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## **METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2008**

Unemployment rates were higher in December than a year earlier in 363 of the 369 metropolitan areas, lower in 5 areas, and unchanged in 1 area, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Forty areas recorded jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent, while two areas registered rates below 3.0 percent. The national unemployment rate in December was 7.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted, up from 4.8 percent a year earlier.

### Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, 168 metropolitan areas reported jobless rates of at least 7.0 percent, up from 33 areas a year earlier, while 22 areas posted rates below 4.0 percent, down from 112 areas in December 2007. El Centro, Calif., continued to record the highest unemployment rate, 22.6 percent. The areas with the next highest rates were Merced, Calif., 15.5 percent; Yuma, Ariz., 15.4 percent; and Elkhart-Goshen, Ind., 15.3 percent. Morgantown, W.Va., and Logan, Utah-Idaho, registered the lowest jobless rates, 2.7 and 2.8 percent, respectively. Overall, 153 areas posted unemployment rates above the U.S. figure of 7.1 percent, 209 areas reported rates below it, and 7 areas had the same rate. (See table 1 and the map.)

Elkhart-Goshen, Ind., recorded the largest jobless rate increase from December 2007 (+10.6 percentage points), followed by Dalton, Ga. (+6.2 points). Both areas have experienced manufacturing-related layoffs in recent months. An additional 27 areas registered over-the-year unemployment rate increases of 4.0 percentage points or more, and another 66 areas had rate increases of 3.0 to 3.9 points. No area had a jobless rate decrease of more than 0.2 percentage point from a year earlier.

Of the 49 metropolitan areas with a Census 2000 population of 1 million or more, Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich., and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif., again reported the highest unemployment rates in December, 10.6 and 10.1 percent, respectively. Twenty additional large areas posted rates of 7.0 percent or more. The large areas with the lowest jobless rates in December were Oklahoma City, Okla., and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va., 4.6 and 4.7 percent, respectively. All 49 large areas registered higher unemployment rates than in December 2007. Providence-Fall River-Warwick, R.I.-Mass., had the largest jobless rate increase from a year earlier (+4.3 percentage points), followed closely by Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, N.C.-S.C. (+4.1 points). Nine additional large areas

recorded over-the-year unemployment rate increases of 3.0 percentage points or more, and 22 other areas had rate increases of at least 2.0 points.

#### Metropolitan Division Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Eleven of the most populous metropolitan areas are composed of 34 metropolitan divisions, which are essentially separately identifiable employment centers. In December, Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich., again registered the highest division jobless rate, 11.7 percent. The areas with the next highest rates were Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich., at 9.8 percent; Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., at 9.6 percent; and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, Calif., at 9.5 percent. Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, Md., continued to report the lowest unemployment rate among the divisions, 4.0 percent. Nashua, N.H.-Mass., posted the next lowest rate, 4.3 percent. (See table 2.)

In December, all 34 metropolitan divisions recorded over-the-year jobless rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, Calif., experienced the largest rate increase (+4.3 percentage points). Gary, Ind., registered the next largest unemployment rate increase (+3.7 percentage points). Twenty-six additional divisions reported over-the-year rate increases of 2.0 percentage points or more.

In 8 of the 11 metropolitan areas that contain divisions, the ranges between the highest and lowest division jobless rates were 1.0 percentage point or more in December. Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H., posted the largest rate difference among its divisions, 5.3 percentage points (Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, Mass.-N.H., 9.6 percent, compared with Nashua, N.H.-Mass., 4.3 percent).

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

Among the 310 metropolitan areas for which nonfarm payroll data were available in December, 72 metropolitan areas recorded over-the-year employment gains, 234 reported losses, and 4 were unchanged. The largest over-the-year employment increase was recorded in Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas (+57,300), followed by Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas (+43,300), San Antonio, Texas (+14,900), Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+11,800), and Austin-Round Rock, Texas (+9,600). The largest over-the-year percentage increase in employment was recorded in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas (+3.8 percent), followed by Grand Junction, Colo. (+3.4 percent), Laredo, Texas (+3.1 percent), College Station-Bryan, Texas (+2.6 percent), and Bismarck, N.D. (+2.5 percent). (See table 3.)

The largest over-the-year decreases in employment occurred in New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. (-120,300), Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. (-89,700), Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. (-86,800), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif. (-82,900), and Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga. (-82,000). The largest over-the-year percentage decreases in employment were experienced in Yuma, Ariz. (-7.9 percent), Flint, Mich. (-7.5 percent), Lake Havasu City-Kingman, Ariz. (-7.2 percent), Elkhart-Goshen, Ind. (-6.1 percent), and Prescott, Ariz. (-5.6 percent).

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 7 of the 38 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2007. The largest over-the-year percentage gain in employment was recorded in Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas (+2.2 percent), followed by San Antonio, Texas (+1.8 percent), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas (+1.4 percent), Austin-Round Rock, Texas (+1.2 percent), and Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Va.-N.C. (+1.0 percent). Among the large areas, the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment was experienced in Detroit-Warren-

Livonia, Mich. (-4.6 percent), followed by Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. (-4.5 percent), Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga. (-3.3 percent), and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif. (-3.0 percent).

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

Nonfarm payroll employment data were available in December 2008 for 32 metropolitan divisions, which are essentially separately identifiable employment centers within a metropolitan area. Seven of the 32 metropolitan divisions reported over-the-year employment increases while 25 reported losses. The largest over-the-year employment increase in the metropolitan divisions occurred in Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas (+27,800), followed by Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas (+15,500), Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+11,000), and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. (+6,200). Of the 25 metropolitan divisions that reported losses, the largest over-the-year employment decreases were experienced in New York-White Plains-Wayne, N.Y.-N.J. (-76,400), Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill. (-57,500), Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich. (-49,300), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, Calif. (-41,500), Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, Calif. (-41,400), and Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich. (-40,400). (See table 4.)

The largest over-the-year percentage gains in employment among the metropolitan divisions were recorded in Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas (+1.8 percent), Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas (+1.3 percent), Nashua, N.H.-Mass. (+0.7 percent), Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. (+0.5 percent), and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash. (+0.4 percent). Of the metropolitan divisions that experienced over-the-year decreases in employment, the largest decreases were in Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, Mich. (-5.1 percent), Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich. (-4.2 percent), Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, Fla. (-3.4 percent), and Oakland-Fremont-Hayward, Calif. (-3.0 percent).

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The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January 2009 is scheduled to be issued on Wednesday, March 11. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for January 2009 is scheduled to be issued on Thursday, March 19.

### **Hurricane Katrina**

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

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

This will be the last month this note will appear in this news release, though the modifications to the estimation procedures for the affected areas will continue until further notice.

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

Effective with the release of 2008 annual average estimates on February 27, the labor force data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the seven substate modeled areas presented in tables 1 and 2 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, and adjustment to new census division and national control totals. Labor force estimates for all other metropolitan areas and metropolitan divisions subsequently will be revised to reflect updated inputs and the new statewide estimates. Data back to 2004 are subject to revision. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Effective with the release of January 2009 area data on March 19, the titles of several metropolitan areas and metropolitan divisions will be changed to reflect updates in Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 09-01, issued on November 20, 2008. For specific information on title and definition changes, see the above mentioned bulletin available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

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

Effective with the release of January 2009 estimates, all nonfarm payroll employment data for states and areas presented in tables 3 and 4 of this news release will be adjusted to 2008 benchmark levels. Not seasonally adjusted payroll data back to April 2007 and seasonally adjusted data for states back to January 2004 will be subject to revision. Also, the titles of several metropolitan areas and divisions will be changed to reflect updates in Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 09-01, issued on November 20, 2008. For specific information on title and definition changes, see the above mentioned bulletin available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

## Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1 and 2) for 369 metropolitan statistical areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), plus 8 areas in Puerto Rico. Estimates for 34 metropolitan and NECTA divisions also are presented. Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 3 and 4) are provided for most of the same areas. State estimates were previously published in the news release, *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment*, and are republished in this release for ease of reference. The LAUS and CES programs are both federal-state cooperative endeavors.

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

**Definitions.** The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 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 states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City are produced using time-series models with real-time benchmarking to national CPS totals. Model-based estimation was extended to the following areas and their respective balances of state in 2005: the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL Metropolitan Division; Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH Metropolitan Statistical Area; Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI Metropolitan Statistical Area; Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL Metropolitan Division; New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metropolitan Statistical Area; and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Metropolitan Division. (Model-based estimation of the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area was suspended following

Hurricane Katrina; the indirect estimation methods described below will be used for this area until further notice.) Modeling improves the statistical basis of the estimation for these areas and provides important tools for analysis, such as measures of errors and seasonally adjusted series. For all other substate areas in this release, estimates are prepared through indirect estimation procedures using a building-block approach. Employment estimates, which are based largely on “place of work” estimates from the CES program, are adjusted to refer to place of residence as used in the CPS. Unemployment estimates are aggregates of persons previously employed in industries covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and entrants to the labor force data from the CPS. The substate estimates of employment and unemployment, which geographically exhaust the entire state, are adjusted proportionally to ensure that they add to the independently estimated state or balance-of-state totals. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

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

### Employment—from the CES program

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

**Method of estimation.** The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for the approximately 39 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

**Annual revisions.** Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports that are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to

adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

### **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 particular 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.

**Labor force and unemployment estimates.** Model-based error measures are available for states on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. 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 supersector level and for metro-

politan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available online at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

### **Area definitions**

The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on November 20, 2007. Data reflect New England City and Town Area (NECTA) definitions, rather than county-based definitions, in the six New England States. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Puerto Rico</b> .....	1,365.8	1,371.0	1,359.0	1,370.7	149.5	169.8	142.9	179.6	10.9	12.4	10.5	13.1
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian .....	112.6	112.3	112.1	111.9	13.2	15.3	12.9	15.7	11.7	13.7	11.5	14.1
Fajardo .....	29.0	29.6	28.7	29.8	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.7	13.7	14.2	13.5	15.6
Guayama .....	27.0	27.7	27.2	28.2	3.9	4.4	3.8	4.6	14.5	15.9	13.9	16.2
Mayaguez .....	37.5	37.4	37.2	37.0	4.4	5.1	4.2	5.4	11.8	13.7	11.2	14.7
Ponce .....	91.0	92.3	91.9	92.8	10.5	11.8	10.0	12.5	11.6	12.8	10.9	13.5
San German-Cabo Rojo .....	53.4	52.7	53.3	52.7	5.8	7.0	5.5	7.3	10.9	13.2	10.3	13.8
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo .....	919.6	918.8	912.6	916.9	94.4	107.1	90.2	113.8	10.3	11.7	9.9	12.4
Yauco .....	38.2	39.8	38.2	39.8	5.3	5.8	5.1	6.1	13.8	14.5	13.3	15.3

P = preliminary.

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

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. Area definitions are based on Office of Management and Budget Bulletin No. 08-01, dated November 20, 2007, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England

City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based. Some metropolitan areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that appears first in their titles. Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Ill., and Weirton-Steubenville, W.Va.-Ohio, are the exceptions in that they are listed under Illinois and Ohio, respectively, for operational reasons. Estimates for the latest month are subject to revision the following month.



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**Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area**

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2007 to December 2008 P	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	Number	Percent
<b>Alabama</b> .....	2,023.2	1,997.6	2,025.1	1,983.2	-41.9	-2.1
Anniston-Oxford .....	53.8	53.8	53.7	53.3	-.4	-.7
Auburn-Opelika .....	56.5	56.3	56.1	56.0	-.1	-.2
Birmingham-Hoover .....	535.6	529.0	536.7	526.4	-10.3	-1.9
Decatur .....	59.6	58.2	59.7	58.1	-1.6	-2.7
Dothan .....	63.2	62.0	63.5	61.8	-1.7	-2.7
Florence-Muscle Shoals .....	57.9	57.8	58.1	57.5	-.6	-1.0
Huntsville .....	213.5	214.4	213.9	213.6	-.3	-.1
Mobile .....	184.3	183.7	184.6	183.4	-1.2	-.7
Montgomery .....	181.1	181.1	181.7	180.3	-1.4	-.8
Tuscaloosa .....	98.7	98.2	98.9	97.6	-1.3	-1.3
<b>Alaska</b> .....	307.3	311.1	303.5	306.5	3.0	1.0
Anchorage .....	166.9	169.0	166.6	168.9	2.3	1.4
<b>Arizona</b> .....	2,692.8	2,589.4	2,693.5	2,577.0	-116.5	-4.3
Flagstaff .....	64.9	64.1	64.3	63.6	-.7	-1.1
Lake Havasu City-Kingman .....	54.1	50.8	54.2	50.3	-3.9	-7.2
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale .....	1,927.3	1,850.5	1,928.0	1,841.2	-86.8	-4.5
Prescott .....	65.7	63.1	65.8	62.1	-3.7	-5.6
Tucson .....	386.9	371.2	385.9	370.2	-15.7	-4.1
Yuma .....	54.6	52.0	56.9	52.4	-4.5	-7.9
<b>Arkansas</b> .....	1,211.9	1,202.1	1,212.1	1,193.3	-18.8	-1.6
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers .....	210.2	209.3	210.0	207.5	-2.5	-1.2
Fort Smith .....	125.9	125.0	125.7	124.1	-1.6	-1.3
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway .....	349.4	346.4	350.8	345.0	-5.8	-1.7
<b>California</b> .....	15,266.6	15,097.8	15,290.5	15,030.7	-259.8	-1.7
Bakersfield .....	241.8	243.7	242.0	242.8	.8	.3
Chico .....	77.2	76.2	77.1	75.5	-1.6	-2.1
Fresno .....	307.1	304.4	307.1	303.4	-3.7	-1.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana .....	5,650.6	5,589.8	5,656.5	5,573.6	-82.9	-1.5
Merced .....	59.6	59.9	59.8	59.5	-.3	-.5
Modesto .....	159.4	157.7	160.4	156.7	-3.7	-2.3
Napa .....	64.0	63.1	63.3	62.4	-.9	-1.4
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura .....	295.3	288.6	295.3	287.1	-8.2	-2.8
Redding .....	66.7	63.7	66.4	63.3	-3.1	-4.7
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario .....	1,272.5	1,237.5	1,272.8	1,234.3	-38.5	-3.0
Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville .....	909.1	891.9	910.4	887.0	-23.4	-2.6
Salinas .....	130.2	130.2	130.3	129.4	-.9	-.7
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos .....	1,316.9	1,302.5	1,319.8	1,301.4	-18.4	-1.4
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont .....	2,057.5	2,029.1	2,062.3	2,020.9	-41.4	-2.0
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara .....	915.4	910.1	916.8	905.1	-11.7	-1.3
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles .....	105.9	103.2	105.5	102.6	-2.9	-2.7
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta .....	176.0	174.6	174.7	173.4	-1.3	-.7
Santa Cruz-Watsonville .....	98.6	97.5	97.7	96.5	-1.2	-1.2
Santa Rosa-Petaluma .....	193.0	192.0	192.2	190.2	-2.0	-1.0
Stockton .....	215.5	211.7	215.8	209.9	-5.9	-2.7
Vallejo-Fairfield .....	127.1	125.6	127.6	125.4	-2.2	-1.7
Visalia-Porterville .....	114.5	113.1	114.7	112.8	-1.9	-1.7
<b>Colorado</b> .....	2,353.0	2,351.3	2,367.4	2,351.2	-16.2	-.7
Boulder .....	168.9	171.0	168.9	171.2	2.3	1.4
Colorado Springs .....	263.7	260.0	263.7	259.5	-4.2	-1.6
Denver-Aurora .....	1,257.1	1,255.5	1,257.3	1,245.8	-11.5	-.9
Fort Collins-Loveland .....	139.6	138.9	139.4	137.8	-1.6	-1.1
Grand Junction .....	64.5	66.8	64.5	66.7	2.2	3.4
Greeley .....	83.9	84.2	83.9	83.6	-.3	-.4
Pueblo .....	59.3	59.4	59.4	59.1	-.3	-.5
<b>Connecticut</b> .....	1,722.0	1,706.8	1,729.3	1,699.5	-29.8	-1.7
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk .....	426.1	425.7	428.9	424.6	-4.3	-1.0
Danbury .....	71.0	71.4	71.6	70.8	-.8	-1.1
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford .....	565.3	565.6	565.6	559.2	-6.4	-1.1
New Haven .....	281.7	279.1	282.5	277.5	-5.0	-1.8
Norwich-New London .....	136.8	135.3	138.0	135.1	-2.9	-2.1
Waterbury .....	69.8	68.7	69.4	68.7	-.7	-1.0
<b>Delaware</b> .....	442.3	436.3	443.3	435.7	-7.6	-1.7
Dover .....	66.1	66.2	66.3	66.4	.1	.2
<b>District of Columbia</b> .....	702.5	706.1	704.6	705.4	.8	.1
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria .....	3,019.4	3,042.6	3,027.9	3,039.7	11.8	.4
<b>Florida</b> .....	8,074.4	7,854.4	8,124.4	7,873.7	-250.7	-3.1
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice .....	294.7	284.8	296.2	283.6	-12.6	-4.3
Cape Coral-Fort Myers .....	225.0	215.7	227.5	215.8	-11.7	-5.1
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach .....	172.9	169.5	172.7	169.2	-3.5	-2.0
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin .....	85.4	83.4	85.6	83.4	-2.2	-2.6
Gainesville .....	137.3	136.1	135.5	133.7	-1.8	-1.3
Jacksonville .....	636.7	624.2	636.9	621.5	-15.4	-2.4
Lakeland-Winter Haven .....	214.3	210.1	215.7	209.8	-5.9	-2.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach .....	2,451.7	2,392.2	2,468.3	2,398.8	-69.5	-2.8

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Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2007 to December 2008 P	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	Number	Percent
<b>Florida—Continued</b>						
Naples-Marco Island .....	129.6	125.4	131.3	125.6	-5.7	-4.3
Ocala .....	105.9	103.5	106.7	103.3	-3.4	-3.2
Orlando-Kissimmee .....	1,105.6	1,091.2	1,109.6	1,090.5	-19.1	-1.7
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville .....	212.8	207.9	213.4	207.7	-5.7	-2.7
Panama City-Lynn Haven .....	77.2	74.5	76.6	74.0	-2.6	-3.4
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent .....	175.8	174.1	175.6	173.7	-1.9	-1.1
Port St. Lucie .....	134.5	132.5	135.5	132.6	-2.9	-2.1
Tallahassee .....	181.4	178.6	181.8	178.4	-3.4	-1.9
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater .....	1,299.5	1,266.1	1,305.2	1,270.8	-34.4	-2.6
<b>Georgia</b>						
Albany .....	4,186.0	4,091.2	4,189.8	4,068.0	-121.8	-2.9
Athens-Clarke County .....	64.9	64.0	64.8	64.0	-.8	-1.2
Athens-Clarke County .....	84.7	84.6	84.4	84.5	.1	.1
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta .....	2,489.8	2,421.7	2,494.6	2,412.6	-82.0	-3.3
Augusta-Richmond County .....	217.9	213.9	218.8	213.7	-5.1	-2.3
Columbus .....	122.5	120.4	122.9	120.2	-2.7	-2.2
Dalton .....	78.4	74.3	78.4	74.3	-4.1	-5.2
Gainesville .....	77.8	77.4	77.9	77.2	-.7	-.9
Macon .....	101.3	100.0	101.1	99.5	-1.6	-1.6
Savannah .....	163.0	160.3	162.3	159.3	-3.0	-1.8
Valdosta .....	56.9	55.5	56.7	55.0	-1.7	-3.0
Warner Robins .....	59.2	58.0	59.4	57.6	-1.8	-3.0
<b>Hawaii</b>						
Honolulu .....	629.6	626.1	635.2	621.6	-13.6	-2.1
Honolulu .....	460.3	458.6	464.1	455.7	-8.4	-1.8
<b>Idaho</b>						
Boise City-Nampa .....	662.6	642.8	658.0	629.6	-28.4	-4.3
Boise City-Nampa .....	279.3	270.6	278.6	266.9	-11.7	-4.2
Coeur d'Alene .....	58.4	56.9	57.9	55.5	-2.4	-4.1
<b>Illinois</b>						
Bloomington-Normal .....	6,042.1	5,979.7	6,033.1	5,931.2	-101.9	-1.7
Bloomington-Normal .....	93.2	93.3	93.1	92.5	-.6	-.6
Champaign-Urbana .....	116.2	116.3	115.2	115.3	.1	.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet .....	4,595.6	4,559.8	4,596.7	4,537.6	-59.1	-1.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island .....	190.1	190.4	190.1	190.1	.0	.0
Decatur .....	56.1	55.6	56.0	55.6	-.4	-.7
Peoria .....	189.2	190.5	188.7	190.2	1.5	.8
Rockford .....	163.8	162.3	163.6	159.7	-3.9	-2.4
Springfield .....	112.6	112.7	112.7	112.4	-.3	-.3
<b>Indiana</b>						
Bloomington .....	3,030.6	2,951.6	3,020.8	2,908.5	-112.3	-3.7
Bloomington .....	85.7	85.7	85.1	80.7	-4.4	-5.2
Elkhart-Goshen .....	129.8	122.6	129.2	121.3	-7.9	-6.1
Evansville .....	181.4	180.2	181.1	178.6	-2.5	-1.4
Fort Wayne .....	218.2	218.2	218.2	216.5	-1.7	-.8
Indianapolis-Carmel .....	930.3	927.4	927.7	922.3	-5.4	-.6
Lafayette .....	96.4	96.2	94.8	95.2	.4	.4
Muncie .....	54.9	54.2	55.0	53.8	-1.2	-2.2
South Bend-Mishawaka .....	147.1	143.4	146.8	142.5	-4.3	-2.9
Terre Haute .....	75.2	73.5	74.3	72.7	-1.6	-2.2
<b>Iowa</b>						
Cedar Rapids .....	1,536.9	1,538.3	1,534.2	1,526.9	-7.3	-.5
Cedar Rapids .....	138.9	140.1	138.6	139.3	.7	.5
Des Moines-West Des Moines .....	325.3	324.9	326.3	324.5	-1.8	-.6
Dubuque .....	56.2	55.5	55.5	54.9	-.6	-1.1
Iowa City .....	92.4	91.8	92.0	91.3	-.7	-.8
Sioux City .....	74.8	74.1	75.1	73.6	-1.5	-2.0
Waterloo-Cedar Falls .....	91.9	91.3	91.4	90.8	-.6	-.7
<b>Kansas</b>						
Topeka .....	1,399.6	1,407.7	1,396.8	1,397.6	.8	.1
Topeka .....	110.9	111.0	110.9	110.5	-.4	-.4
Wichita .....	308.0	307.4	308.5	306.3	-2.2	-.7
<b>Kentucky</b>						
Bowling Green .....	1,893.7	1,874.6	1,893.9	1,856.9	-37.0	-2.0
Bowling Green .....	63.6	63.5	64.0	63.2	-.8	-1.3
Lexington-Fayette .....	259.6	257.7	259.8	256.5	-3.3	-1.3
Louisville-Jefferson County .....	634.6	623.1	633.3	617.2	-16.1	-2.5
<b>Louisiana</b>						
Alexandria .....	1,948.7	1,955.0	1,949.5	1,958.0	8.5	.4
Alexandria .....	65.9	66.1	65.8	66.1	.3	.5
Baton Rouge .....	375.7	378.8	375.5	379.5	4.0	1.1
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux .....	96.4	96.0	96.5	96.2	-.3	-.3
Lafayette .....	150.8	153.4	151.4	153.8	2.4	1.6
Lake Charles .....	92.5	92.7	92.7	92.8	.1	.1
Monroe .....	80.1	79.7	79.4	79.7	.3	.4
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner .....	523.5	531.6	525.4	532.0	6.6	1.3
Shreveport-Bossier City .....	180.9	182.4	181.7	181.9	.2	.1
<b>Maine</b>						
Bangor .....	625.0	617.5	624.2	612.4	-11.8	-1.9
Bangor .....	67.8	67.0	67.4	67.1	-.3	-.4
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford .....	197.9	195.6	198.3	194.7	-3.6	-1.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2007 to December 2008 P	
	2007	2008	2007	2008P	Number	Percent
<b>Maryland</b> .....	2,638.9	2,641.6	2,645.4	2,630.4	-15.0	-0.6
Baltimore-Towson .....	1,334.9	1,332.3	1,338.1	1,325.5	-12.6	-0.9
Hagerstown-Martinsburg .....	102.8	103.4	103.0	103.1	.1	.1
Salisbury .....	56.7	56.8	56.6	56.8	.2	.4
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	3,314.7	3,291.7	3,315.8	3,273.0	-42.8	-1.3
Barnstable Town .....	97.4	97.0	96.2	94.8	-1.4	-1.5
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy .....	2,514.3	2,507.1	2,517.4	2,497.7	-19.7	-0.8
New Bedford .....	67.4	66.2	67.1	65.9	-1.2	-1.8
Springfield .....	300.4	296.9	300.4	296.3	-4.1	-1.4
Worcester .....	249.6	246.4	250.8	245.9	-4.9	-2.0
<b>Michigan</b> .....	4,285.9	4,170.2	4,276.4	4,101.4	-175.0	-4.1
Ann Arbor .....	203.1	199.8	202.2	198.6	-3.6	-1.8
Battle Creek .....	58.9	57.1	59.0	56.7	-2.3	-3.9
Detroit-Warren-Livonia .....	1,972.8	1,898.6	1,968.9	1,879.2	-89.7	-4.6
Flint .....	149.1	140.0	149.8	138.5	-11.3	-7.5
Grand Rapids-Wyoming .....	399.6	396.8	399.4	395.4	-4.0	-1.0
Holland-Grand Haven .....	114.9	112.0	114.4	111.2	-3.2	-2.8
Jackson .....	58.4	57.4	58.1	57.0	-1.1	-1.9
Kalamazoo-Portage .....	149.0	147.4	148.3	145.8	-2.5	-1.7
Lansing-East Lansing .....	229.4	225.0	228.3	220.3	-8.0	-3.5
Muskegon-Norton Shores .....	65.7	64.4	65.6	63.8	-1.8	-2.7
Niles-Benton Harbor .....	66.2	65.9	66.0	65.2	-0.8	-1.2
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North .....	90.2	86.9	89.5	85.7	-3.8	-4.2
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	2,799.8	2,756.2	2,787.5	2,732.1	-55.4	-2.0
Duluth .....	136.0	133.7	135.1	133.0	-2.1	-1.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington .....	1,817.0	1,781.7	1,812.0	1,769.2	-42.8	-2.4
Rochester .....	107.9	108.4	107.6	107.6	.0	.0
St. Cloud .....	105.2	103.9	104.2	102.5	-1.7	-1.6
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	1,162.2	1,143.9	1,161.3	1,135.0	-26.3	-2.3
Gulfport-Biloxi .....	111.7	109.2	111.3	108.0	-3.3	-3.0
Hattiesburg .....	62.0	60.6	62.2	59.7	-2.5	-4.0
Jackson .....	264.3	261.6	264.5	259.3	-5.2	-2.0
Pascagoula .....	58.8	59.1	59.1	58.3	-.8	-1.4
<b>Missouri</b> .....	2,822.9	2,795.4	2,815.3	2,788.3	-27.0	-1.0
Columbia .....	95.3	94.9	94.7	94.7	.0	.0
Jefferson City .....	80.4	79.4	80.5	79.5	-1.0	-1.2
Joplin .....	81.0	81.5	81.1	81.4	.3	.4
Kansas City .....	1,026.7	1,016.4	1,024.3	1,012.5	-11.8	-1.2
St. Joseph .....	59.8	59.9	59.7	60.0	.3	.5
St. Louis <sup>1</sup> .....	1,367.5	1,349.5	1,369.3	1,346.3	-23.0	-1.7
Springfield .....	204.5	204.1	204.4	204.5	.1	.0
<b>Montana</b> .....	447.8	447.0	447.6	443.8	-3.8	-.8
Billings .....	81.6	80.8	81.6	80.7	-.9	-1.1
Missoula .....	57.8	57.3	57.3	56.6	-.7	-1.2
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	975.1	977.8	976.0	974.7	-1.3	-.1
Lincoln .....	176.7	176.4	175.6	176.4	.8	.5
Omaha-Council Bluffs .....	468.8	471.8	470.7	471.3	.6	.1
<b>Nevada</b> .....	1,299.5	1,277.1	1,301.0	1,268.9	-32.1	-2.5
Las Vegas-Paradise .....	932.2	922.0	932.9	917.4	-15.5	-1.7
Reno-Sparks .....	226.7	218.2	227.3	216.5	-10.8	-4.8
<b>New Hampshire</b> .....	656.7	656.9	660.5	653.3	-7.2	-1.1
Manchester .....	102.5	102.1	102.9	102.8	-.1	-.1
Portsmouth .....	56.3	57.0	56.1	57.0	.9	1.6
Rochester-Dover .....	58.4	59.3	58.7	58.9	.2	.3
<b>New Jersey</b> .....	4,108.5	4,066.9	4,121.2	4,057.6	-63.6	-1.5
Atlantic City-Hammonton .....	149.2	147.9	149.6	145.3	-4.3	-2.9
Trenton-Ewing .....	240.2	238.1	240.9	237.9	-3.0	-1.2
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton .....	62.5	61.4	62.4	61.3	-1.1	-1.8
<b>New Mexico</b> .....	850.3	847.9	851.1	844.3	-6.8	-.8
Albuquerque .....	399.0	396.4	398.4	396.8	-1.6	-.4
Las Cruces .....	69.7	70.6	69.5	70.2	.7	1.0
Santa Fe .....	65.7	65.1	66.1	65.2	-.9	-1.4
<b>New York</b> .....	8,874.0	8,819.5	8,899.9	8,778.5	-121.4	-1.4
Albany-Schenectady-Troy .....	454.0	451.9	454.3	448.3	-6.0	-1.3
Binghamton .....	117.2	116.0	116.6	115.0	-1.6	-1.4
Buffalo-Niagara Falls .....	556.5	554.8	555.9	548.3	-7.6	-1.4
Glens Falls .....	54.3	53.6	54.1	53.2	-.9	-1.7
Ithaca .....	65.6	65.5	65.3	64.9	-.4	-.6
Kingston .....	65.2	65.0	65.2	64.4	-.8	-1.2
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island .....	8,698.0	8,637.8	8,737.4	8,617.1	-120.3	-1.4
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown .....	258.2	258.2	257.8	254.9	-2.9	-1.1
Rochester .....	522.1	518.1	522.5	516.2	-6.3	-1.2
Syracuse .....	329.3	327.5	328.8	326.7	-2.1	-.6
Utica-Rome .....	134.8	133.8	134.8	133.9	-.9	-.7

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State and area	November		December		Change from December 2007 to December 2008 P	
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<b>North Carolina</b> .....	4,208.2	4,133.3	4,210.9	4,090.2	-120.7	-2.9
Asheville .....	181.8	180.7	181.6	180.2	-1.4	-.8
Burlington .....	62.1	61.2	62.2	60.4	-1.8	-2.9
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord .....	873.4	863.6	872.7	857.0	-15.7	-1.8
Durham .....	292.3	296.1	293.7	295.4	1.7	.6
Fayetteville .....	129.7	129.7	130.5	128.6	-1.9	-1.5
Greensboro-High Point .....	376.9	377.6	377.6	378.1	.5	.1
Greenville .....	79.0	79.3	79.0	78.9	-.1	-.1
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton .....	164.9	161.5	164.6	159.7	-4.9	-3.0
Raleigh-Cary .....	528.0	532.6	529.3	529.5	.2	.0
Rocky Mount .....	65.4	64.6	65.7	64.0	-1.7	-2.6
Wilmington .....	148.7	148.5	148.3	147.2	-1.1	-.7
Winston-Salem .....	222.0	225.1	222.4	226.5	4.1	1.8
<b>North Dakota</b> .....	364.1	368.3	363.1	365.0	1.9	.5
Bismarck .....	60.5	61.8	60.2	61.7	1.5	2.5
Fargo .....	120.9	122.3	120.3	121.2	.9	.7
Grand Forks .....	55.2	55.7	55.1	55.5	.4	.7
<b>Ohio</b> .....	5,473.1	5,418.8	5,471.3	5,381.6	-89.7	-1.6
Akron .....	344.3	342.1	344.4	341.4	-3.0	-.9
Canton-Massillon .....	174.0	173.4	174.2	172.6	-1.6	-.9
Cincinnati-Middletown .....	1,053.7	1,048.3	1,054.9	1,046.3	-8.6	-.8
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor .....	1,076.4	1,063.4	1,075.4	1,052.5	-22.9	-2.1
Columbus .....	957.8	957.4	960.6	956.2	-4.4	-.5
Dayton .....	406.4	400.0	406.4	398.6	-7.8	-1.9
Lima .....	56.1	55.7	55.9	55.5	-.4	-.7
Mansfield .....	57.5	56.5	57.4	56.3	-1.1	-1.9
Springfield .....	52.2	52.1	52.0	52.3	.3	.6
Toledo .....	331.5	322.7	331.1	320.0	-11.1	-3.4
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman .....	242.0	242.8	242.6	242.0	-.6	-.2
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	1,586.0	1,602.4	1,584.3	1,599.7	15.4	1.0
Oklahoma City .....	575.4	580.7	575.1	580.9	5.8	1.0
Tulsa .....	428.5	428.5	428.1	428.5	.4	.1
<b>Oregon</b> .....	1,755.6	1,721.6	1,748.7	1,703.6	-45.1	-2.6
Bend .....	72.4	72.1	72.1	72.1	.0	.0
Eugene-Springfield .....	158.4	154.5	158.5	154.3	-4.2	-2.6
Medford .....	87.9	86.1	86.9	85.1	-1.8	-2.1
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton .....	1,054.9	1,041.6	1,056.1	1,037.9	-18.2	-1.7
Salem .....	153.7	151.9	152.6	150.5	-2.1	-1.4
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	5,859.7	5,816.5	5,856.0	5,779.4	-76.6	-1.3
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton .....	346.3	342.8	346.4	341.7	-4.7	-1.4
Altoona .....	63.2	62.8	63.4	62.6	-.8	-1.3
Erie .....	135.4	134.3	134.9	133.4	-1.5	-1.1
Harrisburg-Carlisle .....	333.6	330.3	333.3	328.1	-5.2	-1.6
Johnstown .....	62.5	61.2	62.3	60.6	-1.7	-2.7
Lancaster .....	240.7	240.7	241.1	239.1	-2.0	-.8
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington .....	2,851.4	2,825.1	2,856.4	2,820.2	-36.2	-1.3
Pittsburgh .....	1,157.5	1,155.9	1,155.9	1,148.8	-7.1	-.6
Reading .....	175.2	173.1	175.9	172.4	-3.5	-2.0
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre .....	265.3	264.2	265.0	262.4	-2.6	-1.0
State College .....	77.2	76.9	76.0	74.9	-1.1	-1.4
Williamsport .....	54.3	53.0	54.1	52.5	-1.6	-3.0
York-Hanover .....	185.5	183.9	185.7	181.9	-3.8	-2.0
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	496.1	478.1	495.2	473.1	-22.1	-4.5
Providence-Fall River-Warwick .....	587.3	568.9	586.2	563.1	-23.1	-3.9
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	1,972.4	1,928.9	1,961.0	1,906.9	-54.1	-2.8
Anderson .....	64.8	63.1	64.3	62.6	-1.7	-2.6
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville .....	301.1	297.0	300.0	294.8	-5.2	-1.7
Columbia .....	373.1	367.9	373.5	365.8	-7.7	-2.1
Florence .....	91.5	91.7	91.5	91.0	-.5	-.5
Greenville-Mauldin-Easley .....	324.0	322.8	324.3	319.5	-4.8	-1.5
Myrtle Beach-North Myrtle Beach-Conway .....	125.4	121.0	123.2	118.0	-5.2	-4.2
Spartanburg .....	126.6	126.7	126.9	126.3	-.6	-.5
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	409.0	413.1	407.0	410.2	3.2	.8
Rapid City .....	60.4	61.0	60.0	60.5	.5	.8
Sioux Falls .....	135.2	136.5	135.3	136.2	.9	.7
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	2,823.7	2,780.3	2,829.4	2,764.9	-64.5	-2.3
Chattanooga .....	250.4	248.5	250.4	248.0	-2.4	-1.0
Clarksville .....	86.1	84.7	86.2	84.4	-1.8	-2.1
Jackson .....	62.9	62.2	62.9	62.0	-.9	-1.4
Johnson City .....	82.9	82.8	82.9	82.5	-.4	-.5
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol .....	122.9	123.5	122.6	123.3	.7	.6
Knoxville .....	340.7	337.8	341.3	336.3	-5.0	-1.5
Memphis .....	652.8	638.0	654.7	639.0	-15.7	-2.4
Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin .....	772.6	765.8	774.8	763.6	-11.2	-1.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	November		December		Change from December 2007 to December 2008 P	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>Texas</b> .....	10,511.5	10,715.7	10,538.0	10,692.7	154.7	1.5
Abilene .....	66.4	67.4	66.6	67.2	.6	.9
Amarillo .....	112.6	113.7	112.8	113.7	.9	.8
Austin-Round Rock .....	769.7	782.7	771.3	780.9	9.6	1.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur .....	165.5	166.1	165.2	166.2	1.0	.6
Brownsville-Harlingen .....	124.0	126.2	124.7	126.9	2.2	1.8
College Station-Bryan .....	93.2	95.8	93.1	95.5	2.4	2.6
Corpus Christi .....	177.2	179.6	177.5	179.8	2.3	1.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington .....	2,984.1	3,029.6	2,991.8	3,035.1	43.3	1.4
El Paso .....	275.6	282.2	277.4	282.7	5.3	1.9
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown .....	2,595.8	2,651.4	2,608.8	2,666.1	57.3	2.2
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood .....	123.4	126.0	123.5	126.2	2.7	2.2
Laredo .....	87.2	89.9	87.7	90.4	2.7	3.1
Longview .....	97.3	99.5	98.1	99.5	1.4	1.4
Lubbock .....	129.8	131.1	129.9	131.4	1.5	1.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission .....	212.9	221.2	214.4	222.6	8.2	3.8
Midland .....	66.9	68.4	67.2	68.3	1.1	1.6
Odessa .....	60.9	62.2	61.3	62.3	1.0	1.6
San Antonio .....	842.5	859.1	844.6	859.5	14.9	1.8
Texarkana .....	57.0	58.1	57.1	58.3	1.2	2.1
Tyler .....	94.4	95.4	94.8	95.5	.7	.7
Waco .....	110.7	112.2	111.0	112.4	1.4	1.3
Wichita Falls .....	63.4	64.3	63.6	64.1	.5	.8
<b>Utah</b> .....	1,271.6	1,257.2	1,278.7	1,251.3	-27.4	-2.1
Ogden-Clearfield .....	203.5	200.2	203.2	199.4	-3.8	-1.9
Provo-Orem .....	195.0	189.6	195.6	189.1	-6.5	-3.3
St. George .....	53.8	51.5	53.9	51.2	-2.7	-5.0
Salt Lake City .....	648.5	641.5	655.7	642.8	-12.9	-2.0
<b>Vermont</b> .....	310.5	307.4	314.8	308.9	-5.9	-1.9
Burlington-South Burlington .....	115.7	114.9	115.9	114.4	-1.5	-1.3
<b>Virginia</b> .....	3,791.5	3,792.3	3,797.5	3,766.4	-31.1	-.8
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford .....	72.2	72.0	71.1	70.9	-.2	-.3
Charlottesville .....	104.1	103.2	103.7	101.8	-1.9	-1.8
Harrisonburg .....	64.9	66.0	65.2	66.1	.9	1.4
Lynchburg .....	110.9	112.7	110.9	112.2	1.3	1.2
Richmond .....	638.3	634.3	639.9	633.2	-6.7	-1.0
Roanoke .....	164.4	164.9	164.4	163.7	-.7	-.4
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News .....	781.1	790.1	781.0	788.7	7.7	1.0
Winchester .....	59.3	58.8	59.4	58.3	-1.1	-1.9
<b>Washington</b> .....	2,975.0	2,965.7	2,970.1	2,931.6	-38.5	-1.3
Bellingham .....	87.1	86.8	86.9	86.1	-.8	-.9
Bremerton-Silverdale .....	87.4	85.3	87.6	85.0	-2.6	-3.0
Kennewick-Pasco-Richland .....	93.9	95.5	93.6	94.1	.5	.5
Olympia .....	103.4	104.7	103.5	104.0	.5	.5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue .....	1,768.6	1,780.8	1,767.8	1,768.0	.2	.0
Spokane .....	222.2	219.0	221.7	216.5	-5.2	-2.3
Yakima .....	80.1	79.8	79.5	77.9	-1.6	-2.0
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	765.9	764.9	763.5	760.8	-2.7	-.4
Charleston .....	150.4	151.1	150.6	150.5	-.1	-.1
Huntington-Ashland .....	122.5	121.3	121.8	120.4	-1.4	-1.1
Morgantown .....	63.4	64.2	63.3	63.8	.5	.8
Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna .....	76.3	74.0	75.7	73.9	-1.8	-2.4
Wheeling .....	68.4	69.8	68.6	69.6	1.0	1.5
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	2,904.4	2,867.0	2,896.0	2,833.4	-62.6	-2.2
Appleton .....	119.9	118.6	119.4	117.1	-2.3	-1.9
Eau Claire .....	84.9	84.4	84.4	83.5	-.9	-1.1
Green Bay .....	171.1	171.0	171.0	169.8	-1.2	-.7
Janesville .....	70.4	68.1	70.5	67.5	-3.0	-4.3
La Crosse .....	75.9	74.5	75.7	74.1	-1.6	-2.1
Madison .....	352.6	349.8	351.8	348.0	-3.8	-1.1
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis .....	862.5	852.9	861.2	848.2	-13.0	-1.5
Oshkosh-Neenah .....	93.8	93.7	93.9	93.2	-.7	-.7
Racine .....	80.6	78.6	80.4	78.0	-2.4	-3.0
Sheboygan .....	64.1	62.9	64.2	62.7	-1.5	-2.3
Wausau .....	73.4	72.2	73.8	71.8	-2.0	-2.7
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	289.3	297.6	289.9	296.3	6.4	2.2
Cheyenne .....	44.9	45.5	45.0	45.4	.4	.9
<b>Puerto Rico</b> .....	1,026.0	995.4	1,036.3	1,003.1	-33.2	-3.2
Ponce .....	66.3	64.9	68.4	66.1	-2.3	-3.4
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo .....	766.7	744.2	773.7	750.0	-23.7	-3.1
<b>Virgin Islands</b> .....	45.9	46.6	46.1	46.7	.6	1.3

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

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areas lie in two or more states. They are listed under the state that appears first in their titles. Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Ill., and Weirton-Steubenville, W. Va.-Ohio, are the exceptions in that they are listed under Illinois and Ohio, respectively, for operational reasons. Data reflect the conversion to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry, replacing NAICS 2002. For more details, see <http://www.bls.gov/sae/saenaics07.htm>.

Table 4. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state, selected metropolitan area, and metropolitan division

(Numbers in thousands)

State, area, and division	November		December		Change from December 2007 to December 2008 <sup>P</sup>	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>P</sup>	Number	Percent
<b>California</b> .....	15,266.6	15,097.8	15,290.5	15,030.7	-259.8	-1.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana .....	5,650.6	5,589.8	5,656.5	5,573.6	-82.9	-1.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale .....	4,139.1	4,115.8	4,144.9	4,103.4	-41.5	-1.0
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine .....	1,511.5	1,474.0	1,511.6	1,470.2	-41.4	-2.7
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont .....	2,057.5	2,029.1	2,062.3	2,020.9	-41.4	-2.0
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward .....	1,054.9	1,030.5	1,057.5	1,025.5	-32.0	-3.0
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City .....	1,002.6	998.6	1,004.8	995.4	-9.4	-0.9
<b>District of Columbia</b> .....	702.5	706.1	704.6	705.4	.8	.1
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria <sup>1</sup> .....	3,019.4	3,042.6	3,027.9	3,039.7	11.8	.4
Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg <sup>2</sup> .....	581.9	583.8	584.1	584.9	.8	.1
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria <sup>1</sup> .....	2,437.5	2,458.8	2,443.8	2,454.8	11.0	.5
<b>Florida</b> .....	8,074.4	7,854.4	8,124.4	7,873.7	-250.7	-3.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach .....	2,451.7	2,392.2	2,468.3	2,398.8	-69.5	-2.8
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach .....	792.4	770.2	799.5	772.3	-27.2	-3.4
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall .....	1,073.5	1,048.6	1,077.8	1,050.2	-27.6	-2.6
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach .....	585.8	573.4	591.0	576.3	-14.7	-2.5
<b>Illinois</b> .....	6,042.1	5,979.7	6,033.1	5,931.2	-101.9	-1.7
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet <sup>1</sup> .....	4,595.6	4,559.8	4,596.7	4,537.6	-59.1	-1.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet .....	3,909.9	3,873.0	3,912.4	3,854.9	-57.5	-1.5
Gary <sup>2</sup> .....	284.6	285.1	284.0	282.5	-1.5	-0.5
Lake County-Kenosha County <sup>1</sup> .....	401.3	401.7	400.7	400.2	-0.5	-0.1
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	3,314.7	3,291.7	3,315.8	3,273.0	-42.8	-1.3
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy <sup>1</sup> .....	2,514.3	2,507.1	2,517.4	2,497.7	-19.7	-0.8
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy .....	1,727.7	1,725.8	1,729.5	1,718.8	-10.7	-0.6
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton .....	91.4	90.2	91.8	90.1	-1.7	-1.9
Framingham .....	159.5	160.8	160.1	160.4	.3	.2
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury <sup>1</sup> .....	78.6	78.3	78.7	77.8	-0.9	-1.1
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford <sup>1</sup> .....	120.3	120.0	120.5	120.0	-0.5	-0.4
Nashua <sup>1</sup> .....	135.1	135.9	136.0	137.0	1.0	.7
Peabody .....	102.4	101.9	102.8	101.7	-1.1	-1.1
<b>Michigan</b> .....	4,285.9	4,170.2	4,276.4	4,101.4	-175.0	-4.1
Detroit-Warren-Livonia .....	1,972.8	1,898.6	1,968.9	1,879.2	-89.7	-4.6
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn .....	785.2	751.2	785.7	745.3	-40.4	-5.1
Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills .....	1,187.6	1,147.4	1,183.2	1,133.9	-49.3	-4.2
<b>New York</b> .....	8,874.0	8,819.5	8,899.9	8,778.5	-121.4	-1.4
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island <sup>1</sup> .....	8,698.0	8,637.8	8,737.4	8,617.1	-120.3	-1.4
Edison-New Brunswick <sup>2</sup> .....	1,049.0	1,038.2	1,049.0	1,030.4	-18.6	-1.8
Nassau-Suffolk .....	1,288.8	1,282.5	1,296.4	1,277.5	-18.9	-1.5
New York-White Plains-Wayne <sup>1</sup> .....	5,316.3	5,275.9	5,343.1	5,266.7	-76.4	-1.4
Newark-Union <sup>2</sup> .....	1,043.9	1,041.2	1,048.9	1,042.5	-6.4	-0.6
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	5,859.7	5,816.5	5,856.0	5,779.4	-76.6	-1.3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington <sup>1</sup> .....	2,851.4	2,825.1	2,856.4	2,820.2	-36.2	-1.3
Camden <sup>2</sup> .....	548.2	541.3	550.1	543.0	-7.1	-1.3
Philadelphia .....	1,942.3	1,929.1	1,944.3	1,922.9	-21.4	-1.1
Wilmington <sup>2</sup> .....	360.9	354.7	362.0	354.3	-7.7	-2.1
<b>Texas</b> .....	10,511.5	10,715.7	10,538.0	10,692.7	154.7	1.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington .....	2,984.1	3,029.6	2,991.8	3,035.1	43.3	1.4
Dallas-Plano-Irving .....	2,105.1	2,134.0	2,110.0	2,137.8	27.8	1.3
Fort Worth-Arlington .....	879.0	895.6	881.8	897.3	15.5	1.8
<b>Washington</b> .....	2,975.0	2,965.7	2,970.1	2,931.6	-38.5	-1.3
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue .....	1,768.6	1,780.8	1,767.8	1,768.0	.2	.0
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett .....	1,478.5	1,495.7	1,479.2	1,485.4	6.2	.4
Tacoma .....	288.9	285.1	287.3	282.6	-4.7	-1.6

<sup>1</sup> Part of the area is in one or more adjacent states.

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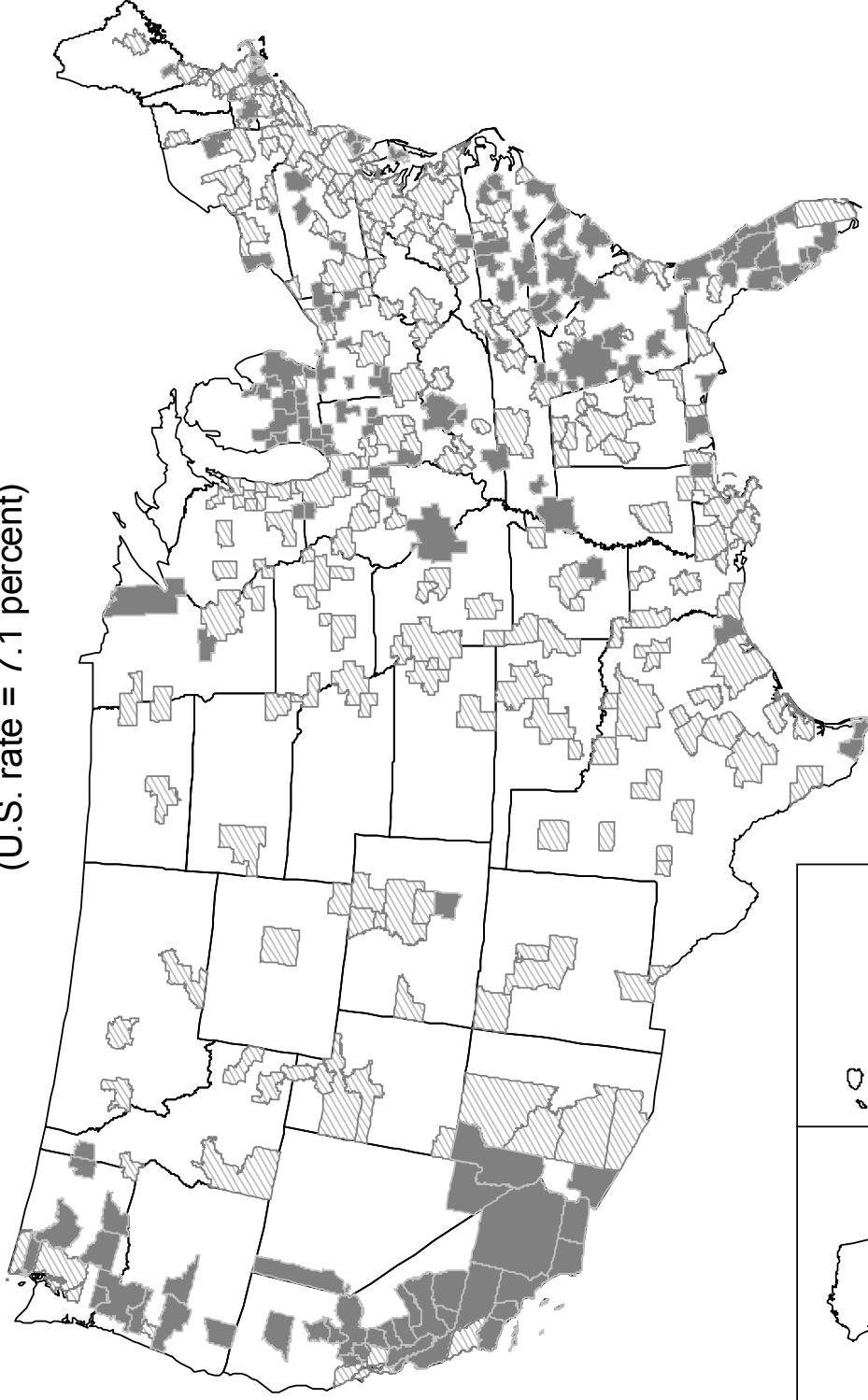
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(U.S. rate = 7.1 percent)



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