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METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: OCTOBER 2003

In October, 180 metropolitan areas recorded lower unemployment rates than a year earlier, 115 areas had higher rates, and 36 areas had rates that were unchanged, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Eighteen areas posted unemployment rates below 3.0 percent, with nine of these located in the Midwest and six in the South. Nine areas registered jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent, of which six were located in California and the other three were along the Mexican border in other states. The national unemployment rate in October was 5.6 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

Metropolitan Area Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Eighty-five metropolitan areas recorded unemployment rates below 4.0 percent in October, up from 77 areas a year earlier, while 40 areas recorded unemployment rates of at least 7.0 percent, up from 31 areas in October 2002. Fargo-Moorhead, N.D.-Minn., reported the lowest jobless rate, 1.8 percent. Columbia, Mo., recorded the next lowest rate, 2.0 percent, followed by Bismark, N.D., and Bryan-College Station, Texas, 2.1 percent each. Yuma, Ariz., registered the highest jobless rate, 23.6 percent, followed by Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, Calif., 14.2 percent. Overall, 226 areas recorded unemployment rates below the U.S. average, while 99 areas had higher rates. (See table 1 and the map.)

In October, Florence, Ala., experienced the largest unemployment rate decrease from a year earlier (-2.2 percentage points), followed by Yuma, Ariz., (-2.1 points), and Rocky Mount, N.C., (-2.0 points). Seventeen areas posted over-the-year rate decreases ranging from 1.0 to 1.9 percentage points, with nine located in the South and five in the West. Another 52 areas had rate decreases of one-half percentage point or more. Lansing-East Lansing, Mich., registered the largest unemployment rate increase (+3.1 percentage points) from a year ago, followed by three other Michigan areas—Saginaw-Bay City-Midland (+2.2 points), and Benton Harbor and Jackson (+1.7 points each). Fourteen additional areas had over-the-year jobless rate increases of at least 1.0 percentage point—four of which were located in Michigan. Most areas in Michigan experienced employment declines in manufacturing. Another 44 areas recorded over-the-year rate increases of at least one-half percentage point.

Of the 51 metropolitan areas with a 1990 census population of 1 million or more, Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va., and Orange County, Calif., continued to report the lowest unemployment rates, 3.1 and 3.7 percent, respectively. The next lowest rates were in Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y., and Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Va.-N.C., 3.9 percent each. New York, N.Y., and San Jose, Calif., posted the highest unemployment rates, 7.6 percent each, closely followed by Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash., 7.5 percent.

Among these large areas, 32 posted rates below that of the U.S., while 18 had rates above it. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 34 of these large areas, up in 9 areas, and unchanged in 8 areas. The largest unemployment rate decreases from October 2002 were reported in Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah, and San Jose, Calif. (-1.3 percentage points each), followed by Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (-1.2 points), and Atlanta, Ga. (-1.1 points). The largest over-the-year rate increase was recorded in Detroit, Mich. (+1.3 points). Four additional large areas experienced rate increases of at least 0.5 percentage point.

Metropolitan Area Nonfarm Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the 272 metropolitan areas for which over-the-year comparisons could be made, 152 reported over-the-year decreases in employment, 115 recorded increases, and 5 had no change. The largest over-the-year employment declines were posted in Chicago, Ill. (-49,000), San Jose, Calif. (-37,700), Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-37,600), Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif. (-32,400), Detroit, Mich. (-24,100), and New York, N.Y. (-21,800). The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment were reported in San Jose, Calif. (-4.2 percent), Worcester, Mass.-Conn. (-3.9 percent), Lowell, Mass.-N.H. (-3.2 percent), and Lawrence, Mass.-N.H., Lawton, Okla., and Sioux City, Iowa-Neb. (-2.8 percent each).

The largest over-the-year employment increases were reported in Atlanta, Ga. (+65,400), Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+28,700), Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (+24,500), Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (+23,700), and Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+22,400). The largest over-the-year percentage increases in employment were reported in Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla. (+5.8 percent), Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz. (+3.6 percent), McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas (+3.3 percent), and Elkhart-Goshen, Ind., Glens Falls, N.Y., and Reno, Nev. (+3.1 percent each).

Over-the-year nonfarm employment comparisons could be made in 37 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2002. Employment declined in 23 of these 37 areas. The largest over-the-year percentage declines in employment in these large metropolitan areas were posted in San Jose, Calif. (-4.2 percent), Indianapolis, Ind. (-2.1 percent), Boston, Mass.-N.H. (-1.9 percent), and Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash. (-1.7 percent). Among the largest areas, Las Vegas, Nev.-Ariz., had the highest over-the-year percentage increase in employment (+3.6 percent), followed by Atlanta, Ga. (+3.0 percent), Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif. (+2.1 percent), Orlando, Fla. (+1.6 percent), and Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz., (+1.5 percent).

Manufacturing remained the weakest industry, with 218 metropolitan areas experiencing employment losses over the year. Employment declines in professional and business services were reported in 137 metropolitan areas, while employment declines in the information sector occurred in 121 metropolitan areas. Employment growth was most widespread in education and health services, in leisure and hospitality, and in financial activities, with increases occurring in 204, 138, and 136 metropolitan areas, respectively.

The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for November is scheduled to be issued on December 19. The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for November is scheduled to be issued on December 31.

Technical Note

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

Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

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

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

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

Employment—from the CES program

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

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

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

Reliability of the estimates

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

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

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error will be available for state CES data, at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level. 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, dated June 30, 1996. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Additional information

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

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

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

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Alabama	2,098.2	2,144.6	2,107.4	2,168.2	125.8	118.9	130.1	127.3	6.0	5.5	6.2	5.9
Anniston	51.8	52.6	51.9	52.9	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.0	5.6	5.3	6.2	5.7
Auburn-Opelika	52.3	52.3	52.1	53.1	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.3
Birmingham	469.5	481.1	471.0	486.9	22.0	20.5	22.6	22.0	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.5
Decatur	70.5	74.6	71.4	74.5	4.7	5.3	4.6	4.8	6.6	7.1	6.5	6.4
Dothan	65.4	66.6	65.6	67.6	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.6
Florence	63.6	61.2	63.1	61.9	6.3	4.4	6.2	4.7	9.9	7.2	9.9	7.7
Gadsden	47.3	47.9	47.4	48.9	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.0	5.7	5.4	6.0	6.2
Huntsville	176.3	176.9	176.5	178.7	7.6	8.1	8.3	8.5	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7
Mobile	265.0	271.9	266.6	274.6	16.7	16.4	17.0	17.1	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.2
Montgomery	160.5	166.7	161.8	168.6	7.9	8.2	8.5	8.9	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.3
Tuscaloosa	83.8	85.7	84.5	86.5	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.5
Alaska	325.3	347.8	324.6	345.0	22.9	23.7	24.2	23.4	7.1	6.8	7.5	6.8
Anchorage	145.0	156.2	148.6	158.2	7.7	8.1	7.9	7.7	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.9
Arizona	2,691.3	2,676.8	2,687.5	2,667.8	173.9	157.2	167.4	137.4	6.5	5.9	6.2	5.2
Flagstaff	71.3	70.3	69.6	68.9	3.5	4.1	3.4	3.7	4.9	5.8	4.9	5.4
Phoenix-Mesa	1,799.4	1,791.3	1,800.8	1,788.5	104.2	92.1	103.3	81.2	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.5
Tucson	428.3	428.4	428.9	429.1	20.6	18.5	20.0	16.8	4.8	4.3	4.7	3.9
Yuma	79.0	75.1	76.8	71.4	24.1	22.1	19.7	16.8	30.5	29.5	25.7	23.6
Arkansas	1,294.2	1,308.4	1,290.2	1,303.4	61.7	68.7	56.7	65.0	4.8	5.2	4.4	5.0
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	170.1	174.4	170.2	175.1	3.8	4.6	3.5	4.4	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.5
Fort Smith	100.6	102.0	100.6	102.0	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.8	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.7
Jonesboro	45.5	47.1	45.2	46.7	1.9	2.2	1.8	2.1	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.6
Little Rock-North Little Rock	315.2	317.4	313.7	315.3	13.4	14.8	11.9	14.0	4.2	4.7	3.8	4.4
Pine Bluff	36.6	37.7	36.7	37.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	8.3	8.1	7.6	7.6
California	17,450.5	17,605.9	17,538.9	17,752.4	1,131.7	1,094.2	1,151.4	1,128.3	6.5	6.2	6.6	6.4
Bakersfield	301.6	308.7	300.0	307.2	29.6	30.7	32.1	34.9	9.8	10.0	10.7	11.4
Chico-Paradise	91.5	93.8	92.1	94.6	5.9	5.7	6.1	5.9	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.3
Fresno	475.6	480.0	456.3	462.7	52.6	49.4	61.0	58.9	11.1	10.3	13.4	12.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,735.7	4,780.4	4,738.2	4,792.7	318.2	331.7	307.1	327.0	6.7	6.9	6.5	6.8
Merced	90.0	92.4	90.3	94.8	9.0	9.3	9.7	10.8	10.0	10.0	10.8	11.4
Modesto	221.8	224.0	219.4	220.7	20.0	19.4	23.4	22.9	9.0	8.7	10.7	10.4
Oakland	1,287.4	1,302.4	1,309.7	1,318.6	81.9	76.4	83.0	77.3	6.4	5.9	6.3	5.9
Orange County	1,555.2	1,570.0	1,573.8	1,596.3	67.4	57.9	67.8	58.8	4.3	3.7	4.3	3.7
Redding	82.0	82.0	83.9	84.0	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.9
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,644.1	1,691.0	1,660.9	1,723.8	104.6	101.6	106.4	103.5	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.0
Sacramento	865.4	872.1	871.8	882.1	46.5	46.5	48.0	48.2	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.5
Salinas	199.3	198.6	198.6	199.3	13.4	12.6	13.7	13.9	6.7	6.4	6.9	7.0
San Diego	1,457.4	1,484.4	1,481.4	1,512.2	66.0	62.1	67.8	62.8	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.2
San Francisco	938.0	937.5	938.7	942.3	56.9	48.6	56.7	48.5	6.1	5.2	6.0	5.2
San Jose	946.5	907.5	952.9	917.0	83.3	68.6	85.1	69.3	8.8	7.6	8.9	7.6
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles	122.1	123.0	124.6	125.7	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.1
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	204.9	208.4	207.8	214.2	8.4	7.3	8.5	8.3	4.1	3.5	4.1	3.9
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	144.9	143.6	144.8	145.1	8.9	8.5	9.4	9.3	6.1	5.9	6.5	6.4
Santa Rosa	270.3	271.7	270.0	271.3	11.7	11.9	12.0	11.8	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4
Stockton-Lodi	277.2	277.2	277.2	285.7	23.3	23.8	24.8	26.3	8.4	8.4	8.9	9.2
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	285.7	291.8	287.8	293.3	14.4	14.9	14.5	15.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.2
Ventura	426.7	423.6	426.8	426.9	26.2	23.7	24.6	24.1	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.6
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville	174.4	175.2	176.7	177.5	22.1	21.7	24.9	25.3	12.7	12.4	14.1	14.2
Yolo	94.6	95.7	95.7	97.2	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.8
Yuba City	59.5	60.4	59.7	60.4	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.8	10.1	10.3	10.8	11.3
Colorado	2,474.3	2,509.5	2,465.5	2,495.2	137.6	135.3	136.9	130.6	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.2
Boulder-Longmont ^{1,2}	200.7	176.2	201.9	177.7	11.5	8.8	10.9	8.3	5.7	5.0	5.4	4.7
Colorado Springs	282.1	280.8	284.7	282.2	18.2	16.2	17.9	15.6	6.4	5.8	6.3	5.5
Denver ^{1,2}	1,237.8	1,277.2	1,229.3	1,269.7	72.3	73.4	71.2	70.3	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.5
Fort Collins-Loveland	160.6	161.8	160.3	161.4	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
Grand Junction	65.9	69.5	65.4	68.8	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.2	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.6
Greeley	98.7	102.4	100.3	103.0	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.7
Pueblo	63.2	63.8	62.6	63.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.4
Connecticut	1,764.0	1,763.7	1,779.6	1,780.5	70.4	80.4	74.2	80.1	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.5
Bridgeport	224.1	225.5	226.3	228.0	11.0	12.8	11.4	12.7	4.9	5.7	5.1	5.6
Danbury	115.2	117.6	116.5	119.2	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.0
Hartford	600.6	595.7	605.4	600.1	25.1	29.1	26.7	28.6	4.2	4.9	4.4	4.8
New Haven-Meriden	284.5	286.3	287.7	291.1	11.0	13.0	11.4	13.0	3.9	4.5	4.0	4.5
New London-Norwich	166.2	168.2	166.7	168.2	5.6	6.7	6.1	6.5	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.9
Stamford-Norwalk	189.0	187.2	190.7	188.2	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Waterbury	116.5	115.1	117.5	116.6	6.2	6.8	6.5	7.0	5.3	5.9	5.5	6.0
Delaware	417.0	416.7	418.1	420.8	17.7	18.4	16.6	15.5	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.7
Dover	72.9	73.0	74.8	74.3	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.7	3.8	4.4	3.7	3.6
Wilmington-Newark	306.8	307.2	307.4	310.1	14.4	15.0	13.4	12.6	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
District of Columbia	300.7	309.2	300.8	313.6	18.5	18.6	18.9	20.8	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.6
Washington	2,820.9	2,865.8	2,822.0	2,866.6	102.7	92.7	98.8	88.9	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.1
Florida	8,120.1	8,135.3	8,116.0	8,089.9	452.1	449.6	443.5	398.2	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.9
Daytona Beach	217.4	219.2	216.5	217.5	10.9	11.9	11.0	10.8	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.0
Fort Lauderdale	862.3	865.6	862.5	857.3	51.4	50.8	51.2	45.4	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.3
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	208.2	211.0	210.0	210.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	8.2	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.9
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie	142.8	143.8	143.5	143.3	12.4	12.2	11.2	9.7	8.7	8.5	7.8	6.8
Fort Walton Beach	89.4	88.9	87.6	87.7	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.6	3.0	2.5
Gainesville	112.8	110.8	114.3	112.5	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4
Jacksonville	596.1	595.4	596.3	592.8	31.0	32.7	30.3	29.9	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.0
Lakeland-Winter Haven	219.8	218.3	220.1	215.6	15.4	16.4	13.9	13.0	7.0	7.5	6.3	6.0
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	222.9	219.9	220.8	218.0	12.0	11.1	12.1	10.2	5.4	5.0	5.5	4.7
Miami	1,127.2	1,114.2	1,119.1	1,107.7	85.1	81.1	84.1	74.6	7.6	7.3	7.5	6.7
Naples	117.6	122.7	120.0	123.5	7.2	7.7	6.8	5.8	6.1	6.2	5.7	4.7
Ocala	104.4	104.6	104.5	103.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.3
Orlando	964.5	969.4	963.3	960.4	48.5	49.6	47.9	44.7	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.7
Panama City	69.0	69.2	68.2	67.8	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.5	4.6	5.0	5.5	5.1
Pensacola	179.1	175.4	178.1	173.5	7.3	7.1	7.5	6.4	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.7
Punta Gorda	56.5	58.5	57.2	58.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.2	4.6	4.5	4.5	3.7
Sarasota-Bradenton	293.4	302.4	291.2	301.4	12.2	12.2	11.7	10.5	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.5
Tallahassee	157.5	155.1	158.1	157.1	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.2
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,327.7	1,326.5	1,327.1	1,318.4	61.4	60.6	61.2	54.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.1
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	581.0	590.3	586.6	589.3	37.7	37.4	36.1	31.6	6.5	6.3	6.2	5.4
Georgia	4,305.0	4,396.5	4,326.0	4,406.2	231.3	203.9	231.0	192.4	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.4
Albany	55.5	56.7	55.7	57.0	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	5.6	4.8	5.5	5.0
Athens	76.4	77.7	76.8	77.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.9
Atlanta	2,377.7	2,444.3	2,390.4	2,450.3	134.1	117.4	133.0	109.9	5.6	4.8	5.6	4.5
Augusta-Aiken	208.9	213.8	208.3	214.2	11.5	10.2	11.2	10.1	5.5	4.8	5.4	4.7
Columbus	125.3	125.4	125.9	124.8	7.8	7.5	7.8	7.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	5.7
Macon	155.4	155.9	156.7	157.3	7.3	6.5	7.3	6.5	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.1
Savannah	142.5	143.4	143.2	144.2	6.2	5.9	6.1	5.3	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.7
Hawaii	575.8	602.0	578.4	604.8	23.8	26.0	22.2	25.6	4.1	4.3	3.8	4.2
Honolulu	407.0	424.4	410.0	427.2	15.4	17.2	14.4	16.6	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.9
Idaho	686.2	689.1	681.9	687.8	33.1	31.2	33.1	30.7	4.8	4.5	4.9	4.5
Boise City	249.6	243.9	248.2	244.5	12.5	11.9	12.6	11.3	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.6
Pocatello	38.4	40.5	38.7	40.8	2.2	1.9	2.2	1.8	5.7	4.7	5.7	4.4
Illinois	6,336.8	6,427.5	6,361.9	6,466.9	392.5	426.2	390.3	392.1	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.1
Bloomington-Normal	94.7	95.4	94.9	96.7	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.3
Champaign-Urbana	99.1	99.9	102.1	103.7	2.9	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.8
Chicago	4,253.7	4,313.1	4,269.1	4,331.2	277.7	296.5	272.4	271.3	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	187.6	186.3	188.9	188.3	8.3	8.8	10.2	9.9	4.4	4.7	5.4	5.3
Decatur	56.5	56.6	56.5	56.7	4.5	4.3	4.3	3.7	7.9	7.5	7.6	6.6
Kankakee	52.4	52.8	52.4	53.3	3.6	3.9	3.5	3.7	6.9	7.5	6.6	7.0
Peoria-Pekin	179.8	182.7	180.5	183.3	8.8	10.0	9.7	9.0	4.9	5.5	5.4	4.9
Rockford	197.6	199.9	198.1	200.2	14.3	16.2	14.7	15.2	7.2	8.1	7.4	7.6
Springfield	107.8	107.8	107.3	107.8	4.8	5.8	4.9	5.2	4.4	5.4	4.5	4.8
Indiana	3,182.6	3,205.6	3,196.2	3,212.9	147.4	153.0	148.6	152.3	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.7
Bloomington	64.3	65.5	65.0	66.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.5
Elkhart-Goshen	96.9	102.1	97.7	102.4	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2
Evansville-Henderson	164.2	166.6	164.6	165.2	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.5	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9
Fort Wayne	271.2	277.8	271.3	279.3	12.6	14.2	12.5	14.4	4.7	5.1	4.6	5.2
Gary	301.6	301.4	300.9	304.8	16.8	15.6	16.3	16.9	5.6	5.2	5.4	5.6
Indianapolis	889.9	896.1	894.3	895.9	40.6	43.0	40.9	41.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.6
Kokomo	51.4	51.0	51.1	51.3	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.4
Lafayette	97.1	96.4	97.4	97.0	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.9
Muncie	60.3	61.3	60.8	61.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8
South Bend	137.3	137.2	138.8	139.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3
Terre Haute	71.9	71.8	72.3	72.2	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.3
Iowa	1,675.8	1,621.5	1,673.8	1,642.6	61.7	66.4	58.6	62.0	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.8
Cedar Rapids	119.2	115.2	119.9	119.4	5.4	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.9
Des Moines	275.6	271.7	276.0	276.1	9.2	9.7	8.8	8.9	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.2
Dubuque	51.0	48.5	50.9	49.2	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.5	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1
Iowa City	77.0	74.6	77.0	75.7	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4	3.2	3.5	2.9	3.2
Sioux City	66.3	64.2	66.4	64.5	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.9	3.9	4.9	3.5	4.5
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	72.4	71.3	72.5	73.4	2.9	3.2	2.7	3.7	4.0	4.5	3.8	5.1

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Kansas	1,409.5	1,466.2	1,426.7	1,478.5	68.8	66.3	73.8	69.1	4.9	4.5	5.2	4.7
Lawrence	57.4	58.0	58.2	59.1	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.4	4.5	4.0	4.6	4.0
Topeka	91.1	94.6	92.1	95.5	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9
Wichita	285.8	292.1	289.1	294.0	18.0	17.8	19.0	18.1	6.3	6.1	6.6	6.1
Kentucky	1,951.6	1,986.2	1,954.8	1,983.6	97.5	106.6	100.8	104.8	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.3
Lexington	253.4	257.5	254.5	256.2	9.1	9.8	9.5	9.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.7
Louisville	556.9	571.0	557.1	566.3	26.3	29.7	27.0	27.7	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.9
Owensboro	48.3	49.8	48.4	49.1	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.4	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.0
Louisiana	1,993.5	2,038.3	1,996.2	2,042.3	118.9	122.6	118.6	110.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.4
Alexandria	58.5	59.3	58.6	60.0	3.3	3.2	3.2	2.8	5.6	5.4	5.5	4.6
Baton Rouge	300.4	308.6	300.8	308.7	16.8	18.3	16.8	16.4	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.3
Houma	97.3	99.0	98.9	99.7	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.1
Lafayette	177.1	180.9	177.7	181.7	9.7	9.6	9.8	8.6	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.7
Lake Charles	86.7	88.9	84.9	88.0	5.2	5.5	4.8	4.6	6.0	6.2	5.6	5.2
Monroe	72.0	72.8	71.6	73.3	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.8	5.5	5.1	5.1
New Orleans	586.7	608.2	585.4	608.3	32.5	33.8	31.9	30.6	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.0
Shreveport-Bossier City	178.7	181.1	178.1	182.2	12.0	11.8	12.2	10.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	5.9
Maine	688.0	701.9	691.1	699.0	26.4	30.8	28.1	32.8	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.7
Bangor	52.5	54.0	53.9	54.8	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.8	2.6	3.0	2.6	3.4
Lewiston-Auburn	53.7	54.5	54.2	54.8	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.7	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.8
Portland	140.8	142.9	142.2	143.9	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.4	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.1
Maryland	2,908.1	2,924.0	2,914.3	2,929.4	120.4	120.4	120.7	116.6	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
Baltimore	1,349.3	1,357.9	1,351.9	1,360.6	63.2	65.0	63.3	62.4	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6
Cumberland	43.5	44.3	44.5	44.7	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.4	5.0	5.7	4.9	5.5
Hagerstown	71.1	70.8	72.1	71.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4
Massachusetts	3,485.8	3,440.3	3,501.3	3,451.2	193.1	198.7	181.2	182.4	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.3
Barnstable-Yarmouth	85.9	86.1	83.2	83.0	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.7
Boston	1,915.6	1,886.8	1,927.2	1,896.5	99.9	101.2	92.5	91.6	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.8
Brockton	142.5	142.7	144.5	143.5	8.1	8.9	7.4	8.1	5.7	6.2	5.1	5.6
Fitchburg-Leominster	72.3	72.8	72.0	72.4	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.2	7.8	7.9	7.3	7.2
Lawrence	221.0	217.1	221.8	218.2	18.3	18.1	18.2	17.0	8.3	8.3	8.2	7.8
Lowell	184.3	177.1	185.3	179.4	13.1	12.1	12.2	11.1	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.2
New Bedford	84.5	83.8	84.5	83.9	6.1	6.3	5.8	5.9	7.2	7.5	6.9	7.0
Pittsfield	41.7	41.8	41.8	42.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.8
Springfield	300.4	297.1	305.2	301.9	15.5	17.4	15.2	16.3	5.2	5.9	5.0	5.4
Worcester	267.0	259.2	269.4	260.2	16.3	16.8	15.4	15.5	6.1	6.5	5.7	5.9
Michigan	4,953.3	5,091.8	4,980.4	5,144.4	274.0	350.1	268.4	354.2	5.5	6.9	5.4	6.9
Ann Arbor	308.5	314.7	314.6	321.2	10.0	12.8	9.5	12.3	3.2	4.1	3.0	3.8
Benton Harbor	79.7	81.1	79.9	82.4	4.3	5.8	4.1	5.7	5.4	7.1	5.2	6.9
Detroit	2,189.3	2,256.9	2,200.2	2,273.1	127.5	162.2	124.3	159.9	5.8	7.2	5.7	7.0
Flint	182.5	188.1	182.7	189.7	14.1	17.3	13.8	17.3	7.7	9.2	7.5	9.1
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	601.1	619.1	605.1	624.8	36.0	45.0	35.4	45.0	6.0	7.3	5.9	7.2
Jackson	78.8	80.0	79.1	81.0	4.7	6.2	4.7	6.1	6.0	7.7	5.9	7.6
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	224.8	229.7	228.7	234.5	11.0	14.2	10.9	14.2	4.9	6.2	4.7	6.0
Lansing-East Lansing	247.4	252.7	248.2	258.3	8.3	11.4	8.2	16.5	3.4	4.5	3.3	6.4
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	196.1	201.1	197.8	206.2	11.1	16.1	10.8	15.6	5.6	8.0	5.4	7.6
Minnesota	2,920.1	2,930.7	2,931.8	2,946.2	120.5	129.0	110.1	120.0	4.1	4.4	3.8	4.1
Duluth-Superior	132.3	132.8	132.4	133.4	5.1	6.5	4.9	6.4	3.9	4.9	3.7	4.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,828.5	1,828.6	1,836.0	1,837.8	78.8	84.7	72.3	77.7	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.2
Rochester	82.6	83.5	83.1	83.0	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.7	4.1	3.5	3.7
St. Cloud	106.4	105.1	107.9	106.8	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.6
Mississippi	1,281.2	1,302.6	1,298.8	1,321.4	81.6	66.0	91.7	76.9	6.4	5.1	7.1	5.8
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula	168.9	170.7	169.6	172.1	9.1	6.8	10.5	7.8	5.4	4.0	6.2	4.5
Hattiesburg	52.8	54.3	53.4	54.6	2.3	1.8	2.6	2.1	4.3	3.3	4.9	3.9
Jackson	230.0	234.8	232.2	236.7	10.3	8.1	11.2	9.5	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.0
Missouri	2,965.1	2,965.1	2,971.3	2,988.9	155.3	156.0	150.0	145.3	5.2	5.3	5.0	4.9
Columbia	88.4	88.3	89.3	89.3	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
Joplin	83.1	81.0	83.7	81.9	4.5	3.9	4.3	3.7	5.4	4.9	5.2	4.5
Kansas City	992.2	1,007.7	996.1	1,017.0	57.9	56.6	58.9	55.5	5.8	5.6	5.9	5.5
St. Joseph	52.8	52.4	52.9	52.5	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.1
St. Louis ²	1,366.1	1,377.2	1,365.7	1,394.2	75.6	80.5	72.5	74.4	5.5	5.8	5.3	5.3
Springfield	175.5	177.9	175.6	180.0	7.5	6.6	7.3	6.4	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.5
Montana	461.4	478.3	463.6	475.8	16.5	19.3	19.3	18.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.8
Billings	67.3	73.8	67.8	74.0	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.1
Great Falls	36.8	36.3	37.0	36.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	3.6	4.2	4.0	3.8
Missoula	52.7	58.8	53.0	58.8	1.6	2.0	1.9	1.7	3.1	3.4	3.5	2.8

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Nebraska	949.2	977.5	961.1	989.9	30.0	35.4	30.8	34.3	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.5
Lincoln	153.4	154.3	154.3	156.4	4.5	5.8	4.7	5.7	2.9	3.7	3.1	3.7
Omaha	413.6	419.4	417.3	423.1	14.3	17.0	14.6	16.4	3.5	4.1	3.5	3.9
Nevada	1,126.1	1,113.4	1,125.3	1,112.3	55.1	56.3	52.8	52.7	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.7
Las Vegas	891.3	883.9	889.7	883.5	46.3	46.7	44.4	43.7	5.2	5.3	5.0	4.9
Reno	199.9	196.8	199.9	197.1	7.9	7.7	7.4	7.3	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7
New Hampshire	701.0	712.7	706.0	716.6	31.7	30.0	32.0	28.2	4.5	4.2	4.5	3.9
Manchester	111.6	114.7	113.1	117.8	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	3.9
Nashua	106.0	105.3	107.2	107.7	6.7	6.0	6.7	5.8	6.3	5.7	6.3	5.4
Portsmouth-Rochester	135.1	137.2	136.3	138.4	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	3.7
New Jersey	4,341.9	4,404.5	4,377.3	4,430.8	254.7	252.9	255.3	244.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.5
Atlantic-Cape May	180.8	183.2	176.7	181.3	11.0	11.8	11.7	12.6	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.9
Bergen-Passaic	675.2	683.0	678.7	693.0	39.3	40.1	39.0	38.2	5.8	5.9	5.7	5.5
Jersey City	293.9	297.6	294.4	298.6	24.1	23.0	24.1	22.1	8.2	7.7	8.2	7.4
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	671.4	675.4	682.0	683.2	34.9	32.9	34.7	31.6	5.2	4.9	5.1	4.6
Monmouth-Ocean	563.7	574.6	570.3	575.1	29.1	29.7	29.6	29.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1
Newark	1,050.6	1,071.1	1,063.6	1,077.9	65.2	65.0	65.2	62.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.8
Trenton	186.1	186.8	187.0	187.1	10.0	9.2	9.9	8.8	5.4	4.9	5.3	4.7
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	65.5	65.2	66.3	65.6	5.3	5.1	5.5	4.9	8.2	7.8	8.3	7.5
New Mexico	877.1	896.9	885.1	899.4	47.0	53.0	46.1	51.9	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.8
Albuquerque	384.9	393.9	389.2	395.2	19.1	20.7	18.7	20.5	5.0	5.2	4.8	5.2
Las Cruces	75.2	78.1	76.7	79.0	4.5	5.0	4.4	4.9	5.9	6.4	5.8	6.2
Santa Fe	79.0	81.9	79.5	81.8	2.1	2.8	2.1	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.6	3.4
New York	9,328.5	9,328.5	9,408.4	9,373.6	547.7	586.0	564.7	566.6	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.0
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	468.8	470.5	472.0	473.2	16.6	17.6	15.9	16.9	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.6
Binghamton	126.3	125.1	125.9	125.6	7.3	6.8	6.8	6.6	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.2
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	572.3	575.9	574.3	578.9	32.4	35.3	30.9	34.1	5.7	6.1	5.4	5.9
Dutchess County	128.7	131.5	130.4	133.7	5.6	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.6
Elmira	42.7	42.4	42.9	42.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2
Glens Falls	60.8	62.2	59.9	62.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.6	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.1
Jamestown	66.5	67.5	66.2	66.6	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.9	5.8	6.0	5.5	5.9
Nassau-Suffolk	1,467.9	1,474.2	1,480.2	1,490.1	63.7	60.9	60.2	58.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9
New York	4,408.8	4,371.9	4,458.7	4,385.4	311.8	344.9	339.1	331.5	7.1	7.9	7.6	7.6
New York City	3,726.6	3,682.8	3,774.6	3,690.3	283.8	317.9	312.4	306.0	7.6	8.6	8.3	8.3
Newburgh	188.9	193.0	188.7	192.8	8.0	9.1	7.8	8.6	4.2	4.7	4.2	4.4
Rochester	573.7	570.8	578.4	578.2	33.7	33.1	32.3	32.0	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.5
Syracuse	372.6	379.5	376.1	382.0	19.3	21.6	18.5	21.0	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.5
Utica-Rome	145.3	147.6	145.9	148.0	6.8	6.5	6.3	6.9	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6
North Carolina	4,154.3	4,179.4	4,168.8	4,190.1	255.6	249.2	264.5	246.5	6.2	6.0	6.3	5.9
Asheville	115.6	117.6	117.7	119.0	4.2	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.3
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	863.0	874.2	865.8	879.6	50.3	58.6	52.3	58.0	5.8	6.7	6.0	6.6
Fayetteville	126.4	126.4	126.8	127.2	7.3	6.5	7.4	6.2	5.7	5.1	5.9	4.9
Goldsboro	51.8	52.3	51.5	52.1	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.0
Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point	669.7	675.0	674.8	682.5	38.9	39.5	40.4	39.7	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.8
Greenville	72.5	74.0	72.5	74.1	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.6	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.2
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir	176.6	173.1	176.3	172.1	14.1	14.7	15.1	14.2	8.0	8.5	8.6	8.3
Jacksonville	50.8	50.0	50.6	49.7	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.5	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.1
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	697.7	705.8	707.2	707.6	34.8	30.0	36.6	29.2	5.0	4.3	5.2	4.1
Rocky Mount	69.8	69.4	69.6	69.2	6.6	5.4	6.9	5.5	9.4	7.7	9.9	7.9
Wilmington	124.3	126.5	123.2	125.1	7.4	6.0	7.6	5.8	5.9	4.7	6.1	4.7
North Dakota	347.2	354.8	344.0	353.0	10.7	9.4	9.7	8.5	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.4
Bismarck	55.5	55.6	54.7	55.1	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.2	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.1
Fargo-Moorhead	109.4	109.5	108.0	108.7	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.8
Grand Forks	54.6	54.2	54.4	53.6	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.3	3.7	2.7	2.6	2.4
Ohio	5,800.7	5,851.4	5,828.8	5,865.5	315.9	325.7	305.2	300.0	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.1
Akron	372.0	382.5	373.9	381.8	18.6	19.1	17.9	17.4	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.6
Canton-Massillon	205.6	206.3	204.7	206.8	11.1	12.3	10.7	11.8	5.4	6.0	5.2	5.7
Cincinnati	863.1	881.0	866.9	882.6	40.7	42.7	38.8	40.1	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.5
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,107.8	1,113.7	1,114.4	1,114.8	69.9	69.5	67.3	62.8	6.3	6.2	6.0	5.6
Columbus	875.0	883.2	881.8	887.2	40.5	40.7	38.4	37.1	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.2
Dayton-Springfield	471.4	472.9	474.8	474.1	26.1	26.7	25.3	24.2	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.1
Hamilton-Middletown	198.4	200.8	201.0	203.2	8.7	8.3	8.1	7.7	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.8
Lima	74.8	75.1	75.6	74.9	4.1	3.8	4.5	3.6	5.4	5.1	5.9	4.8
Mansfield	82.1	82.2	82.5	82.3	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.7	6.9	7.3	6.9	6.9
Steubenville-Weirton	54.3	54.0	53.5	53.6	2.4	3.6	2.5	3.3	4.4	6.6	4.6	6.2
Toledo	320.1	317.4	321.0	319.3	19.5	20.8	20.0	19.8	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.2
Youngstown-Warren	272.1	273.8	271.6	272.8	17.1	18.1	16.6	15.5	6.3	6.6	6.1	5.7

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Oklahoma	1,690.5	1,712.6	1,707.0	1,719.5	73.1	84.5	76.3	90.0	4.3	4.9	4.5	5.2
Enid	26.6	27.4	26.8	27.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.6
Lawton	41.3	40.7	41.8	41.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.6	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.9
Oklahoma City	572.6	581.8	582.4	581.8	22.4	25.2	23.4	27.2	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.7
Tulsa	426.7	425.1	431.4	430.9	21.5	24.5	22.6	25.9	5.0	5.8	5.2	6.0
Oregon	1,843.0	1,819.9	1,835.5	1,823.3	120.0	132.7	120.1	126.2	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.9
Corvallis	40.1	40.0	41.2	41.3	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.4
Eugene-Springfield	166.5	168.2	168.3	170.3	9.9	12.1	10.0	11.5	6.0	7.2	5.9	6.8
Medford-Ashland	94.8	95.0	95.8	95.7	5.3	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.6	6.2	5.4	5.7
Portland-Vancouver	1,088.6	1,063.7	1,087.9	1,069.5	78.7	85.3	80.1	79.8	7.2	8.0	7.4	7.5
Salem	184.6	183.8	181.6	181.8	10.0	12.1	10.3	11.9	5.4	6.6	5.7	6.6
Pennsylvania	6,282.5	6,149.0	6,292.6	6,175.4	333.4	297.6	332.4	306.8	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.0
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	335.1	328.3	335.0	330.5	18.3	17.1	18.2	17.3	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.2
Altoona	66.4	65.4	65.9	65.7	3.5	2.7	3.5	2.9	5.3	4.1	5.3	4.5
Erie	143.4	138.9	143.6	140.7	9.5	8.0	9.2	8.6	6.6	5.8	6.4	6.1
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	365.4	362.4	365.5	362.5	13.4	11.9	13.4	12.1	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3
Johnstown	102.2	100.2	103.0	100.0	6.2	5.6	6.5	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	5.7
Lancaster	261.2	258.1	261.9	259.2	9.1	8.7	9.4	8.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.3
Philadelphia	2,643.5	2,635.5	2,649.2	2,640.4	151.2	141.2	147.8	142.3	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.4
Pittsburgh	1,205.4	1,174.1	1,206.4	1,181.1	60.0	53.7	60.2	56.1	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.8
Reading	191.8	185.6	192.0	187.6	11.8	9.7	12.6	10.1	6.1	5.2	6.5	5.4
Scranton—Wilkes-Barre—Hazleton	312.0	302.2	314.2	304.4	16.6	14.9	16.9	15.5	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.1
Sharon	59.9	57.7	59.8	58.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.6
State College	71.9	69.7	73.6	71.5	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.9
Williamsport	58.1	56.6	58.5	57.0	3.4	3.0	3.4	3.1	5.9	5.3	5.8	5.4
York	203.5	197.5	202.9	197.6	9.6	8.4	9.5	8.6	4.7	4.3	4.7	4.4
Rhode Island	560.3	569.0	561.6	568.4	28.8	25.4	28.8	23.7	5.1	4.5	5.1	4.2
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	633.1	639.6	635.7	641.2	34.1	31.3	33.8	29.3	5.4	4.9	5.3	4.6
South Carolina	1,977.5	2,030.1	1,973.4	2,034.3	114.7	127.5	115.2	141.4	5.8	6.3	5.8	6.9
Charleston-North Charleston	282.2	295.2	280.8	293.7	11.0	12.8	10.7	13.8	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.7
Columbia	284.9	289.6	285.2	290.9	10.2	11.2	9.9	12.3	3.6	3.9	3.5	4.2
Florence	64.1	66.8	64.0	67.2	4.4	5.1	4.4	5.7	6.8	7.7	6.9	8.5
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	491.9	507.8	490.2	508.6	27.8	29.0	27.8	31.9	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.3
Myrtle Beach	108.0	103.8	108.2	103.4	4.0	4.2	4.3	5.4	3.7	4.1	4.0	5.2
Sumter	45.9	47.4	45.8	47.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.8	7.4	7.2	7.3	8.0
South Dakota	421.5	422.9	425.1	425.5	9.4	11.7	10.7	11.8	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.8
Rapid City	50.8	50.3	50.2	49.6	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.5	2.1	2.8	2.5	3.0
Sioux Falls	112.4	111.4	113.1	111.5	2.1	2.7	2.4	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.1	2.4
Tennessee	2,945.6	2,920.9	2,954.8	2,934.5	134.3	146.0	137.8	154.1	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.3
Chattanooga	238.8	236.7	239.6	238.2	8.9	8.2	9.0	8.9	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7
Clarksville-Hopkinsville	92.3	93.6	92.6	93.7	4.4	4.8	4.4	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.7	5.1
Jackson	62.5	60.8	62.4	60.9	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.9
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	232.4	232.4	233.6	232.4	11.2	12.2	10.9	12.0	4.8	5.3	4.7	5.1
Knoxville	383.4	379.8	383.6	382.4	10.6	11.7	11.9	12.4	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.2
Memphis	583.6	580.9	585.3	585.0	30.0	32.8	30.0	35.3	5.1	5.6	5.1	6.0
Nashville	707.7	697.9	706.0	700.3	27.1	27.5	27.2	29.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.2
Texas	10,794.1	11,067.0	10,822.2	11,052.3	696.0	731.9	660.1	671.8	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.1
Abilene	60.5	61.6	60.4	61.6	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.9
Amarillo	115.5	118.2	116.0	118.5	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.6
Austin-San Marcos	771.8	795.0	775.5	796.3	44.4	44.3	41.6	39.9	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur	179.1	185.6	179.4	185.6	15.5	17.6	14.4	16.3	8.6	9.5	8.0	8.8
Brazoria	113.2	116.7	112.7	116.2	8.9	10.4	7.8	9.4	7.9	8.9	6.9	8.1
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	142.9	146.3	143.7	147.3	15.1	15.1	14.7	14.9	10.6	10.3	10.2	10.1
Bryan-College Station	82.2	85.3	83.8	87.3	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.1
Corpus Christi	180.1	185.6	180.8	184.4	11.5	12.1	10.7	10.9	6.4	6.5	5.9	5.9
Dallas	2,042.7	2,067.3	2,045.5	2,068.5	148.9	143.8	140.8	132.7	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.4
El Paso	297.3	309.1	298.3	306.2	25.1	30.2	25.7	27.2	8.4	9.8	8.6	8.9
Fort Worth-Arlington	959.2	976.2	963.9	974.7	59.3	61.1	56.4	55.5	6.2	6.3	5.9	5.7
Galveston-Texas City	122.2	124.4	122.0	124.0	9.8	10.7	8.9	9.7	8.0	8.6	7.3	7.8
Houston	2,296.4	2,365.9	2,293.0	2,353.0	141.2	162.9	133.6	148.3	6.1	6.9	5.8	6.3
Killeen-Temple	121.7	124.9	122.9	125.0	6.3	6.9	6.3	6.5	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.2
Laredo	80.9	82.3	81.5	83.2	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.2	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.3
Longview-Marshall	106.0	108.1	106.8	108.1	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.9	6.3	6.3	5.8
Lubbock	129.1	132.3	131.8	135.1	3.8	4.5	3.6	4.1	2.9	3.4	2.7	3.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	214.8	226.9	217.6	227.2	28.2	29.9	26.6	27.2	13.2	13.2	12.2	12.0
Odessa-Midland	126.0	128.7	126.1	128.4	8.0	7.3	7.3	6.6	6.3	5.6	5.8	5.1
San Angelo	51.0	51.6	51.3	51.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6
San Antonio	818.6	852.2	817.9	849.4	43.6	46.8	41.7	43.4	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.1
Sherman-Denison	51.5	52.6	51.7	52.4	3.4	3.9	3.1	3.7	6.6	7.4	6.0	7.0
Texarkana	57.7	58.6	58.2	58.3	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.8	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.8

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					Number				Percent of labor force			
	September		October		September		October		September		October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P
Texas—Continued												
Tyler	96.1	97.8	96.3	97.7	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.3
Victoria	45.4	46.0	45.4	46.0	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.7
Waco	104.6	108.8	105.0	108.3	4.8	5.5	4.4	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.2	4.7
Wichita Falls	65.5	66.4	65.8	66.3	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.0	6.2	5.2	5.7	4.5
Utah	1,182.1	1,224.2	1,188.6	1,227.1	69.3	59.0	68.1	54.6	5.9	4.8	5.7	4.4
Provo-Orem	182.6	189.2	185.0	190.7	9.7	7.2	9.3	6.6	5.3	3.8	5.0	3.5
Salt Lake City-Ogden	745.5	769.0	750.2	772.6	45.3	39.2	44.9	36.4	6.1	5.1	6.0	4.7
Vermont	350.9	354.0	349.9	353.1	11.2	13.1	10.7	11.7	3.2	3.7	3.1	3.3
Burlington	107.3	108.7	106.8	108.8	3.0	4.1	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.8	2.8	2.9
Virginia	3,729.1	3,787.9	3,727.7	3,776.0	150.4	144.8	140.0	128.1	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.4
Charlottesville	78.1	79.3	78.1	79.0	1.9	2.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	3.1	2.3	2.7
Danville	58.3	58.5	57.8	58.2	4.2	4.9	3.6	4.5	7.2	8.3	6.2	7.8
Lynchburg	105.8	105.1	106.3	104.9	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.5	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.3
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	781.1	791.8	779.8	787.2	32.9	34.1	30.3	30.5	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.9
Richmond-Petersburg	535.2	545.3	537.0	543.5	22.7	22.9	21.0	20.1	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.7
Roanoke	130.3	129.0	129.2	128.7	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.2
Washington	3,097.0	3,089.7	3,149.1	3,142.4	206.8	219.0	210.7	207.2	6.7	7.1	6.7	6.6
Bellingham	83.8	84.6	85.7	88.8	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.8	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.4
Bremerton	99.3	99.4	102.2	101.8	5.9	5.9	6.1	5.6	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.5
Olympia	102.8	106.4	105.4	109.1	5.6	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.3
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco	102.9	104.6	105.7	105.9	5.6	7.0	5.8	7.0	5.5	6.7	5.5	6.6
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,384.8	1,369.4	1,403.7	1,391.9	92.3	96.7	92.9	90.2	6.7	7.1	6.6	6.5
Spokane	211.4	208.4	216.5	213.3	12.9	13.2	13.1	12.6	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.9
Tacoma	344.3	349.0	350.4	353.7	24.9	26.5	25.7	25.3	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.2
Yakima	115.6	118.5	117.2	117.8	8.0	8.7	7.7	8.7	6.9	7.3	6.6	7.4
West Virginia	798.5	800.2	793.3	797.8	44.6	41.6	44.1	42.0	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.3
Charleston	131.6	130.5	130.1	130.5	6.4	5.6	6.2	5.7	4.9	4.3	4.7	4.3
Huntington-Ashland	133.6	137.4	134.2	137.1	7.2	8.0	6.8	7.6	5.4	5.8	5.1	5.6
Parkersburg-Marietta	76.2	77.4	77.0	77.0	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2
Wheeling	71.9	73.4	71.7	73.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.1
Wisconsin	3,008.2	3,088.8	3,016.3	3,094.2	138.4	151.0	138.8	140.8	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.6
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	231.9	237.6	233.9	238.7	10.4	10.5	10.1	9.5	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.0
Eau Claire	84.4	85.5	85.1	86.0	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.7
Green Bay	142.0	148.4	142.5	148.2	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.1
Janesville-Beloit	77.3	78.8	76.8	79.3	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.6	5.9	6.1	5.7	5.7
Kenosha	82.1	84.3	81.9	83.8	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.3	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.1
La Crosse	73.7	75.9	74.7	76.3	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
Madison	278.8	293.5	281.3	293.8	6.7	7.7	6.6	7.0	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha	808.0	816.4	809.8	821.6	45.4	48.6	45.0	45.3	5.6	6.0	5.6	5.5
Racine	92.1	96.3	91.8	95.8	6.2	7.1	6.2	6.6	6.7	7.4	6.8	6.9
Sheboygan	64.3	66.4	64.2	65.9	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2
Wausau	75.0	77.2	75.2	77.5	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.4
Wyoming	269.9	276.4	270.3	277.2	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.4	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.4
Casper	34.6	35.7	35.5	36.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1
Cheyenne	42.1	43.2	42.4	43.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5
Puerto Rico	1,357.3	1,361.0	1,349.7	1,381.7	170.5	166.2	162.2	161.4	12.6	12.2	12.0	11.7
Aguadilla	48.7	48.8	48.7	49.8	8.6	7.6	8.3	7.6	17.6	15.5	17.1	15.4
Arecibo	57.3	57.5	56.8	59.7	9.3	8.0	8.6	8.4	16.2	14.0	15.2	14.0
Caguas	118.6	120.4	118.3	127.9	14.0	14.2	13.4	13.6	11.8	11.8	11.4	10.6
Mayaguez	88.2	89.8	87.8	90.5	13.6	12.9	13.1	12.4	15.4	14.3	15.0	13.7
Ponce	105.6	105.4	104.0	105.6	17.5	16.5	16.9	14.5	16.5	15.7	16.3	13.7
San Juan-Bayamon	763.5	770.8	761.2	778.3	73.7	77.8	69.6	76.0	9.6	10.1	9.1	9.8

¹ Data for 2003 are not directly comparable with data for previous years because of a change in metropolitan area definitions.

² Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a

monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available. Area definitions are published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	September		October		Change October 2002 to October 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Alabama	1,896.7	1,877.6	1,897.9	1,881.9	-16.0	-0.8
Birmingham	481.5	480.8	481.5	483.0	1.5	.3
Huntsville	186.7	181.1	185.9	181.8	-4.1	-2.2
Mobile	225.3	224.2	225.8	224.9	-.9	-.4
Montgomery	162.8	164.1	163.4	164.5	1.1	.7
Tuscaloosa	83.6	83.3	84.2	83.6	-.6	-.7
Alaska	310.7	314.3	298.7	302.5	3.8	1.3
Anchorage	146.3	149.2	145.6	147.8	2.2	1.5
Arizona	2,267.3	2,293.2	2,287.1	2,316.2	29.1	1.3
Phoenix-Mesa	1,593.0	1,613.7	1,607.1	1,631.6	24.5	1.5
Tucson	345.5	350.7	349.7	355.0	5.3	1.5
Arkansas	1,159.0	1,154.8	1,158.2	1,155.0	-3.2	-.3
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	171.3	172.1	171.2	173.4	2.2	1.3
Fort Smith	101.2	100.8	101.1	101.0	-.1	-.1
Little Rock-North Little Rock	319.0	314.8	318.5	314.2	-4.3	-1.4
Pine Bluff	35.4	36.1	35.7	36.4	.7	2.0
California	14,491.3	14,439.5	14,543.7	14,512.1	-31.6	-.2
Bakersfield	201.6	204.2	204.4	205.3	.9	.4
Fresno	316.0	320.4	316.0	318.7	2.7	.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,033.9	3,990.6	4,051.7	4,019.3	-32.4	-.8
Modesto	157.2	157.4	153.1	152.0	-1.1	-.7
Oakland	1,043.0	1,040.9	1,055.6	1,045.6	-10.0	-.9
Orange County	1,403.9	1,399.3	1,412.5	1,410.6	-1.9	-.1
Riverside-San Bernardino	1,057.7	1,072.1	1,063.4	1,085.8	22.4	2.1
Sacramento	747.6	740.2	748.8	742.4	-6.4	-.9
Salinas	132.5	130.7	131.9	129.9	-2.0	-1.5
San Diego	1,222.3	1,226.0	1,235.2	1,239.8	4.6	.4
San Francisco	986.1	971.3	985.7	973.4	-12.3	-1.2
San Jose	898.2	858.5	899.3	861.6	-37.7	-4.2
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc	164.3	164.5	165.7	167.3	1.6	1.0
Santa Rosa	188.9	185.4	189.3	185.5	-3.8	-2.0
Stockton-Lodi	198.7	199.1	197.6	198.8	1.2	.6
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa	184.0	184.4	185.3	184.6	-.7	-.4
Ventura	279.9	273.3	280.2	273.9	-6.3	-2.2
Colorado	2,190.8	2,164.2	2,182.6	2,163.2	-19.4	-.9
Boulder-Longmont ¹	183.3	157.8	184.4	158.9	(¹)	(¹)
Colorado Springs	240.3	236.5	242.1	237.2	-4.9	-2.0
Denver ¹	1,152.6	1,159.1	1,148.6	1,156.2	(¹)	(¹)
Connecticut	1,668.9	1,647.1	1,674.1	1,655.2	-18.9	-1.1
Bridgeport	186.1	186.4	187.6	187.5	-.1	-.1
Danbury	90.5	91.8	91.3	92.8	1.5	1.6
Hartford	606.8	598.6	609.9	601.9	-8.0	-1.3
New Haven-Meriden	259.9	260.4	262.0	264.0	2.0	.8
New London-Norwich	147.6	148.3	146.9	147.9	1.0	.7
Stamford-Norwalk	196.7	195.1	197.5	194.7	-2.8	-1.4
Waterbury	84.0	82.5	84.6	83.2	-1.4	-1.7
Delaware	416.1	413.4	416.7	413.1	-3.6	-.9
Dover	55.8	55.3	57.1	56.0	-1.1	-1.9
Wilmington-Newark	317.7	316.4	318.3	318.3	.0	.0
District of Columbia	665.5	667.5	667.8	671.3	3.5	.5
Washington PMSA	2,817.3	2,838.5	2,826.5	2,850.2	23.7	.8
Florida	7,206.7	7,304.6	7,233.4	7,329.3	95.9	1.3
Daytona Beach	168.9	171.8	168.7	172.0	3.3	2.0
Fort Lauderdale	700.7	714.0	704.2	715.7	11.5	1.6
Fort Myers-Cape Coral	180.3	184.9	183.3	187.0	3.7	2.0
Gainesville	121.9	121.4	124.1	124.2	.1	.1
Jacksonville	562.1	568.4	566.0	571.6	5.6	1.0
Lakeland-Winter Haven	188.3	188.5	188.8	188.8	.0	.0
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay	189.5	190.5	188.5	190.7	2.2	1.2
Miami	1,019.2	1,025.4	1,018.5	1,030.0	11.5	1.1
Orlando	911.8	928.8	914.7	929.4	14.7	1.6
Pensacola	155.5	154.9	155.3	154.8	-.5	-.3
Sarasota-Bradenton	270.8	283.3	269.4	284.9	15.5	5.8
Tallahassee	158.4	158.2	159.1	160.6	1.5	.9
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	1,219.2	1,235.4	1,221.8	1,236.8	15.0	1.2
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	518.9	535.6	527.4	542.3	14.9	2.8

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(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	September		October		Change October 2002 to October 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Georgia	3,912.5	3,980.5	3,914.7	3,985.4	70.7	1.8
Albany	57.0	58.0	57.0	57.9	.9	1.6
Athens	74.1	74.3	74.0	73.8	-.2	-.3
Atlanta	2,175.0	2,239.9	2,179.7	2,245.1	65.4	3.0
Augusta-Aiken	198.1	200.0	197.3	200.4	3.1	1.6
Columbus	115.4	114.4	115.4	113.8	-1.6	-1.4
Macon	148.5	148.7	148.9	149.3	.4	.3
Savannah	138.3	138.7	138.5	139.4	.9	.6
Hawaii	555.4	563.7	560.6	570.4	9.8	1.7
Honolulu	411.8	416.1	416.5	422.2	5.7	1.4
Idaho	579.0	586.5	576.3	586.4	10.1	1.8
Boise City	231.0	230.5	231.1	233.0	1.9	.8
Illinois	5,927.0	5,871.6	5,950.7	5,890.9	-59.8	-1.0
Bloomington-Normal	93.5	92.5	93.9	93.2	-.7	-.7
Champaign-Urbana	104.5	103.1	107.7	106.8	-.9	-.8
Chicago	4,154.7	4,118.0	4,178.8	4,129.8	-49.0	-1.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	180.4	179.3	180.0	178.1	-1.9	-1.1
Decatur	54.7	54.2	55.0	54.6	-.4	-.7
Kankakee	43.8	43.1	43.9	43.4	-.5	-1.1
Peoria-Pekin	170.2	169.2	170.1	169.3	-.8	-.5
Rockford	176.2	173.3	176.1	172.9	-3.2	-1.8
Springfield	115.4	112.2	114.8	112.0	-2.8	-2.4
Indiana	2,920.3	2,885.1	2,929.4	2,898.1	-31.3	-1.1
Bloomington	66.8	67.0	67.6	68.3	.7	1.0
Elkhart-Goshen	119.1	123.1	119.7	123.4	3.7	3.1
Evansville-Henderson	161.3	159.9	161.4	159.0	-2.4	-1.5
Fort Wayne	270.2	269.3	270.0	270.6	.6	.2
Gary	258.7	253.7	258.8	255.8	-3.0	-1.2
Indianapolis	877.4	862.1	881.6	862.7	-18.9	-2.1
Kokomo	50.8	49.3	50.5	49.6	-.9	-1.8
Lafayette	99.5	96.2	99.0	96.8	-2.2	-2.2
Muncie	57.1	56.6	57.3	57.0	-.3	-.5
South Bend	132.9	130.2	134.5	132.2	-2.3	-1.7
Terre Haute	68.5	66.6	68.8	67.1	-1.7	-2.5
Iowa	1,453.1	1,452.2	1,460.6	1,460.2	-.4	.0
Cedar Rapids	117.5	117.2	119.1	120.5	1.4	1.2
Des Moines	285.6	289.8	287.2	291.5	4.3	1.5
Dubuque	51.2	50.4	51.6	50.8	-.8	-1.6
Iowa City	75.6	75.4	76.1	75.6	-.5	-.7
Sioux City	64.4	63.3	65.1	63.3	-1.8	-2.8
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	73.3	73.4	74.0	74.5	.5	.7
Kansas	1,338.7	1,339.6	1,347.5	1,350.3	2.8	.2
Lawrence	51.1	49.7	51.4	50.4	-1.0	-1.9
Topeka	103.5	102.9	103.9	103.4	-.5	-.5
Wichita	280.9	275.6	282.3	276.4	-5.9	-2.1
Kentucky	1,794.4	1,778.7	1,796.8	1,783.6	-13.2	-.7
Lexington	277.8	277.9	278.9	278.3	-.6	-.2
Louisville	570.7	571.9	570.2	572.8	2.6	.5
Owensboro	43.7	44.2	44.0	44.3	.3	.7
Louisiana	1,905.1	1,899.2	1,907.5	1,907.0	-.5	.0
Alexandria	56.2	55.5	56.1	56.3	.2	.4
Baton Rouge	303.8	304.8	305.0	305.6	.6	.2
Houma	83.9	83.9	84.0	84.2	.2	.2
Lafayette	169.4	169.6	169.5	170.0	.5	.3
Lake Charles	85.2	85.3	84.0	85.2	1.2	1.4
Monroe	74.5	73.1	74.0	73.5	-.5	-.7
New Orleans	613.0	618.9	614.6	619.2	4.6	.7
Shreveport-Bossier City	171.6	170.8	171.3	171.8	.5	.3
Maine	617.3	615.7	614.0	613.1	-.9	-.1
Lewiston-Auburn	46.2	46.1	46.3	46.2	-.1	-.2
Portland	158.6	158.8	158.8	159.7	.9	.6

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State and area	September		October		Change October 2002 to October 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Maryland	2,480.0	2,491.2	2,493.1	2,501.8	8.7	0.3
Baltimore PMSA	1,249.9	1,258.7	1,256.3	1,264.0	7.7	.6
Baltimore City	388.6	383.5	386.6	382.6	-4.0	-1.0
Suburban Maryland-D.C.	926.9	937.9	938.1	943.2	5.1	.5
Massachusetts	3,259.7	3,209.2	3,266.6	3,219.4	-47.2	-1.4
Barnstable-Yarmouth	68.4	67.9	65.3	65.0	-.3	-.5
Boston	1,975.4	1,937.2	1,984.0	1,946.4	-37.6	-1.9
Brockton	100.9	100.5	102.0	100.9	-1.1	-1.1
Fitchburg-Leominster	52.1	52.0	51.9	51.8	-.1	-.2
Lawrence	156.3	151.8	156.2	151.8	-4.4	-2.8
Lowell	125.7	121.4	126.5	122.4	-4.1	-3.2
New Bedford	65.4	64.6	65.1	64.7	-.4	-.6
Pittsfield	43.3	43.3	42.8	43.3	.5	1.2
Springfield	261.9	256.3	264.8	260.1	-4.7	-1.8
Worcester	230.9	222.7	232.7	223.6	-9.1	-3.9
Michigan	4,509.0	4,433.8	4,534.0	4,464.5	-69.5	-1.5
Ann Arbor	293.3	289.0	299.3	293.8	-5.5	-1.8
Benton Harbor	70.9	69.1	70.9	69.7	-1.2	-1.7
Detroit	2,089.0	2,064.9	2,098.6	2,074.5	-24.1	-1.1
Flint	163.7	161.2	164.4	162.4	-2.0	-1.2
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland	577.1	570.7	579.8	573.1	-6.7	-1.2
Jackson	64.3	62.3	64.6	63.0	-1.6	-2.5
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek	210.6	207.2	214.0	210.0	-4.0	-1.9
Lansing-East Lansing	246.2	242.3	246.6	241.3	-5.3	-2.1
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland	180.3	175.6	182.0	179.9	-2.1	-1.2
Minnesota	2,659.6	2,645.8	2,676.7	2,669.6	-7.1	-.3
Duluth-Superior	117.4	115.3	118.0	116.3	-1.7	-1.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,720.8	1,707.0	1,731.8	1,722.5	-9.3	-.5
Rochester	87.3	87.0	87.8	87.4	-.4	-.5
St. Cloud	94.5	94.0	95.6	94.9	-.7	-.7
Mississippi	1,129.2	1,128.3	1,133.2	1,132.0	-1.2	-.1
Jackson	230.7	233.1	231.4	233.1	1.7	.7
Missouri	2,696.3	2,673.1	2,693.8	2,682.1	-11.7	-.4
Kansas City	946.0	937.6	948.0	942.8	-5.2	-.5
St. Louis	1,311.8	1,300.0	1,308.6	1,303.3	-5.3	-.4
Springfield	168.1	169.2	167.7	170.3	2.6	1.6
Montana	402.8	403.8	402.3	403.2	.9	.2
Billings	69.7	70.1	69.8	70.1	.3	.4
Missoula	53.0	54.2	53.3	54.2	.9	1.7
Nebraska	906.5	905.0	914.5	919.5	5.0	.5
Lincoln	160.7	158.1	161.1	160.4	-.7	-.4
Omaha	432.6	431.7	435.9	436.0	.1	.0
Nevada	1,062.9	1,091.0	1,063.6	1,098.7	35.1	3.3
Las Vegas	796.5	820.5	798.1	826.8	28.7	3.6
Reno	198.1	203.1	198.7	204.8	6.1	3.1
New Hampshire	624.8	624.1	623.2	624.5	1.3	.2
Manchester	107.8	108.7	108.8	109.7	.9	.8
Nashua	94.9	92.9	95.4	93.3	-2.1	-2.2
Portsmouth-Rochester	128.1	126.8	128.4	126.6	-1.8	-1.4
New Jersey	3,990.3	4,014.8	4,016.2	4,038.0	21.8	.5
Atlantic-Cape May	198.0	197.9	191.4	194.2	2.8	1.5
Bergen-Passaic	657.2	658.0	659.4	668.3	8.9	1.3
Camden	511.5	517.3	515.4	522.8	7.4	1.4
Jersey City	256.0	257.9	256.3	259.5	3.2	1.2
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon	654.3	654.7	663.7	662.1	-1.6	-.2
Monmouth-Ocean	406.2	409.9	408.9	409.4	.5	.1
Newark	1,003.2	1,014.8	1,013.9	1,021.8	7.9	.8
Trenton	222.0	221.8	222.4	222.2	-.2	-.1
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	60.9	60.4	61.3	60.7	-.6	-1.0

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State and area	September		October		Change October 2002 to October 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
New Mexico	771.8	784.2	771.7	783.7	12.0	1.6
Albuquerque	361.1	367.1	361.5	366.6	5.1	1.4
Las Cruces	60.0	62.0	60.6	62.4	1.8	3.0
Santa Fe	78.0	79.1	78.1	79.1	1.0	1.3
New York	8,422.2	8,382.4	8,492.0	8,466.6	-25.4	-3
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	463.0	460.5	466.1	464.0	-2.1	-5
Binghamton	115.9	114.2	115.9	114.9	-1.0	-9
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	548.5	546.2	551.4	549.9	-1.5	-3
Dutchess County	118.6	121.1	120.6	123.3	2.7	2.2
Elmira	41.2	40.7	41.4	41.1	-.3	-7
Glens Falls	51.7	52.3	50.8	52.4	1.6	3.1
Nassau-Suffolk	1,212.3	1,212.5	1,223.5	1,225.7	2.2	.2
New York PMSA	4,095.8	4,062.6	4,126.8	4,105.0	-21.8	-5
New York City	3,540.2	3,504.0	3,570.1	3,541.7	-28.4	-8
Newburgh	135.1	136.7	134.8	137.1	2.3	1.7
Rochester	533.2	527.1	539.6	536.0	-3.6	-7
Rockland County	113.8	115.5	113.8	116.1	2.3	2.0
Syracuse	349.1	351.0	352.8	354.8	2.0	.6
Utica-Rome	133.7	135.0	134.7	135.5	.8	.6
Westchester County	417.8	418.9	418.8	422.6	3.8	.9
North Carolina	3,846.6	3,844.6	3,870.8	3,872.1	1.3	.0
Asheville	110.9	111.2	112.9	112.4	-.5	-.4
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	846.1	833.6	847.3	839.4	-7.9	-9
Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point	639.3	633.7	643.1	640.2	-2.9	-5
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	681.6	683.8	689.8	685.5	-4.3	-6
North Dakota	333.7	334.8	335.5	336.8	1.3	.4
Bismarck	53.0	53.7	53.2	53.6	.4	.8
Fargo-Moorhead	106.5	106.6	106.0	106.7	.7	.7
Grand Forks	49.4	49.5	50.5	50.3	-.2	-.4
Ohio	5,463.7	5,400.8	5,484.4	5,419.3	-65.1	-1.2
Akron	331.2	334.0	333.3	333.8	.5	.2
Canton-Massillon	184.7	180.5	183.7	180.8	-2.9	-1.6
Cincinnati	876.0	876.9	878.9	880.0	1.1	.1
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria	1,125.5	1,112.3	1,130.6	1,115.7	-14.9	-1.3
Columbus	880.3	872.5	885.0	876.5	-8.5	-1.0
Dayton-Springfield	467.1	459.8	469.4	461.6	-7.8	-1.7
Hamilton-Middletown	134.4	133.7	136.6	135.6	-1.0	-.7
Lima	77.6	76.9	77.6	76.6	-1.0	-1.3
Mansfield	78.4	76.5	78.5	76.6	-1.9	-2.4
Steubenville-Weirton	50.0	48.2	49.4	48.1	-1.3	-2.6
Toledo	319.9	309.8	318.9	311.6	-7.3	-2.3
Youngstown-Warren	235.8	232.0	235.4	232.7	-2.7	-1.1
Oklahoma	1,483.4	1,473.5	1,488.4	1,480.9	-7.5	-.5
Enid	23.4	23.5	23.6	23.5	-.1	-.4
Lawton	38.7	37.3	38.8	37.7	-1.1	-2.8
Oklahoma City	543.5	543.4	547.7	541.4	-6.3	-1.2
Tulsa	393.6	384.4	393.9	388.9	-5.0	-1.3
Oregon	1,585.6	1,567.4	1,595.6	1,579.6	-16.0	-1.0
Eugene-Springfield	140.2	141.3	142.9	143.6	.7	.5
Medford-Ashland	74.7	75.3	76.9	76.8	-.1	-.1
Portland-Vancouver	936.8	919.3	941.8	926.1	-15.7	-1.7
Salem	142.9	142.2	142.7	142.2	-.5	-.4
Pennsylvania	5,672.1	5,647.0	5,696.0	5,679.7	-16.3	-.3
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	287.9	286.8	287.5	289.0	1.5	.5
Altoona	61.6	62.3	61.3	62.4	1.1	1.8
Erie	131.6	130.5	132.4	131.9	-.5	-.4
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	366.9	370.1	367.8	370.5	2.7	.7
Johnstown	85.8	85.0	86.6	85.7	-.9	-1.0
Lancaster	229.9	231.1	230.2	231.9	1.7	.7
Philadelphia PMSA	2,403.9	2,417.3	2,419.5	2,431.6	12.1	.5
Philadelphia City	681.0	675.7	684.7	682.0	-2.7	-.4
Pittsburgh	1,126.0	1,113.2	1,129.9	1,120.6	-9.3	-.8
Reading	168.6	167.3	168.2	168.8	.6	.4
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	280.2	275.9	282.8	278.0	-4.8	-1.7
Sharon	51.1	49.0	51.1	49.9	-1.2	-2.3
State College	73.7	72.4	75.7	74.4	-1.3	-1.7
Williamsport	54.1	53.9	54.5	54.1	-.4	-.7
York	170.4	168.6	170.3	168.7	-1.6	-.9

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	September		October		Change October 2002 to October 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
Rhode Island	483.8	484.9	485.1	487.7	2.6	0.5
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	534.0	530.3	535.9	533.8	-2.1	-.4
South Carolina	1,822.7	1,784.7	1,825.0	1,788.4	-36.6	-2.0
Charleston-North Charleston	256.4	255.7	256.4	255.1	-1.3	-.5
Columbia	304.6	295.5	306.0	297.8	-8.2	-2.7
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	470.5	465.4	470.1	466.6	-3.5	-.7
South Dakota	381.2	382.3	383.1	385.2	2.1	.5
Rapid City	51.6	52.0	51.1	51.3	.2	.4
Sioux Falls	117.7	118.8	118.7	119.3	.6	.5
Tennessee	2,687.5	2,688.8	2,681.8	2,686.7	4.9	.2
Chattanooga	231.0	231.1	231.2	231.5	.3	.1
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol	197.4	196.6	197.9	196.8	-1.1	-.6
Knoxville	350.4	350.9	349.6	351.8	2.2	.6
Memphis	583.6	582.6	584.5	583.4	-1.1	-.2
Nashville	680.9	680.4	678.6	679.6	1.0	.1
Texas	9,453.6	9,482.3	9,462.3	9,492.7	30.4	.3
Abilene	56.2	55.7	56.1	56.0	-.1	-.2
Amarillo	98.0	97.6	98.4	97.9	-.5	-.5
Austin-San Marcos	662.7	668.5	665.6	670.4	4.8	.7
Beaumont-Port Arthur	156.3	156.9	156.5	157.5	1.0	.6
Brazoria	79.0	78.7	79.1	78.9	-.2	-.3
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	116.3	116.5	116.6	117.0	.4	.3
Bryan-College Station	80.1	80.8	81.1	82.6	1.5	1.8
Corpus Christi	161.4	162.4	161.7	161.7	.0	.0
Dallas	1,936.7	1,922.8	1,935.4	1,925.4	-10.0	-.5
El Paso	260.8	260.8	260.4	260.5	.1	.0
Ft. Worth-Arlington	788.4	783.8	788.8	783.9	-4.9	-.6
Galveston-Texas City	87.1	86.1	86.9	86.2	-.7	-.8
Houston	2,115.8	2,108.9	2,113.2	2,107.4	-5.8	-.3
Killeen-Temple	105.0	105.4	105.5	105.7	.2	.2
Laredo	73.7	73.6	74.2	74.2	.0	.0
Longview-Marshall	92.5	92.5	92.9	92.5	-.4	-.4
Lubbock	122.0	122.0	124.0	124.0	.0	.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	167.4	173.3	168.8	174.3	5.5	3.3
Odessa-Midland	105.6	105.5	105.9	105.8	-.1	-.1
San Angelo	44.3	43.7	44.2	43.4	-.8	-.1.8
San Antonio	728.9	738.9	727.9	738.4	10.5	1.4
Sherman-Denison	44.4	43.8	44.6	43.8	-.8	-.1.8
Texarkana	53.5	53.4	54.0	53.0	-1.0	-.1.9
Tyler	86.4	85.9	86.3	85.4	-.9	-.1.0
Victoria	37.7	37.4	37.7	37.6	-.1	-.3
Waco	101.5	103.0	101.6	102.7	1.1	1.1
Wichita Falls	59.4	59.1	59.5	59.1	-.4	-.7
Utah	1,078.5	1,078.3	1,078.3	1,079.4	1.1	.1
Provo-Orem	154.3	154.6	155.1	155.5	.4	.3
Salt Lake City-Ogden	708.5	706.6	710.1	708.4	-1.7	-.2
Vermont	300.9	303.8	304.1	306.9	2.8	.9
Barre-Montpelier	34.4	35.5	34.7	35.6	.9	2.6
Burlington	108.2	109.8	108.8	110.8	2.0	1.8
Virginia	3,505.5	3,516.7	3,523.0	3,537.2	14.2	.4
Bristol	41.0	40.6	41.2	41.0	-.2	-.5
Charlottesville	88.1	87.3	88.1	87.5	-.6	-.7
Danville	47.0	46.0	47.1	46.1	-1.0	-2.1
Lynchburg	101.0	99.0	101.9	99.7	-2.2	-2.2
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News	728.6	728.9	731.8	731.5	-.3	.0
Northern Virginia	1,179.9	1,196.2	1,183.2	1,201.6	18.4	1.6
Richmond-Petersburg	565.4	569.2	570.7	573.1	2.4	.4
Roanoke	146.1	142.7	145.1	143.4	-1.7	-1.2
Washington	2,674.1	2,677.8	2,689.0	2,691.9	2.9	.1
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	1,358.6	1,351.0	1,358.8	1,352.6	-6.2	-.5
Spokane	196.6	195.3	198.3	196.7	-1.6	-.8
Tacoma	246.3	251.3	247.0	250.4	3.4	1.4

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Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	September		October		Change October 2002 to October 2003 ^P	
	2002	2003	2002	2003 ^P	Number	Percent
West Virginia	735.3	731.3	737.0	733.1	-3.9	-0.5
Charleston	134.7	134.5	135.8	135.6	-.2	-.1
Huntington-Ashland	121.9	123.1	123.2	123.9	.7	.6
Parkersburg-Marietta	70.3	70.4	71.4	70.3	-1.1	-1.5
Wheeling	66.6	66.9	66.5	66.9	.4	.6
Wisconsin	2,793.6	2,791.0	2,807.7	2,811.2	3.5	.1
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah	206.2	206.3	209.0	208.7	-.3	-.1
Eau Claire	77.5	76.4	78.3	77.2	-1.1	-1.4
Green Bay	148.2	150.8	148.8	151.8	3.0	2.0
Janesville-Beloit	68.1	67.4	67.8	68.4	.6	.9
Kenosha	54.2	53.8	54.3	54.0	-.3	-.6
La Crosse	73.1	73.5	74.1	74.3	.2	.3
Madison	297.6	304.5	301.2	306.9	5.7	1.9
Milwaukee-Waukesha	840.0	823.1	845.8	836.2	-9.6	-1.1
Racine	80.1	81.0	80.2	81.1	.9	1.1
Sheboygan	63.1	63.6	62.9	63.4	.5	.8
Wausau	69.7	70.4	70.1	70.9	.8	1.1
Wyoming	253.2	255.1	249.4	252.1	2.7	1.1
Casper	33.7	34.2	34.2	34.4	.2	.6
Puerto Rico	978.4	991.1	983.5	999.1	15.6	1.6
Caguas	64.6	66.2	65.1	71.3	6.2	9.5
Mayaguez	62.3	65.1	62.5	65.4	2.9	4.6
Ponce	68.8	69.8	68.4	71.3	2.9	4.2
San Juan-Bayamon	639.1	644.6	642.3	647.7	5.4	.8
Virgin Islands	42.3	42.2	42.2	42.1	-.1	-.2

¹ Data for 2003 are not directly comparable with data for previous years because of a change in metropolitan area definitions.

^P = preliminary.

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

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