of the estimates

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

Use of error measures. In 2005, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program introduced several improvements to its methodology. Among these was the development of model-based error measures for the monthly estimates and the estimates of over-the-month changes. The introductory section of this release preserves the long-time practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in regional and state unemployment rates and state nonfarm payroll employment regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the analysis in the release takes the statistical significance of monthly and annual changes into consideration.

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

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

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the BLS Handbook of Methods, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 370 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. Employment data from the CES program are available at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006
Northeast	27,753.9	27,866.6	27,869.6	27,849.9	1,331.6	1,359.8	1,350.9	1,282.7	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.6
New England	7,567.3	7,601.1	7,610.9	7,637.8	354.7	346.8	352.4	356.9	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7
Middle Atlantic	20,186.6	20,265.5	20,258.8	20,212.0	977.0	1,013.0	998.5	925.8	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.6
South	53,046.2	53,725.2	53,801.9	54,029.8	2,700.2	2,494.5	2,439.5	2,354.4	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.4
South Atlantic	28,209.0	28,754.1	28,793.3	28,933.2	1,252.1	1,201.4	1,191.3	1,183.0	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.1
East South Central	8,422.1	8,497.9	8,514.4	8,555.8	479.3	492.8	459.9	413.4	5.7	5.8	5.4	4.8
West South Central	16,415.1	16,473.2	16,494.1	16,540.8	968.7	800.2	788.4	758.0	5.9	4.9	4.8	4.6
Midwest	34,622.4	34,807.6	34,850.9	35,069.8	1,825.4	1,790.1	1,776.3	1,727.7	5.3	5.1	5.1	4.9
East North Central	23,736.7	23,898.8	23,918.4	24,077.7	1,346.4	1,345.5	1,323.3	1,285.0	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.3
West North Central	10,885.7	10,908.8	10,932.6	10,992.2	478.9	444.7	453.0	442.6	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0
West	34,230.0	34,638.8	34,560.8	34,769.5	1,723.1	1,648.4	1,599.7	1,587.9	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.6
Mountain	10,332.5	10,637.8	10,696.3	10,744.3	469.8	462.1	421.4	409.6	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.8
Pacific	23,897.5	24,000.9	23,864.5	24,025.1	1,253.3	1,186.2	1,178.3	1,178.3	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.9

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Northeast	28,025.9	28,212.6	27,681.0	27,722.8	1,271.0	1,309.9	1,275.3	1,215.7	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.4
New England	7,661.4	7,723.8	7,551.4	7,609.3	338.9	341.9	341.9	342.0	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5
Middle Atlantic	20,364.4	20,488.7	20,129.6	20,113.5	932.2	968.0	933.4	873.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.3
South	53,232.3	54,062.9	53,120.5	54,006.3	2,596.9	2,489.4	2,671.0	2,301.3	4.9	4.6	5.0	4.3
South Atlantic	28,290.3	28,965.6	28,244.6	28,916.9	1,284.3	1,226.7	1,246.9	1,169.5	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.0
East South Central	8,427.0	8,549.5	8,433.4	8,551.0	466.0	463.8	464.3	390.8	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.6
West South Central	16,515.0	16,547.8	16,442.5	16,538.4	846.5	798.9	959.8	740.9	5.1	4.8	5.8	4.5
Midwest	34,812.1	35,100.4	34,625.0	35,013.2	1,752.2	1,705.8	1,717.7	1,606.4	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.6
East North Central	23,895.3	24,109.7	23,750.4	24,049.6	1,305.1	1,274.8	1,262.2	1,190.9	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.0
West North Central	10,916.8	10,990.6	10,874.5	10,963.6	447.1	431.0	455.5	415.4	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.8
West	34,388.4	34,775.3	34,301.2	34,783.2	1,706.5	1,580.9	1,647.8	1,501.1	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.3
Mountain	10,390.6	10,758.0	10,377.0	10,769.5	463.8	416.9	460.8	396.3	4.5	3.9	4.4	3.7
Pacific	23,997.8	24,017.2	23,924.2	24,013.7	1,242.7	1,164.0	1,187.0	1,104.8	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.6

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006
Alabama	2,165.2	2,172.9	2,180.8	2,203.5	87.6	85.2	76.7	73.7	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.3
Alaska	340.5	347.1	346.1	348.3	23.1	24.4	22.4	23.0	6.8	7.0	6.5	6.6
Arizona	2,867.3	2,941.2	2,948.6	2,968.7	138.3	139.5	104.9	110.6	4.8	4.7	3.6	3.7
Arkansas	1,371.7	1,383.5	1,383.7	1,383.2	67.4	74.1	72.8	71.7	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.2
California	17,751.1	17,775.6	17,651.6	17,800.9	922.9	859.7	869.0	858.4	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,814.3	4,850.3	4,795.9	4,834.3	231.6	218.2	230.4	230.3	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.8
Colorado	2,556.3	2,621.1	2,643.7	2,647.1	127.5	123.8	127.7	116.6	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.4
Connecticut	1,819.5	1,838.3	1,846.8	1,851.8	88.3	79.9	83.5	86.5	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.7
Delaware	440.1	447.2	446.0	446.9	18.9	16.9	16.5	16.5	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.7
District of Columbia	295.1	290.3	290.2	289.0	18.2	16.6	17.0	17.2	6.2	5.7	5.8	5.9
Florida	8,709.6	8,950.6	8,963.4	9,043.2	307.5	292.2	296.4	289.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,115.9	1,139.2	1,136.2	1,152.4	45.8	42.8	44.7	49.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.3
Georgia	4,623.8	4,694.5	4,690.0	4,707.7	253.4	225.3	214.4	212.5	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.5
Hawaii	640.7	652.0	650.4	659.0	18.0	19.7	18.2	16.2	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.5
Idaho	743.3	756.5	759.8	762.8	27.1	27.5	25.3	25.5	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.3
Illinois	6,486.0	6,536.7	6,577.1	6,636.6	362.4	306.2	308.8	294.2	5.6	4.7	4.7	4.4
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,958.0	4,018.7	4,041.6	4,064.6	233.5	182.4	181.1	173.4	5.9	4.5	4.5	4.3
Indiana	3,220.9	3,251.7	3,241.0	3,261.8	175.1	185.6	172.3	165.9	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.1
Iowa	1,664.6	1,679.2	1,684.2	1,702.0	75.1	64.5	61.1	57.9	4.5	3.8	3.6	3.4
Kansas	1,477.5	1,476.8	1,478.5	1,481.1	73.9	70.5	71.1	64.3	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.3
Kentucky	2,009.1	2,024.8	2,026.0	2,035.0	127.8	126.6	117.1	107.1	6.4	6.3	5.8	5.3
Louisiana	2,024.4	1,851.4	1,847.2	1,859.3	244.3	52.9	63.5	68.6	12.1	2.9	3.4	3.7
Maine	716.1	713.4	718.3	718.9	35.7	34.2	34.1	34.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7
Maryland	2,950.8	3,004.8	3,001.6	3,010.6	121.1	129.3	123.3	119.5	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.0
Massachusetts	3,365.1	3,367.9	3,370.9	3,387.4	160.1	159.2	163.5	171.5	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.1
Michigan	5,096.4	5,095.5	5,086.0	5,111.9	331.5	356.2	359.9	363.7	6.5	7.0	7.1	7.1
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,189.0	2,167.5	2,165.4	2,177.0	153.2	159.4	155.3	157.4	7.0	7.4	7.2	7.2
Minnesota	2,941.3	2,942.6	2,944.5	2,955.7	116.2	113.1	109.3	111.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8
Mississippi	1,340.1	1,313.8	1,311.3	1,323.5	139.4	104.9	92.9	94.7	10.4	8.0	7.1	7.2
Missouri	3,022.9	3,035.3	3,052.4	3,068.6	155.1	141.2	154.6	154.3	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.0
Montana	495.6	499.6	501.9	504.1	19.5	18.9	17.8	18.0	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.6
Nebraska	985.4	981.7	982.2	990.0	36.1	31.8	32.8	30.8	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.1
Nevada	1,223.7	1,269.4	1,285.2	1,301.0	48.7	56.6	53.6	52.7	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.0
New Hampshire	734.0	740.9	739.5	741.3	26.7	26.4	25.5	24.0	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.2
New Jersey	4,448.8	4,474.1	4,493.8	4,476.8	195.1	227.3	236.1	230.7	4.4	5.1	5.3	5.2
New Mexico	940.7	947.6	951.2	954.3	48.2	41.8	40.6	39.6	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.2
New York	9,445.3	9,500.4	9,476.5	9,446.7	477.7	482.9	446.9	411.0	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.4
New York City	3,752.9	3,778.8	3,760.4	3,746.1	221.0	214.8	190.1	169.0	5.9	5.7	5.1	4.5
North Carolina	4,362.2	4,429.5	4,443.8	4,466.7	232.8	214.0	213.4	217.5	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.9
North Dakota	360.1	362.7	362.4	364.9	12.5	12.5	12.6	11.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.1
Ohio	5,908.0	5,937.3	5,936.2	5,971.0	348.4	344.0	341.1	316.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,092.9	1,095.9	1,099.3	1,101.1	61.9	58.7	62.0	57.0	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.2
Oklahoma	1,749.8	1,756.5	1,758.4	1,766.6	77.4	69.9	73.1	70.2	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.0
Oregon	1,863.7	1,886.2	1,887.1	1,892.3	111.9	104.8	103.5	101.7	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.4
Pennsylvania	6,295.2	6,284.3	6,285.2	6,290.0	303.8	300.6	308.9	290.4	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.6
Rhode Island	572.2	580.6	576.8	579.0	29.0	32.5	32.4	30.2	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.2
South Carolina	2,092.2	2,109.5	2,118.6	2,124.7	147.5	130.2	138.2	135.7	7.0	6.2	6.5	6.4
South Dakota	433.2	432.4	434.1	435.8	16.5	13.7	13.7	14.0	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2
Tennessee	2,911.6	2,986.5	2,994.7	2,991.3	161.4	175.5	171.4	137.8	5.5	5.9	5.7	4.6
Texas	11,281.0	11,467.5	11,503.5	11,541.6	604.6	600.6	583.0	548.4	5.4	5.2	5.1	4.8
Utah	1,277.5	1,307.5	1,314.7	1,315.9	55.2	44.0	42.5	36.6	4.3	3.4	3.2	2.8
Vermont	357.1	363.0	364.2	366.2	12.5	12.7	13.4	13.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7
Virginia	3,955.7	4,001.6	4,001.1	4,022.5	140.5	129.2	127.3	127.4	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.2
Washington	3,307.2	3,337.0	3,328.1	3,336.7	184.6	175.5	172.8	177.1	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.3
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,370.6	1,414.4	1,414.1	1,415.0	66.1	59.6	58.7	60.5	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.3
West Virginia	805.1	819.2	821.6	823.4	41.8	43.9	48.4	44.8	5.2	5.4	5.9	5.4
Wisconsin	3,040.9	3,080.5	3,074.2	3,090.0	141.9	154.4	141.7	144.3	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.7
Wyoming	286.8	288.0	291.2	292.6	11.3	8.7	9.5	10.6	3.9	3.0	3.3	3.6
Puerto Rico	1,450.5	1,390.5	1,399.7	1,404.2	156.3	156.8	148.1	152.0	10.8	11.3	10.6	10.8

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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			
	August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Alabama	2,159.3	2,191.6	2,168.3	2,202.2	90.2	84.4	81.3	72.5	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.3
Alaska	345.3	351.9	341.3	348.8	20.1	19.4	20.5	20.7	5.8	5.5	6.0	5.9
Arizona	2,854.6	2,953.4	2,863.8	2,975.9	143.1	111.7	144.7	117.4	5.0	3.8	5.1	3.9
Arkansas	1,373.4	1,391.2	1,375.6	1,384.1	62.7	70.1	60.0	65.9	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.8
California	17,825.2	17,768.0	17,774.0	17,792.2	920.2	863.1	879.4	815.7	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,823.1	4,811.4	4,832.6	4,841.5	245.3	243.2	233.8	232.9	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.8
Colorado	2,567.2	2,668.0	2,562.7	2,662.1	121.5	123.2	121.9	110.9	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.2
Connecticut	1,844.8	1,870.9	1,812.9	1,839.1	89.5	83.1	84.4	81.9	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.5
Delaware	441.3	449.1	436.5	442.6	18.7	17.0	18.3	16.2	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.7
District of Columbia	299.8	295.7	294.0	288.3	18.4	18.0	17.0	17.2	6.1	6.1	5.8	6.0
Florida	8,726.7	9,021.5	8,746.2	9,072.2	328.6	320.6	322.9	310.5	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.4
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,125.3	1,148.5	1,114.6	1,148.8	49.0	49.5	46.1	51.9	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.5
Georgia	4,608.1	4,701.0	4,620.2	4,699.0	244.8	218.5	251.2	214.3	5.3	4.6	5.4	4.6
Hawaii	637.4	651.5	636.9	654.0	17.7	18.3	19.5	17.1	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.6
Idaho	744.3	764.5	739.2	761.5	24.7	22.5	22.0	20.5	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.7
Illinois	6,504.7	6,615.4	6,479.1	6,625.8	357.8	305.8	341.2	273.7	5.5	4.6	5.3	4.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,971.1	4,051.1	3,949.0	4,053.5	229.6	178.0	225.1	168.0	5.8	4.4	5.7	4.1
Indiana	3,230.5	3,259.7	3,222.2	3,259.1	171.1	169.0	162.2	153.6	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.7
Iowa	1,663.7	1,685.9	1,666.3	1,700.8	68.2	55.6	69.6	52.6	4.1	3.3	4.2	3.1
Kansas	1,475.5	1,478.0	1,473.9	1,472.3	73.9	71.5	72.1	61.0	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.1
Kentucky	2,001.8	2,033.6	2,009.5	2,034.1	115.1	111.1	111.7	98.5	5.7	5.5	5.6	4.8
Louisiana	2,134.2	1,860.2	2,024.9	1,858.4	124.0	69.9	239.5	68.1	5.8	3.8	11.8	3.7
Maine	731.1	735.3	718.1	719.2	30.0	29.0	31.5	29.5	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.1
Maryland	2,969.2	3,028.7	2,943.6	2,999.9	122.0	123.2	109.5	110.5	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.7
Massachusetts	3,404.4	3,415.9	3,355.1	3,369.8	154.6	161.0	160.6	169.9	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0
Michigan	5,128.2	5,128.8	5,095.3	5,105.8	315.3	341.7	305.5	339.7	6.1	6.7	6.0	6.7
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,214.7	2,193.8	2,193.8	2,176.1	154.9	154.6	147.1	153.3	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.0
Minnesota	2,962.2	2,970.2	2,947.9	2,956.9	102.2	98.9	110.2	106.5	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.6
Mississippi	1,352.6	1,311.5	1,331.9	1,317.4	100.6	94.5	125.9	90.0	7.4	7.2	9.4	6.8
Missouri	3,020.5	3,058.1	3,012.6	3,051.8	143.1	149.8	146.8	147.3	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.8
Montana	502.2	510.7	492.3	502.7	16.6	14.9	15.3	14.0	3.3	2.9	3.1	2.8
Nebraska	986.5	985.1	978.8	981.1	33.6	30.6	32.5	27.0	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.8
Nevada	1,219.5	1,289.0	1,220.8	1,303.1	47.8	52.3	47.9	52.0	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.0
New Hampshire	743.1	750.0	731.7	737.3	26.0	25.3	25.5	22.3	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.0
New Jersey	4,475.3	4,531.5	4,428.1	4,449.2	188.5	230.7	186.0	219.3	4.2	5.1	4.2	4.9
New Mexico	936.3	952.5	937.2	953.6	47.3	39.9	47.4	39.0	5.1	4.2	5.1	4.1
New York	9,531.3	9,594.8	9,409.7	9,389.2	446.5	435.0	467.2	393.2	4.7	4.5	5.0	4.2
New York City	3,751.9	3,780.5	3,741.4	3,725.0	206.7	191.3	220.3	164.8	5.5	5.1	5.9	4.4
North Carolina	4,363.3	4,473.1	4,359.9	4,461.3	228.0	211.4	211.2	200.4	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.5
North Dakota	369.4	372.1	361.8	365.7	11.2	11.8	9.8	8.6	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.4
Ohio	5,964.5	6,004.0	5,911.2	5,970.8	328.6	326.7	330.7	298.1	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.0
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,113.3	1,118.1	1,095.2	1,099.4	61.0	62.0	61.2	55.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.0
Oklahoma	1,743.4	1,757.8	1,746.5	1,760.4	72.2	70.2	71.9	66.8	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.8
Oregon	1,881.2	1,908.7	1,868.0	1,892.8	110.5	98.7	100.9	90.9	5.9	5.2	5.4	4.8
Pennsylvania	6,357.9	6,362.5	6,291.7	6,275.1	297.2	302.3	280.2	261.2	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.2
Rhode Island	577.5	583.2	575.5	577.5	28.5	32.1	28.7	26.2	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.5
South Carolina	2,101.6	2,139.3	2,089.4	2,120.0	144.5	142.1	145.6	136.3	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.4
South Dakota	439.1	441.2	433.2	435.1	14.9	12.7	14.5	12.3	3.4	2.9	3.3	2.8
Tennessee	2,913.2	3,012.8	2,923.7	2,997.3	160.2	173.7	145.4	129.8	5.5	5.8	5.0	4.3
Texas	11,264.0	11,538.7	11,295.5	11,535.5	587.6	588.7	588.4	540.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.7
Utah	1,277.9	1,325.3	1,275.4	1,317.9	53.7	44.8	52.4	33.8	4.2	3.4	4.1	2.6
Vermont	360.6	368.7	358.1	366.4	10.3	11.5	11.2	12.2	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.3
Virginia	3,972.4	4,030.2	3,949.6	4,011.2	140.6	129.2	136.4	125.7	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.1
Washington	3,308.6	3,337.2	3,303.9	3,325.9	174.2	164.5	166.7	160.5	5.3	4.9	5.0	4.8
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,366.4	1,411.6	1,364.5	1,402.5	60.7	55.4	68.8	62.2	4.4	3.9	5.0	4.4
West Virginia	807.9	827.1	805.1	822.4	38.7	46.6	34.9	38.6	4.8	5.6	4.3	4.7
Wisconsin	3,067.4	3,101.8	3,042.6	3,088.0	132.4	131.6	122.6	125.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1
Wyoming	288.6	294.6	285.7	292.6	9.0	7.5	9.2	8.6	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.9
Puerto Rico	1,428.4	1,392.9	1,442.8	1,406.9	160.3	149.2	153.7	153.0	11.2	10.7	10.6	10.9

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P
Alabama	1,951.7	1,982.2	1,978.9	1,979.7	106.6	110.2	109.4	109.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	310.6	315.0	316.6	315.3	18.6	19.0	18.9	18.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,535.4	2,637.1	2,649.1	2,654.6	224.3	244.4	245.5	247.5	181.7	183.3	182.9	182.8
Arkansas	1,183.2	1,196.1	1,196.4	1,194.6	55.2	56.1	55.8	55.9	200.3	197.2	196.4	195.3
California	14,863.7	14,989.4	15,026.2	15,043.5	915.5	920.0	916.0	916.3	1,507.0	1,507.2	1,509.7	1,513.7
Colorado	2,236.9	2,276.8	2,281.1	2,281.8	163.2	167.7	166.7	167.6	150.2	150.9	151.8	151.4
Connecticut	1,665.4	1,672.6	1,672.3	1,674.0	65.5	63.8	63.8	64.0	194.3	194.9	194.2	193.4
Delaware ³	432.0	436.4	437.5	439.6	27.9	28.9	29.0	29.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	680.2	689.2	691.2	690.2	12.3	12.9	12.9	12.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,874.0	8,070.4	8,090.3	8,104.5	587.4	621.7	618.9	619.7	401.1	399.0	399.7	399.3
Georgia	4,019.8	4,081.3	4,098.2	4,092.6	211.5	217.1	218.3	218.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	606.1	616.7	619.4	623.8	34.2	36.2	36.1	36.1	15.3	15.2	15.4	15.3
Idaho	618.0	641.2	641.9	642.2	46.5	53.0	53.3	53.9	63.3	64.2	64.4	64.0
Illinois	5,881.5	5,946.7	5,951.6	5,952.5	268.8	277.1	275.6	276.4	685.5	680.4	677.9	677.5
Indiana	2,966.8	2,979.5	2,981.8	2,980.2	148.5	151.5	151.2	151.4	569.4	572.9	571.5	570.1
Iowa	1,485.2	1,510.3	1,509.9	1,515.4	71.9	76.8	77.1	77.2	229.8	234.8	235.3	235.3
Kansas	1,332.8	1,341.3	1,343.2	1,341.6	62.8	65.0	64.7	64.8	179.0	180.6	179.2	181.4
Kentucky	1,832.1	1,843.9	1,850.7	1,850.6	84.5	86.8	86.4	86.7	262.1	254.9	258.3	258.1
Louisiana	1,730.5	1,780.5	1,787.7	1,790.0	95.9	109.2	111.1	112.3	144.0	143.9	145.2	146.7
Maine	611.6	614.5	614.2	613.8	30.7	31.5	31.3	31.1	60.4	59.2	58.8	58.2
Maryland ³	2,568.8	2,582.4	2,586.6	2,596.1	187.1	186.1	186.9	187.0	140.1	138.3	138.1	137.5
Massachusetts	3,195.1	3,225.7	3,224.8	3,228.2	140.5	142.8	142.1	142.3	303.0	307.4	306.5	305.0
Michigan	4,396.3	4,343.9	4,361.2	4,363.4	192.8	191.8	192.9	193.3	681.9	632.0	644.4	643.6
Minnesota	2,714.2	2,783.5	2,783.2	2,770.5	128.8	130.2	130.4	130.4	344.7	347.9	348.8	346.5
Mississippi	1,112.7	1,135.3	1,141.0	1,144.0	52.4	55.5	56.4	57.2	173.0	176.3	175.5	174.8
Missouri	2,733.9	2,762.4	2,762.5	2,754.3	142.2	142.1	143.3	144.4	307.0	304.8	299.3	300.9
Montana	423.5	436.5	436.1	435.9	28.4	30.3	30.1	29.9	19.3	19.8	20.0	20.1
Nebraska ³	936.6	955.8	954.3	953.1	47.9	45.9	46.1	45.9	101.3	103.7	103.7	102.5
Nevada	1,239.3	1,294.5	1,295.7	1,303.3	139.3	149.9	150.4	152.3	48.1	49.6	49.7	49.8
New Hampshire	637.1	640.8	641.2	642.2	29.8	31.5	31.2	31.3	78.8	76.5	76.7	76.4
New Jersey	4,059.4	4,080.3	4,081.5	4,084.5	170.8	171.2	171.6	171.8	327.2	317.2	316.0	315.3
New Mexico	814.7	832.4	835.6	838.9	55.4	59.6	59.6	59.8	36.0	37.4	37.0	37.2
New York	8,550.4	8,608.2	8,623.3	8,624.3	324.1	330.8	331.0	331.9	576.0	560.6	560.6	558.5
North Carolina	3,931.3	3,980.3	3,990.9	4,001.6	233.7	241.0	242.4	243.2	565.1	559.4	559.5	556.6
North Dakota	346.8	351.0	350.8	352.9	17.5	17.1	17.0	17.3	26.1	26.3	26.3	26.3
Ohio	5,436.8	5,458.3	5,457.0	5,454.5	233.2	238.2	235.9	236.5	810.4	803.7	802.7	804.3
Oklahoma	1,520.4	1,538.2	1,538.8	1,541.9	66.1	68.2	68.4	67.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,672.0	1,715.3	1,719.6	1,723.5	92.9	100.8	102.0	102.4	203.6	210.7	210.0	210.7
Pennsylvania	5,717.6	5,758.8	5,759.5	5,764.6	255.2	257.8	258.2	259.0	680.3	668.4	666.5	664.7
Rhode Island	492.3	494.9	493.7	494.2	22.0	23.0	23.2	23.1	54.6	54.5	53.1	53.0
South Carolina	1,858.5	1,910.9	1,911.5	1,911.2	117.0	125.4	125.6	126.4	259.2	258.3	255.8	252.6
South Dakota	391.5	399.3	401.4	401.9	21.2	22.3	22.2	21.9	40.2	42.5	42.5	42.8
Tennessee	2,748.3	2,779.6	2,779.9	2,781.1	121.0	124.2	124.2	124.3	406.6	401.4	401.0	402.0
Texas	9,794.2	9,972.2	10,005.2	10,020.4	571.8	602.1	607.5	610.0	901.2	901.1	906.2	909.6
Utah	1,161.2	1,204.3	1,212.1	1,219.5	84.0	95.2	96.8	98.7	118.1	121.9	122.0	122.1
Vermont	305.5	308.2	308.4	309.1	17.0	17.9	18.0	18.0	36.7	36.5	36.4	36.3
Virginia	3,692.6	3,727.6	3,739.8	3,747.8	247.7	260.2	261.5	262.2	294.7	297.9	299.3	295.4
Washington	2,783.1	2,867.6	2,869.6	2,879.3	180.7	194.5	193.4	195.3	260.8	284.2	284.0	285.2
West Virginia	749.0	753.8	755.0	756.9	37.1	39.9	40.3	39.7	61.2	61.4	61.5	61.5
Wisconsin	2,846.2	2,869.4	2,865.6	2,868.9	129.8	134.5	135.6	136.3	507.8	507.9	506.8	508.0
Wyoming	264.9	273.8	275.2	275.7	20.7	22.3	23.0	23.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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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			
	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P
Alabama	382.2	383.7	383.7	384.1	98.5	98.6	98.5	98.5	210.2	215.7	215.7	215.9
Alaska	63.4	64.3	64.8	64.4	14.9	15.0	14.9	15.1	24.1	24.6	24.5	24.5
Arizona	489.0	511.3	511.4	512.4	176.8	182.2	182.3	183.0	376.1	398.4	399.1	399.5
Arkansas	246.4	248.4	249.0	249.1	51.8	52.7	52.7	52.7	111.8	116.0	116.2	116.4
California	2,831.4	2,837.9	2,839.4	2,838.5	933.6	942.6	944.8	945.8	2,168.6	2,198.1	2,203.9	2,206.4
Colorado	416.0	419.0	419.6	418.9	159.4	161.2	161.2	161.4	318.0	331.4	330.4	330.7
Connecticut	311.2	309.8	309.5	309.8	142.9	143.9	144.5	144.7	200.8	204.1	203.3	203.6
Delaware ³	81.9	82.8	82.9	82.7	44.8	44.1	44.3	44.2	62.6	63.4	63.8	64.4
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	148.6	151.4	151.5	151.4
Florida	1,577.0	1,608.1	1,608.1	1,609.3	530.9	543.9	542.9	544.7	1,340.5	1,386.2	1,401.0	1,403.6
Georgia	855.3	876.4	873.2	871.6	226.3	229.8	230.1	230.9	540.5	549.4	550.1	549.4
Hawaii ³	119.2	122.3	122.3	122.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	124.4	127.4	127.6	127.4	30.2	32.2	31.9	31.9	77.9	82.3	81.7	81.2
Illinois	1,189.8	1,199.7	1,201.4	1,202.8	404.7	412.6	414.0	412.6	827.4	853.9	856.4	857.9
Indiana	586.1	587.1	588.1	588.8	139.1	141.5	141.5	142.1	276.9	275.9	276.3	277.3
Iowa	307.1	308.8	307.9	308.7	98.7	100.7	100.3	101.1	113.8	118.1	117.9	118.7
Kansas	260.2	257.9	258.3	258.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	132.4	132.1	132.8	132.4
Kentucky	378.2	383.2	382.0	382.3	88.1	88.2	88.7	88.5	173.8	173.9	175.7	176.8
Louisiana	349.8	365.7	367.1	368.0	92.0	95.2	94.8	95.8	164.2	174.0	173.9	175.1
Maine	125.1	124.9	124.6	125.1	34.1	34.3	34.2	34.1	50.4	52.0	52.1	52.1
Maryland ³	472.7	471.8	472.2	471.4	158.7	161.1	161.1	160.8	387.6	393.6	394.4	394.8
Massachusetts	568.6	567.9	568.3	567.6	222.3	226.0	225.2	225.7	462.6	469.7	470.0	472.1
Michigan	802.4	793.1	791.5	789.1	218.6	220.0	219.5	220.3	585.4	598.6	603.1	603.0
Minnesota	526.6	535.2	532.1	531.1	177.8	180.4	180.6	181.3	302.7	320.9	320.7	321.5
Mississippi	216.9	226.0	225.7	226.0	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	86.9	89.9	89.7	90.2
Missouri	540.2	548.6	551.8	549.5	165.1	167.1	166.8	166.8	323.4	325.2	324.8	325.3
Montana	87.8	89.4	89.7	89.9	21.6	22.5	22.6	22.6	35.5	37.0	37.3	37.1
Nebraska ³	200.2	202.5	202.3	201.8	64.9	66.8	67.2	67.2	96.9	101.4	100.4	99.6
Nevada	218.3	228.4	228.8	229.7	66.0	68.0	68.4	68.8	146.0	160.3	159.5	160.1
New Hampshire	141.1	142.4	142.3	142.0	39.5	40.5	40.6	40.8	60.0	61.2	60.9	61.0
New Jersey	886.0	885.3	883.6	884.7	282.0	283.1	283.5	284.2	595.8	603.1	604.8	605.0
New Mexico	140.8	141.6	142.0	142.3	35.1	35.7	35.6	35.9	93.1	95.4	96.3	96.5
New York	1,501.1	1,513.6	1,516.0	1,511.5	717.7	726.5	728.0	729.0	1,089.6	1,100.4	1,103.6	1,103.1
North Carolina	735.1	733.5	736.1	735.3	198.2	205.4	205.1	206.6	448.1	453.8	455.9	457.3
North Dakota	75.0	76.4	76.6	76.8	18.9	19.6	19.5	19.7	26.6	27.5	27.0	27.0
Ohio	1,043.8	1,041.5	1,037.9	1,034.5	310.2	311.3	311.1	310.8	646.3	650.2	653.8	655.6
Oklahoma	281.7	282.0	283.3	284.2	84.4	84.9	85.1	85.3	172.1	173.7	173.3	172.8
Oregon	330.4	338.4	341.2	341.9	103.3	107.4	107.3	108.0	187.6	193.8	192.7	195.1
Pennsylvania	1,127.0	1,134.8	1,136.2	1,132.1	336.6	335.6	335.9	336.4	657.9	671.2	672.0	672.4
Rhode Island	79.9	79.4	79.6	79.1	34.6	36.2	36.7	36.9	55.6	56.5	56.6	56.8
South Carolina	356.6	368.6	367.6	367.8	98.2	102.7	103.2	103.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	79.0	80.0	80.3	80.4	28.7	29.3	29.4	29.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	599.1	608.2	608.8	609.1	143.6	144.1	144.2	144.5	311.3	315.5	314.9	314.2
Texas	2,004.3	2,032.4	2,037.8	2,040.5	614.6	628.7	629.6	632.9	1,168.5	1,215.4	1,220.6	1,217.2
Utah	228.3	232.4	234.7	236.2	68.2	71.3	71.6	72.1	149.1	158.2	157.4	159.4
Vermont	59.5	59.7	59.3	59.7	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.2	21.7	22.4	22.2	22.3
Virginia	660.0	656.9	657.5	657.1	193.4	195.7	197.3	196.9	613.4	624.1	627.2	626.8
Washington	534.2	543.0	544.2	545.1	155.4	157.7	157.8	158.9	321.1	340.3	339.3	341.0
West Virginia	139.5	139.8	141.0	141.5	29.9	29.8	29.5	29.7	58.8	59.1	59.6	59.7
Wisconsin	539.9	537.6	537.5	538.8	159.0	159.2	159.2	159.2	259.2	268.3	268.0	268.3
Wyoming	51.0	52.8	52.7	52.9	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	16.0	16.9	16.9	16.9

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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			
	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P	Sept. 2005	July 2006	Aug. 2006	Sept. 2006P
Alabama	201.4	206.7	206.2	206.4	165.7	170.6	170.3	170.4	362.9	369.1	368.6	366.8
Alaska	35.8	36.3	36.4	36.4	31.0	32.1	32.2	31.9	81.2	80.9	81.7	81.6
Arizona	277.5	285.8	287.2	289.2	257.2	269.3	271.1	271.8	405.4	410.3	417.3	415.7
Arkansas	147.2	149.9	150.7	150.8	94.8	95.9	96.0	96.5	206.4	209.1	208.9	207.2
California	1,590.1	1,609.4	1,614.8	1,619.4	1,478.8	1,513.9	1,517.4	1,521.3	2,423.6	2,447.8	2,458.6	2,459.0
Colorado	225.6	229.2	230.3	229.7	257.4	264.3	264.7	265.8	364.0	368.6	371.4	371.9
Connecticut	274.2	276.9	277.2	278.2	130.5	132.4	133.0	132.4	244.4	245.0	245.0	246.1
Delaware ³	53.9	56.0	55.1	55.4	40.8	41.5	41.2	41.5	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.3
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	54.8	55.6	56.3	56.7	232.3	234.2	234.4	231.0
Florida	941.2	966.9	971.3	973.6	895.2	927.9	924.3	928.4	1,085.3	1,097.5	1,104.3	1,104.2
Georgia	425.7	437.8	439.4	438.1	371.2	377.9	381.3	383.6	652.8	658.6	668.4	666.5
Hawaii ³	70.1	70.6	70.9	71.2	106.9	108.3	108.7	108.7	120.3	119.9	120.6	123.5
Idaho	68.6	71.3	71.2	70.9	57.6	60.5	60.5	61.0	115.5	115.6	116.6	116.7
Illinois	749.2	755.6	756.9	756.9	515.3	531.7	534.1	533.2	853.2	848.6	848.5	849.9
Indiana	379.8	383.5	382.8	381.3	277.8	283.5	282.5	282.2	431.6	424.1	428.7	427.0
Iowa	196.6	200.4	200.9	201.9	129.7	132.5	132.5	133.1	246.2	248.3	248.5	249.6
Kansas	165.0	164.9	165.1	165.7	110.3	110.5	110.5	110.8	252.4	260.3	263.1	258.3
Kentucky	236.0	241.5	241.0	240.8	166.1	169.9	170.2	171.1	315.4	316.8	319.6	317.5
Louisiana	207.7	215.1	214.4	215.1	165.0	173.2	175.0	176.2	378.7	369.3	371.0	365.0
Maine	112.5	113.8	113.9	113.8	59.0	58.9	59.3	59.3	105.6	106.2	106.5	106.6
Maryland ³	354.9	365.6	367.6	366.2	230.7	235.5	236.8	239.6	468.3	462.0	461.2	470.4
Massachusetts	590.8	598.0	600.3	600.5	292.1	293.9	293.9	294.8	407.4	410.3	409.1	411.3
Michigan	571.9	573.5	575.8	579.7	410.9	404.1	407.6	413.5	678.2	677.5	672.4	666.8
Minnesota	389.2	403.7	405.0	400.7	241.2	251.4	252.4	251.3	419.3	426.9	426.0	420.5
Mississippi	120.4	122.2	123.6	124.0	118.8	116.7	118.9	120.6	240.5	243.1	245.5	246.7
Missouri	368.6	377.0	374.5	373.4	272.9	274.6	274.2	273.7	428.2	436.5	442.0	436.3
Montana	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	55.4	57.4	57.6	58.2	85.8	88.0	86.9	86.5
Nebraska ³	128.1	133.7	134.4	133.1	79.0	81.9	81.6	80.8	161.7	164.2	162.8	166.4
Nevada	85.0	88.4	88.5	88.7	332.5	338.4	338.7	339.4	144.1	148.2	148.0	150.2
New Hampshire	98.9	100.9	101.4	101.0	64.6	64.8	65.3	66.3	89.0	87.9	87.5	88.2
New Jersey	560.8	572.3	572.7	573.7	335.1	344.6	345.9	345.4	644.8	647.2	646.8	647.7
New Mexico	106.2	109.3	110.0	110.4	84.3	85.7	86.0	86.3	202.5	203.9	205.0	205.9
New York	1,549.2	1,566.1	1,569.5	1,572.6	668.6	678.5	681.4	684.2	1,489.6	1,493.4	1,495.4	1,497.9
North Carolina	467.0	484.3	485.2	485.0	354.5	361.3	363.3	368.2	667.7	679.6	681.9	684.4
North Dakota	49.1	49.8	50.0	49.8	31.4	32.2	32.0	32.3	75.5	74.0	75.0	76.7
Ohio	765.4	774.8	775.9	775.2	500.9	510.7	509.8	512.5	800.4	802.6	804.7	800.9
Oklahoma	184.1	186.6	186.2	186.9	132.4	132.1	132.1	133.1	312.8	321.7	322.2	322.2
Oregon	201.2	207.3	209.7	206.6	164.8	165.0	164.4	164.7	286.1	289.1	290.4	292.9
Pennsylvania	1,035.2	1,058.9	1,060.3	1,065.3	485.1	492.1	492.7	493.1	744.1	744.4	742.6	746.3
Rhode Island	96.2	95.5	95.5	96.3	50.2	50.9	50.8	50.7	64.9	65.5	65.0	64.7
South Carolina	185.9	191.6	191.9	188.8	199.2	205.1	207.7	206.8	328.5	333.8	340.5	342.8
South Dakota	58.1	58.5	59.0	59.3	41.6	42.7	43.4	43.0	74.8	74.8	75.0	75.1
Tennessee	331.3	339.4	340.3	338.6	264.5	271.4	271.7	272.9	415.5	417.8	418.3	418.9
Texas	1,191.8	1,211.9	1,214.8	1,219.6	908.1	926.2	927.4	927.0	1,690.4	1,710.3	1,714.8	1,715.1
Utah	129.7	133.9	134.5	135.3	104.7	107.3	108.0	109.0	203.5	205.5	208.2	207.4
Vermont	54.4	55.2	55.4	55.5	32.9	33.5	33.1	33.0	53.1	53.0	53.5	53.8
Virginia	398.4	407.9	408.8	408.1	329.9	331.8	333.8	339.1	668.3	671.6	673.7	677.8
Washington	332.0	335.5	336.1	338.2	263.8	271.3	271.6	271.0	527.2	530.0	531.9	532.2
West Virginia	114.3	114.4	114.7	115.0	69.6	70.9	70.6	70.7	144.3	142.2	142.1	143.8
Wisconsin	391.7	402.1	399.0	398.0	259.9	265.1	263.6	265.7	410.9	403.4	404.2	402.0
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	32.2	32.3	32.2	32.4	65.6	65.7	65.7	65.7

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

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

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.
P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2005 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	1,945.6	1,972.2	1,954.3	1,980.3	13.0	13.4	13.2	13.6	106.9	109.9	107.5	110.4	298.4	300.5	299.1	299.9
Alaska	332.9	337.3	325.5	330.1	11.2	12.2	11.2	12.4	22.7	22.9	21.7	21.8	19.3	19.0	15.0	14.7
Arizona	2,501.7	2,623.0	2,533.8	2,652.8	8.2	10.8	8.2	10.9	224.2	247.0	225.5	248.7	182.4	183.4	181.9	182.9
Arkansas	1,176.2	1,192.0	1,192.8	1,204.3	7.3	7.6	7.3	7.7	56.6	57.7	56.9	57.6	200.6	197.0	201.0	196.0
California	14,780.4	14,970.8	14,885.8	15,052.9	24.4	25.5	24.5	25.5	936.3	944.0	940.1	941.3	1,528.3	1,528.4	1,526.2	1,529.0
Colorado	2,241.5	2,288.8	2,247.3	2,288.1	17.9	20.6	17.9	20.5	169.6	174.0	168.5	172.1	151.5	151.8	150.8	151.4
Connecticut	1,652.2	1,662.3	1,668.3	1,676.3	.8	.8	.8	.8	70.0	68.1	68.7	67.0	194.5	193.5	194.2	193.3
Delaware	433.0	439.6	434.4	441.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	28.5	29.8	28.4	30.0	34.0	33.5	33.9	33.5
District of Columbia ..	683.7	694.5	678.5	687.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.7	13.2	12.4	12.9	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.2
Florida	7,813.6	8,052.9	7,839.9	8,068.4	7.3	7.5	7.2	7.5	584.3	621.2	588.2	620.5	399.9	398.2	400.2	398.5
Georgia	4,033.9	4,109.3	4,032.9	4,104.1	12.3	12.4	12.1	12.2	213.9	221.1	213.6	219.7	451.4	451.5	451.5	450.5
Hawaii	600.0	613.3	603.0	619.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	34.3	36.2	34.7	36.3	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.3
Idaho	621.4	648.1	629.1	653.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	49.2	57.5	49.3	57.0	63.9	65.4	64.0	65.1
Illinois	5,907.5	5,971.2	5,920.9	5,985.5	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3	285.9	293.3	285.6	293.1	689.8	678.8	688.9	678.7
Indiana	2,940.4	2,960.6	3,001.0	3,004.8	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	156.8	158.4	155.4	156.2	573.3	574.6	572.8	571.9
Iowa	1,471.7	1,498.8	1,494.9	1,522.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	78.6	83.7	76.6	82.0	231.1	236.6	230.7	236.1
Kansas	1,317.5	1,321.1	1,339.3	1,346.9	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	66.2	68.1	64.8	66.9	180.1	179.2	179.3	181.1
Kentucky	1,834.2	1,850.5	1,841.9	1,857.8	21.9	23.5	22.2	23.5	88.2	89.1	87.6	89.1	262.4	258.2	263.2	258.3
Louisiana	1,944.7	1,772.4	1,728.7	1,787.8	46.3	48.2	46.5	48.6	121.7	110.0	95.5	111.7	155.0	145.4	144.6	147.3
Maine	623.1	625.4	622.5	625.3	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	33.1	33.7	32.6	33.1	62.1	59.5	61.1	58.6
Maryland	2,563.5	2,602.5	2,579.9	2,603.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	191.0	192.5	191.1	191.8	140.9	138.5	140.4	137.9
Massachusetts	3,199.8	3,221.0	3,220.6	3,243.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	149.7	150.1	148.3	148.2	304.4	306.8	304.1	305.5
Michigan	4,350.7	4,333.7	4,430.3	4,397.1	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.8	207.7	208.6	204.6	205.1	677.8	646.9	685.4	647.0
Minnesota	2,715.0	2,788.9	2,724.3	2,781.4	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.4	144.1	146.3	141.9	143.6	349.7	354.6	346.8	348.5
Mississippi	1,134.6	1,140.2	1,117.9	1,146.5	8.8	9.3	8.7	9.3	52.2	57.4	53.7	57.8	178.4	175.5	172.6	174.6
Missouri	2,727.9	2,748.4	2,752.5	2,768.8	5.3	5.0	5.3	5.1	147.9	149.8	146.9	149.1	308.9	300.6	308.2	301.3
Montana	428.1	441.4	429.9	443.0	8.2	8.6	8.0	8.4	30.9	33.0	30.5	32.6	19.7	20.3	19.4	20.1
Nebraska	935.2	950.1	940.0	953.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	50.9	49.1	49.9	48.1	101.5	103.9	101.3	102.8
Nevada	1,228.9	1,293.5	1,245.7	1,309.1	11.0	11.7	10.9	11.7	140.0	153.6	142.1	155.2	47.9	49.7	48.2	49.7
New Hampshire	640.5	644.9	642.3	647.5	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	31.7	33.0	31.1	32.6	79.3	76.7	78.7	76.3
New Jersey	4,053.5	4,083.6	4,056.7	4,082.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	176.7	179.6	177.0	178.0	327.7	316.5	328.3	316.4
New Mexico	809.8	835.9	819.3	844.0	17.1	18.7	17.5	18.9	56.5	61.8	56.1	61.1	36.8	38.5	37.1	38.5
New York	8,509.3	8,592.6	8,548.2	8,615.7	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	344.4	352.8	342.4	350.2	581.4	563.2	580.3	563.2
North Carolina	3,922.0	3,992.4	3,957.6	4,019.1	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	235.7	245.5	236.0	245.1	565.1	560.7	567.3	557.9
North Dakota	342.3	347.1	351.2	357.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6	20.3	19.8	19.7	19.5	26.4	26.5	26.3	26.5
Ohio	5,438.3	5,461.6	5,466.1	5,479.7	11.6	10.7	11.7	10.7	250.0	251.7	246.9	248.7	813.8	805.3	813.4	805.3
Oklahoma	1,509.5	1,529.7	1,527.2	1,546.9	36.6	39.7	36.9	39.9	67.6	70.2	67.4	69.2	146.1	147.3	146.1	148.0
Oregon	1,663.5	1,715.5	1,680.0	1,729.3	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.7	97.2	107.0	97.8	107.1	208.4	214.4	207.7	214.3
Pennsylvania	5,683.7	5,737.2	5,740.3	5,787.8	20.1	20.2	20.1	20.0	271.4	275.1	268.5	271.9	686.5	671.6	683.3	668.3
Rhode Island	492.7	494.3	497.5	498.5	.3	.4	.3	.3	23.7	24.8	23.5	24.5	55.1	53.2	55.1	53.4
South Carolina	1,865.2	1,907.9	1,864.0	1,914.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	119.0	127.1	117.9	127.1	260.6	256.1	259.4	253.3
South Dakota	396.4	406.3	394.4	404.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	23.6	24.7	22.7	23.4	40.2	42.3	40.3	42.5
Tennessee	2,750.3	2,783.8	2,765.0	2,798.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.4	124.7	128.0	124.4	127.7	407.0	402.8	409.2	404.5
Texas	9,737.4	9,975.1	9,825.0	10,038.1	168.7	178.9	169.9	180.7	573.4	614.3	577.7	614.5	904.9	909.1	905.2	912.1
Utah	1,152.2	1,207.3	1,168.6	1,226.8	8.9	10.5	9.0	10.6	86.9	101.6	87.6	102.3	118.4	122.3	118.4	122.5
Vermont	300.5	303.6	307.8	311.0	.9	.9	.9	.8	19.0	19.8	18.3	19.3	37.1	36.7	36.8	36.5
Virginia	3,669.7	3,728.6	3,701.1	3,753.5	10.9	11.1	10.9	11.2	252.8	266.2	251.5	265.6	296.5	299.6	295.8	295.7
Washington	2,789.5	2,873.3	2,802.0	2,896.2	9.1	8.4	9.1	8.3	188.0	203.8	189.1	203.9	278.1	287.9	264.7	289.0
West Virginia	749.6	757.1	752.6	760.8	26.4	27.9	26.7	27.6	38.8	42.0	39.4	41.4	61.6	61.7	61.5	61.7
Wisconsin	2,854.1	2,885.3	2,864.7	2,887.9	4.3	4.9	4.2	4.7	140.9	146.8	137.4	143.8	516.1	515.4	511.6	511.8
Wyoming	271.4	282.8	270.6	281.6	23.4	26.9	23.5	26.8	22.8	25.2	22.5	25.0	9.8	10.2	9.8	10.4
Puerto Rico	1,029.2	1,028.2	1,034.0	1,031.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	64.2	68.3	63.8	67.7	114.6	107.7	114.0	107.3

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

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	380.5	382.8	379.8	381.9	31.0	30.7	30.8	30.6	98.4	99.0	98.6	98.7	210.6	217.4	212.1	217.9
Alaska	68.7	69.6	66.5	67.4	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.0	15.4	15.5	15.2	15.4	25.8	26.2	25.0	25.5
Arizona	483.8	507.0	483.9	507.1	44.8	44.1	44.8	43.8	175.6	181.8	176.3	182.4	373.8	399.3	377.4	400.9
Arkansas	245.4	248.8	246.5	249.3	20.1	20.5	20.0	20.4	52.1	53.1	52.2	53.1	113.3	118.1	113.6	118.2
California	2,817.0	2,836.3	2,829.5	2,839.6	480.8	473.9	478.7	474.9	934.9	946.9	934.5	946.6	2,167.6	2,215.4	2,179.4	2,217.4
Colorado	414.4	420.3	415.3	417.7	77.0	75.6	76.7	75.1	159.3	162.1	159.1	161.1	323.3	337.8	321.7	335.4
Connecticut	305.4	305.3	309.4	309.3	38.1	37.6	37.7	37.4	144.4	145.6	143.1	144.7	202.2	205.1	203.1	205.4
Delaware	82.1	82.8	81.8	82.5	6.6	7.5	6.6	7.5	45.6	44.8	45.0	44.4	62.4	64.0	62.5	64.8
District of Columbia ..	27.5	27.9	27.5	28.2	22.5	24.5	22.4	24.1	29.9	30.9	30.0	31.0	148.9	152.1	148.5	151.7
Florida	1,559.8	1,594.1	1,561.9	1,593.2	169.7	169.5	168.5	168.8	529.5	544.3	531.0	544.9	1,330.2	1,397.8	1,336.3	1,399.1
Georgia	855.5	872.2	853.6	870.1	115.4	115.4	115.5	115.0	225.9	231.3	225.7	230.5	543.4	556.7	544.7	554.0
Hawaii	118.4	122.0	119.0	122.4	10.9	11.1	10.9	11.0	29.5	30.2	29.5	30.2	74.7	77.9	74.5	78.3
Idaho	125.1	129.0	125.5	128.9	11.2	11.5	11.3	11.5	30.4	32.5	30.4	32.4	79.9	84.2	79.7	83.5
Illinois	1,187.4	1,199.0	1,189.0	1,201.0	118.9	117.0	117.9	116.9	407.2	414.7	404.9	412.7	841.2	868.2	842.3	870.4
Indiana	585.8	588.0	585.8	587.4	40.7	41.2	40.0	40.8	140.6	142.5	139.5	141.9	280.4	280.8	281.2	280.9
Iowa	307.7	309.8	307.3	309.1	33.0	32.2	33.1	32.3	98.9	101.1	98.6	101.0	114.2	118.9	115.0	119.7
Kansas	261.1	258.2	260.6	258.8	39.4	37.6	39.2	37.5	71.0	71.2	70.7	71.2	134.0	134.3	133.6	133.4
Kentucky	378.1	381.9	377.6	381.5	29.5	29.5	29.2	29.3	88.5	89.3	88.1	88.8	173.6	177.2	175.7	178.5
Louisiana	385.5	366.0	347.9	365.9	30.5	28.4	28.2	28.2	100.9	95.1	92.2	96.0	191.9	173.0	163.9	174.8
Maine	127.8	128.1	125.8	126.2	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.3	34.7	34.8	34.0	34.1	51.9	53.4	50.9	52.5
Maryland	472.3	471.9	471.9	470.8	50.6	50.2	50.4	49.6	159.7	162.5	158.8	161.1	389.7	400.2	390.1	397.3
Massachusetts	568.4	567.0	567.2	566.6	88.2	88.2	87.6	87.7	224.9	228.1	222.8	225.5	468.6	477.3	467.5	476.5
Michigan	807.5	794.1	802.1	788.5	67.9	67.1	66.6	66.4	220.9	222.6	218.3	220.0	600.1	616.2	598.9	616.9
Minnesota	528.0	533.4	525.0	529.6	59.2	61.4	59.2	60.7	178.9	181.8	178.1	181.6	307.4	326.2	306.3	325.4
Mississippi	222.8	224.8	216.9	224.1	14.3	13.8	14.0	13.6	46.7	46.1	45.9	46.0	87.1	90.4	87.0	90.3
Missouri	540.1	549.6	539.7	548.7	62.7	61.1	62.3	60.6	166.3	167.8	165.7	167.2	322.9	328.3	324.4	327.8
Montana	88.8	91.0	88.2	90.4	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.8	21.9	22.8	21.7	22.6	36.8	38.9	36.2	38.2
Nebraska	200.0	201.7	199.9	200.7	20.4	19.6	20.2	19.4	65.1	67.5	64.8	67.1	97.4	100.3	97.2	99.7
Nevada	216.2	227.8	218.5	229.4	14.4	14.6	14.1	14.6	65.8	68.6	66.3	68.9	145.8	160.3	146.5	161.4
New Hampshire	141.8	143.1	141.2	142.1	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.9	39.9	41.0	39.5	40.8	61.2	62.2	60.9	61.9
New Jersey	879.5	879.6	881.9	880.6	97.6	94.6	97.0	94.1	284.3	286.0	281.8	284.0	603.6	613.5	601.9	611.2
New Mexico	140.7	142.4	140.7	142.5	14.7	15.6	14.4	15.6	35.2	35.9	35.1	35.9	93.2	97.1	93.4	97.2
New York	1,492.6	1,505.5	1,502.1	1,509.8	271.6	271.0	271.4	270.2	724.1	734.2	717.1	728.9	1,095.9	1,114.4	1,094.3	1,109.5
North Carolina	737.7	739.7	734.2	736.4	76.6	77.8	76.5	77.2	200.6	207.6	199.7	206.8	448.8	461.0	451.1	461.0
North Dakota	74.3	76.4	74.5	76.3	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.7	19.1	19.6	18.9	19.7	27.5	27.5	27.0	27.4
Ohio	1,043.4	1,040.3	1,040.0	1,033.8	90.2	89.2	89.6	89.0	312.2	314.3	310.3	311.7	654.0	662.2	655.5	662.5
Oklahoma	280.1	282.3	280.4	283.0	30.1	29.7	29.8	29.3	84.9	85.4	84.6	85.0	173.0	175.4	174.2	175.0
Oregon	331.4	342.2	332.7	343.3	33.8	32.6	33.8	32.3	104.8	108.6	104.3	108.8	191.1	197.4	191.7	198.6
Pennsylvania	1,118.7	1,126.7	1,123.1	1,128.7	109.4	109.1	111.6	107.6	340.1	339.1	336.2	336.4	665.6	681.9	663.1	679.2
Rhode Island	80.0	79.3	80.2	79.5	10.7	10.3	10.6	10.2	34.7	36.9	34.6	36.9	56.7	57.7	56.9	58.0
South Carolina	359.9	367.0	355.1	366.7	27.1	29.1	26.8	28.7	99.2	104.4	98.2	103.7	207.3	210.3	207.7	210.8
South Dakota	80.2	81.7	78.7	80.3	6.9	7.2	6.9	7.0	28.7	29.7	28.7	29.9	24.9	26.2	24.2	25.8
Tennessee	597.8	607.8	599.2	609.1	49.6	49.7	49.0	49.1	144.2	145.1	143.9	144.8	313.8	316.7	314.1	317.0
Texas	2,005.5	2,040.4	2,002.4	2,036.6	223.6	220.4	223.5	219.0	615.4	633.1	615.8	634.6	1,166.2	1,230.4	1,176.3	1,223.9
Utah	227.7	235.4	228.0	235.9	33.0	34.0	32.9	34.0	68.1	71.6	68.1	71.8	150.1	160.3	150.5	161.6
Vermont	59.2	59.7	59.0	59.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	13.4	13.5	13.2	13.2	22.3	22.9	22.0	22.7
Virginia	658.2	658.5	656.8	655.7	93.5	91.1	92.8	90.6	195.3	198.0	193.8	196.6	615.4	633.8	615.5	629.9
Washington	537.2	548.1	537.6	548.0	96.7	100.4	96.0	100.2	157.2	159.2	156.8	159.8	324.7	344.5	326.2	345.6
West Virginia	139.6	141.9	139.7	142.3	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.8	30.1	29.7	29.9	29.8	59.6	59.6	59.2	59.8
Wisconsin	542.8	539.9	539.6	538.5	49.6	48.8	49.0	48.9	159.8	160.2	159.1	159.3	266.3	275.8	265.2	274.5
Wyoming	52.4	54.3	51.7	53.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	10.9	11.4	10.9	11.1	17.0	17.8	16.4	17.1
Puerto Rico	186.1	182.6	185.7	181.9	22.4	23.5	22.8	23.3	48.8	50.7	49.2	50.7	104.2	104.6	103.1	104.2

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

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	August		September		August		September		August		September		August		September	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	200.0	205.0	201.4	206.4	169.6	173.7	167.3	171.3	81.7	82.5	81.6	82.2	355.5	357.3	362.9	367.4
Alaska	35.6	36.5	35.5	36.3	38.1	38.7	35.0	35.6	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.8	77.5	77.8	81.9	82.2
Arizona	274.8	285.8	277.0	288.7	250.2	265.1	252.7	267.3	94.1	97.7	94.3	97.9	389.8	401.0	411.8	422.2
Arkansas	145.8	148.9	147.9	151.4	97.1	99.4	96.4	98.2	42.4	43.1	42.3	42.9	195.5	197.8	208.7	209.5
California	1,553.0	1,585.9	1,581.9	1,611.3	1,508.1	1,547.7	1,494.5	1,534.1	512.2	522.3	514.7	522.9	2,317.8	2,344.5	2,381.8	2,410.3
Colorado	224.4	228.8	225.1	229.3	269.5	275.2	258.7	264.9	89.5	90.2	88.6	89.1	345.1	352.4	364.9	371.5
Connecticut	265.7	270.1	272.9	277.3	139.4	141.8	133.3	134.8	63.6	64.3	62.7	62.7	228.1	230.1	242.4	243.6
Delaware	53.0	54.5	53.8	55.3	44.7	45.2	43.1	43.3	19.9	20.6	19.7	20.3	56.2	56.9	59.6	60.1
District of Columbia ..	85.7	88.1	91.4	93.0	54.1	55.8	55.0	56.5	59.2	59.5	58.7	59.0	241.1	240.3	230.6	229.3
Florida	935.6	965.1	940.7	972.8	878.1	911.5	873.8	906.2	337.5	340.8	335.5	341.2	1,081.7	1,102.9	1,096.6	1,115.7
Georgia	425.8	438.3	426.9	439.1	379.1	389.9	373.5	386.1	161.2	160.8	159.1	158.7	650.0	659.7	656.7	668.2
Hawaii	68.9	69.7	70.1	71.0	107.1	109.1	107.2	108.8	25.2	25.9	25.3	25.9	115.7	115.9	116.5	120.1
Idaho	67.4	70.0	68.9	71.1	62.1	65.2	60.3	63.5	19.0	19.7	18.6	19.8	108.5	108.4	116.3	116.2
Illinois	740.9	750.7	748.7	756.7	537.7	554.6	530.5	543.6	267.1	266.9	257.9	258.9	821.2	817.7	844.9	843.2
Indiana	365.7	371.0	382.5	383.4	291.3	292.0	284.2	285.9	111.8	112.3	110.8	111.7	387.0	392.7	441.8	437.6
Iowa	186.9	191.7	195.5	200.2	138.1	139.9	134.3	136.2	56.5	55.6	56.1	55.3	224.4	227.1	245.4	248.1
Kansas	163.0	163.6	166.0	165.7	113.3	113.7	112.3	112.4	52.3	52.7	53.2	53.4	229.4	234.8	251.9	258.9
Kentucky	235.4	239.8	236.1	240.9	172.1	176.3	169.8	174.0	76.5	76.1	76.4	75.9	308.0	309.6	316.0	318.0
Louisiana	254.2	212.0	208.0	215.4	214.8	177.0	165.6	176.8	72.4	59.1	58.5	59.0	371.5	358.2	377.8	364.1
Maine	111.4	112.7	112.3	113.8	74.7	75.0	66.2	66.5	20.5	20.5	20.3	20.3	92.8	93.5	105.3	106.0
Maryland	350.5	363.1	354.1	364.6	247.5	255.1	238.7	245.9	118.4	119.8	117.8	118.5	442.9	448.7	466.6	466.4
Massachusetts	573.8	582.7	587.4	597.0	319.9	319.3	305.7	305.3	121.2	122.1	117.5	118.1	378.6	377.3	410.5	410.5
Michigan	556.9	565.0	567.9	575.6	429.6	433.3	420.3	423.0	180.1	180.3	179.3	179.0	593.3	590.8	678.2	666.8
Minnesota	383.3	397.7	386.5	397.9	255.0	269.3	249.5	260.0	118.2	119.7	118.6	120.1	385.1	391.9	406.4	407.6
Mississippi	119.8	122.3	120.7	123.5	129.5	120.9	120.5	121.7	37.2	37.6	36.4	37.1	237.8	242.1	241.5	248.5
Missouri	365.6	371.3	369.6	374.1	286.8	288.9	281.4	281.9	119.4	119.7	118.7	118.3	402.0	406.3	430.3	434.7
Montana	55.1	56.7	56.5	58.0	61.7	63.7	58.6	60.6	16.9	17.2	16.8	17.1	80.2	81.2	86.3	87.2
Nebraska	127.8	132.8	128.7	133.0	82.6	84.5	80.7	81.4	36.4	36.0	36.2	36.1	153.1	154.7	161.1	165.3
Nevada	84.4	88.2	85.0	88.8	334.2	342.0	335.3	341.9	35.0	37.9	35.1	38.1	134.2	139.1	143.7	149.4
New Hampshire	97.3	100.2	98.7	100.8	74.6	75.5	67.4	69.2	22.0	21.6	21.6	21.2	78.8	77.5	89.3	88.5
New Jersey	552.3	565.5	557.5	570.4	362.2	373.3	345.1	355.3	160.5	162.5	157.0	159.6	607.3	610.6	627.4	630.5
New Mexico	103.1	106.6	106.9	110.5	86.7	89.3	85.5	87.8	31.1	31.7	29.1	29.7	194.7	198.3	203.5	206.3
New York	1,490.2	1,521.2	1,537.7	1,562.7	713.7	724.8	687.1	699.4	354.5	360.4	354.7	358.4	1,434.5	1,438.6	1,454.7	1,456.9
North Carolina	464.6	480.8	468.4	484.7	370.3	381.4	362.1	373.3	177.3	182.5	177.3	181.5	638.6	648.6	678.2	688.5
North Dakota	49.0	49.9	49.0	49.7	32.4	33.3	32.1	33.0	14.9	15.2	14.9	15.2	66.1	66.3	76.7	77.9
Ohio	749.0	760.0	765.8	775.9	532.0	541.9	517.7	527.3	226.6	226.1	224.5	224.6	755.5	759.9	790.7	790.2
Oklahoma	182.4	184.8	185.2	187.1	135.9	135.6	134.5	134.5	74.6	73.6	74.4	73.1	298.2	305.7	313.7	322.8
Oregon	195.4	204.2	201.5	207.0	169.0	172.6	168.6	168.5	57.8	59.6	58.3	59.4	264.5	266.9	273.6	280.3
Pennsylvania	1,003.9	1,033.9	1,030.7	1,061.7	518.9	525.5	499.0	505.3	267.7	269.9	264.4	266.8	681.4	684.2	740.3	741.9
Rhode Island	91.4	92.0	95.7	95.9	55.2	56.0	53.3	53.3	23.9	23.0	22.9	22.6	61.0	60.7	64.4	63.9
South Carolina	184.7	188.4	186.4	190.9	211.2	215.4	201.5	208.8	74.0	76.9	74.0	76.6	317.4	328.4	332.2	343.4
South Dakota	57.2	58.3	57.9	59.1	48.2	48.9	44.0	44.6	15.8	15.9	15.6	15.8	69.7	70.4	74.5	74.7
Tennessee	330.9	338.2	333.0	340.3	273.0	281.8	270.0	278.6	101.9	102.7	102.0	102.9	403.3	406.7	416.0	419.6
Texas	1,185.4	1,212.6	1,199.4	1,223.9	927.7	947.6	914.5	932.1	351.7	350.5	349.7	348.3	1,614.9	1,637.8	1,690.6	1,712.4
Utah	125.8	131.0	130.6	136.2	107.0	110.7	105.9	109.7	34.4	35.4	33.8	34.7	191.9	194.5	203.8	207.5
Vermont	53.3	54.2	54.8	55.5	35.1	35.3	32.8	33.1	10.1	10.2	9.9	10.1	43.9	44.1	53.9	54.1
Virginia	377.7	388.0	401.2	410.6	350.8	356.7	338.3	344.1	183.0	182.3	181.8	182.5	635.6	643.3	662.7	671.0
Washington	323.5	330.3	330.7	337.3	276.1	285.1	274.2	282.4	104.3	105.9	103.6	105.2	494.6	499.7	514.0	516.5
West Virginia	113.1	113.1	114.0	114.7	73.0	74.2	71.7	73.0	56.0	56.1	56.1	56.0	139.5	139.0	142.7	142.7
Wisconsin	380.0	395.3	392.0	398.4	280.2	285.8	267.9	273.9	135.8	139.2	134.0	138.2	378.3	373.2	404.7	395.9
Wyoming	22.1	22.7	21.9	22.5	37.5	38.0	34.7	35.1	10.1	10.6	9.8	10.5	61.1	61.4	65.1	65.2
Puerto Rico	95.0	97.0	99.0	101.9	72.1	74.4	72.0	73.3	21.1	24.8	21.1	24.9	300.7	294.6	303.3	295.8

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.
P = preliminary.

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

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

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted September 2006

(U.S. rate = 4.6 percent)

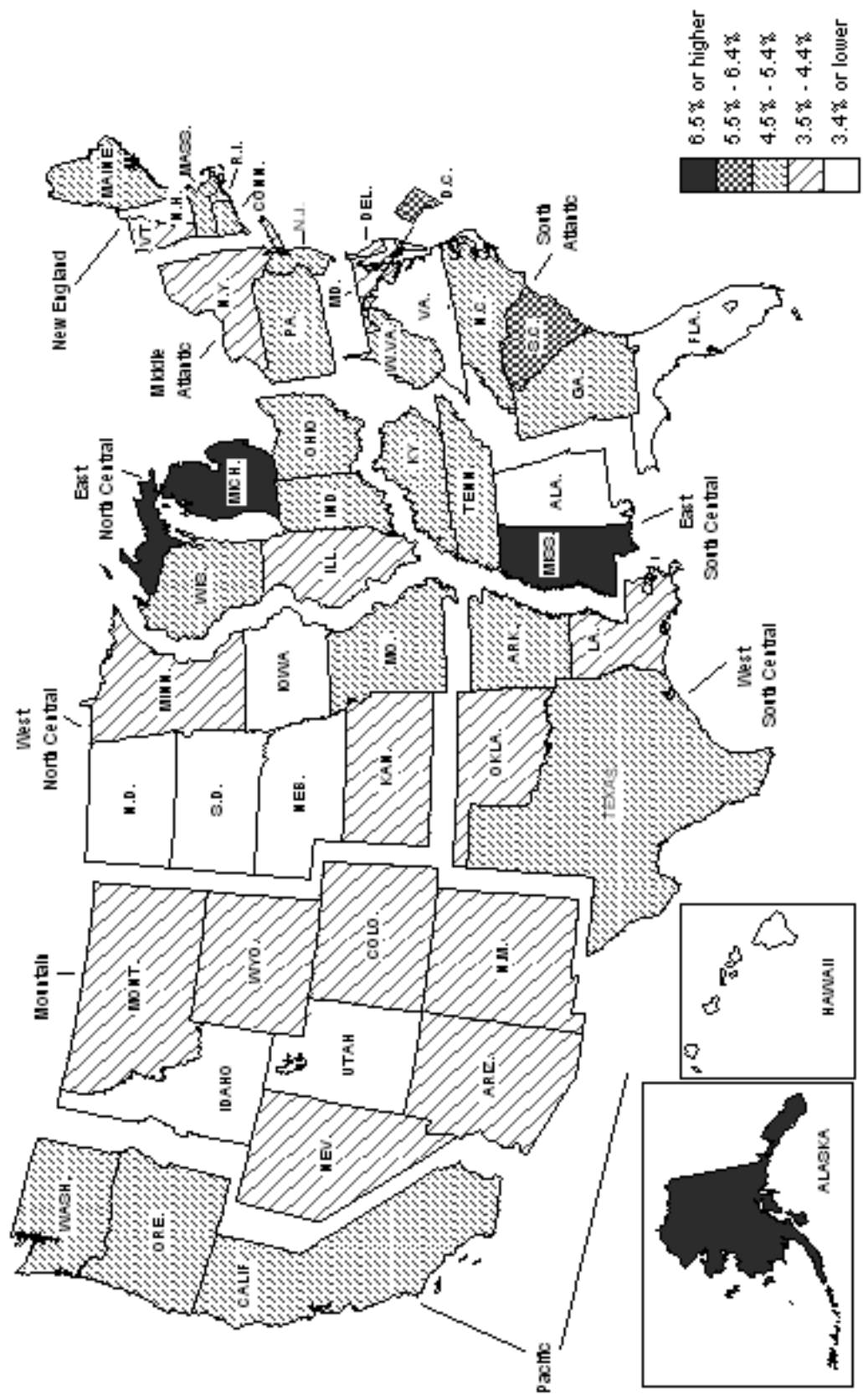


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, September 2005 – September 2006

