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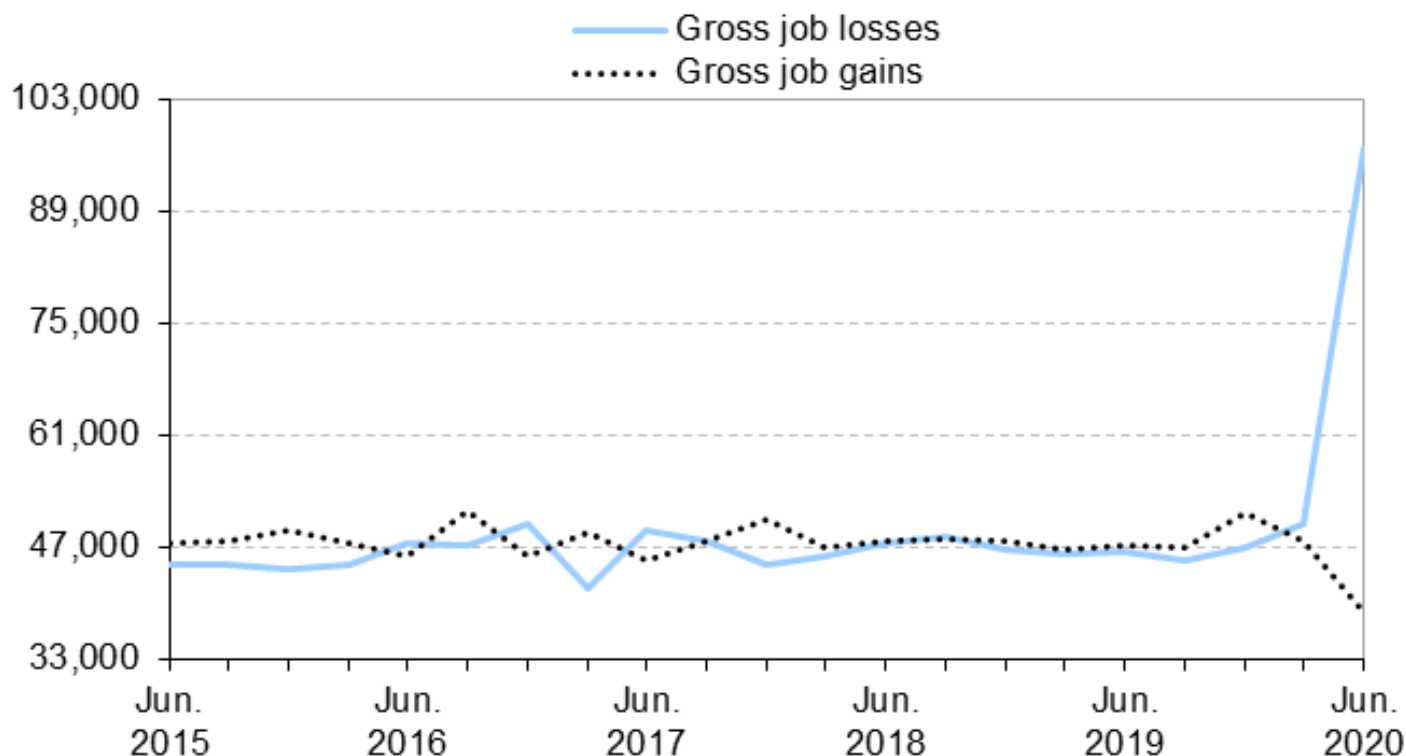
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## Business Employment Dynamics in Nebraska — Second Quarter 2020

From March 2020 to June 2020, **gross job gains** from opening and expanding private-sector establishments in Nebraska were 38,885, while **gross job losses** from closing and contracting private-sector establishments were 96,697, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Jason Palmer noted that the difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses yielded a **net employment loss** of 57,812 jobs in the private sector during the second quarter of 2020. During the previous quarter, gross job losses exceeded gross job gains by 2,188. (See [chart 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses in Nebraska, June 2015–June 2020, seasonally adjusted**



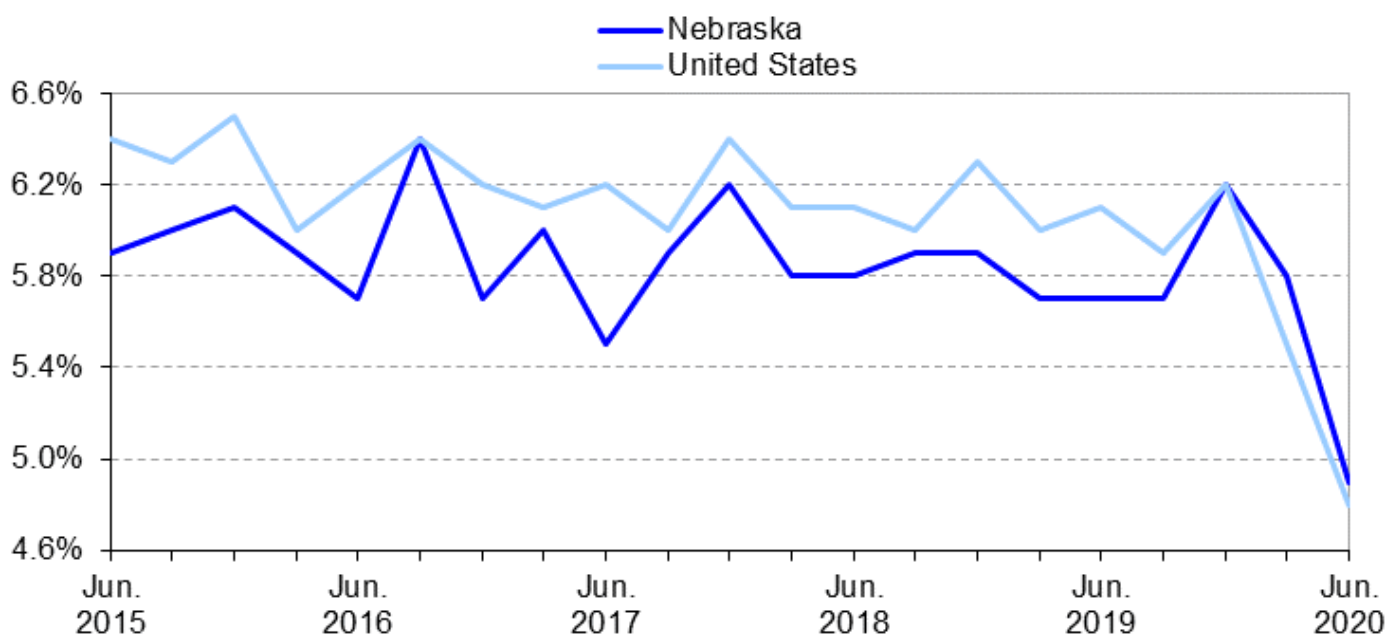
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The change in the number of jobs over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occur at all private businesses in the economy. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) statistics track these changes in employment at private-sector establishments from the third month of one quarter to the third month of the next. The difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses is the net change in employment. (See [Technical Note](#).)

### Gross job gains

In the second quarter of 2020, gross job gains represented 4.9 percent of private-sector employment in Nebraska; nationally, gross job gains accounted for 4.8 percent of private-sector employment. (See [chart 2](#).) Gross job gains are the sum of increases in employment due to expansions at existing establishments and the addition of new jobs at opening establishments. In Nebraska, gross job gains at **expanding** establishments totaled 31,516 in the second quarter of 2020, a decrease of 8,128 jobs compared to the previous quarter. (See [table 1](#).) **Opening** establishments accounted for 7,369 jobs gained in the second quarter of 2020, a decrease of 630 jobs from the previous quarter.

**Chart 2. Private sector gross job gains as a percent of employment, United States and Nebraska, June 2015–June 2020, seasonally adjusted**

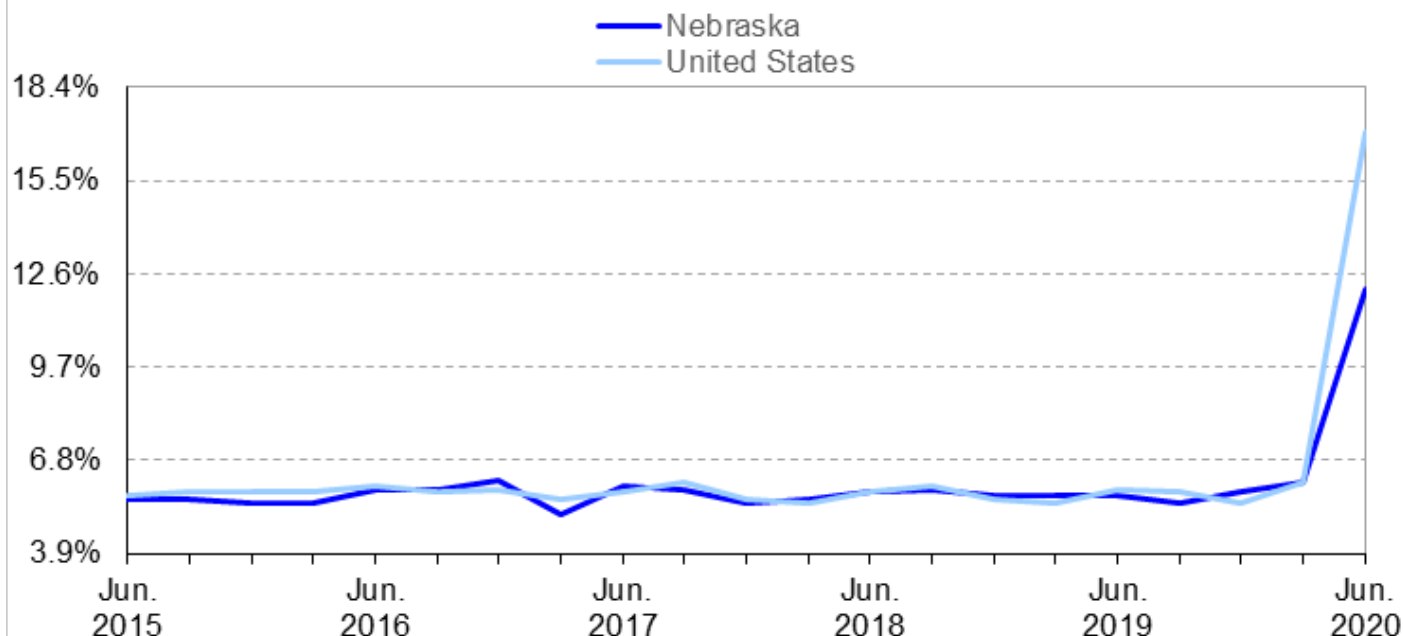


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Gross job losses

In the second quarter of 2020, gross job losses represented 12.1 percent of private-sector employment in Nebraska; nationally, gross job losses accounted for 17.0 percent of private-sector employment. (See [chart 3](#).) Gross job losses are the result of contractions in employment at existing establishments and the loss of jobs at closing establishments. In Nebraska, **contracting** establishments lost 84,693 jobs in the second quarter of 2020, an increase of 42,788 jobs from the prior quarter. **Closing** establishments lost 12,004 jobs, an increase of 4,078 jobs from the previous quarter.

**Chart 3. Private sector gross job losses as a percent of employment, United States and Nebraska, June 2015–June 2020, seasonally adjusted**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Industries

Gross job losses exceeded gross job gains in all 10 industry sectors in Nebraska in the second quarter of 2020. Leisure and hospitality had the largest over-the-quarter net job decrease, with a loss of 23,770 jobs. This was the result of 4,953 gross job gains and 28,723 gross job losses. Professional and business services showed the second-largest net job loss (-7,757), followed by retail trade (-6,129) and education and health services (-5,306). Job losses among the remaining sectors ranged from 4,323 in manufacturing to 1,279 in wholesale trade.

### For more information

The BED data series include gross job gains and gross job losses by industry subsector, for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as well as gross job gains and gross job losses at the firm level by employer size class. BED data for the states have been included in [table 2](#) of this release. Additional information is available online at [www.bls.gov/bdm/](http://www.bls.gov/bdm/).

**The Business Employment Dynamics for third quarter 2020 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.**

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Effect on Second Quarter 2020 Business Employment Dynamics

Data collection and processing methods have been impacted because of the COVID-19 pandemic. More detail can be found at [www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-business-employment-dynamics.htm](http://www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-business-employment-dynamics.htm).

## Technical Note

The Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data are a product of a federal-state cooperative program known as Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). The BED data are compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from existing QCEW records. Most employers in the U.S. are required to file quarterly reports on the employment and wages of workers covered by unemployment insurance (UI) laws, and to pay quarterly UI taxes. The QCEW is based largely on quarterly UI reports which are sent by businesses to the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). These UI reports are supplemented by two additional BLS data collections to render administrative data into economic statistics. Together these data comprise the QCEW and form the basis of the Bureau's establishment universe sampling frame.

In the BED program, the QCEW records are linked across quarters to provide a longitudinal history for each establishment. The linkage process allows the tracking of net employment changes at the establishment level, which in turn allows the estimation of jobs gained at opening and expanding units and jobs lost at closing and contracting units.

The change in the number of jobs over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occur at all businesses in the economy. BED statistics track these changes in employment at private business establishments from the third month of one quarter to the third month of the next. Gross job gains are the sum of increases in employment from expansions at existing establishments and the addition of new jobs at opening establishments. Gross job losses are the result of contractions in employment at existing establishments and the loss of jobs at closing establishments. The difference between the number of gross jobs gained and the number of gross jobs lost is the net change in employment.

Gross job gains and gross job losses are expressed as rates by dividing their levels by the average of employment in the current and previous quarters. The rates are calculated for the components of gross job gains and gross job losses and then summed to form their respective totals. These rates can be added and subtracted just as their levels can. For instance, the difference between the gross job gains rate and the gross job losses rate is the net growth rate.

The formal definitions of employment changes are as follows:

*Openings.* These are either units with positive third month employment for the first time in the current quarter, with no links to the prior quarter, or with positive third month employment in the current quarter following zero employment in the previous quarter.

*Expansions.* These are units with positive employment in the third month in both the previous and current quarters, with a net increase in employment over this period.

*Closings.* These are either units with positive third month employment in the previous quarter, with no employment or zero employment reported in the current quarter.

*Contractions.* These are units with positive employment in the third month in both the previous and current quarters, with a net decrease in employment over this period.

The full Technical Note for the Business Employment Dynamics program, which includes information on coverage, concepts, and methodology, can be found in the current quarterly news release online at [www.bls.gov/news.release/cewbd.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cewbd.htm).

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**Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Nebraska, seasonally adjusted**

Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020
<b>Total private <sup>(1)</sup></b>										
Gross job gains .....	47,077	46,815	51,291	47,643	38,885	5.7	5.7	6.2	5.8	4.9
At expanding establishments .....	38,712	39,044	41,449	39,644	31,516	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.0
At opening establishments .....	8,365	7,771	9,842	7,999	7,369	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.9
Gross job losses .....	46,496	45,346	46,946	49,831	96,697	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.1	12.1
At contracting establishments .....	36,873	37,618	37,487	41,905	84,693	4.5	4.6	4.6	5.1	10.6
At closing establishments .....	9,623	7,728	9,459	7,926	12,004	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.5
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	581	1,469	4,345	-2,188	-57,812	0.0	0.2	0.4	-0.3	-7.2
<b>Construction</b>										
Gross job gains .....	5,706	4,780	5,707	5,759	4,164	10.8	9.0	10.4	10.1	7.4
At expanding establishments .....	4,513	4,055	4,543	4,788	3,315	8.5	7.6	8.3	8.4	5.9
At opening establishments .....	1,193	725	1,164	971	849	2.3	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.5
Gross job losses .....	4,416	4,222	4,350	4,430	6,611	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.8	11.7
At contracting establishments .....	3,541	3,415	3,511	3,523	5,587	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.2	9.9
At closing establishments .....	875	807	839	907	1,024	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,290	558	1,357	1,329	-2,447	2.4	1.1	2.5	2.3	-4.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Gross job gains .....	2,055	2,627	2,594	2,473	1,779	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.4	1.9
At expanding establishments .....	1,981	2,539	2,260	2,338	1,621	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.7
At opening establishments .....	74	88	334	135	158	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Gross job losses .....	2,543	2,597	2,524	2,505	6,102	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	6.2
At contracting establishments .....	2,336	2,395	2,354	2,317	5,888	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	6.0
At closing establishments .....	207	202	170	188	214	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-488	30	70	-32	-4,323	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-4.3
<b>Wholesale trade</b>										
Gross job gains .....	2,048	1,949	2,140	2,341	1,874	5.1	4.9	5.4	5.8	4.7
At expanding establishments .....	1,758	1,719	1,799	2,033	1,555	4.4	4.3	4.5	5.0	3.9
At opening establishments .....	290	230	341	308	319	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8
Gross job losses .....	2,079	2,036	1,937	2,134	3,153	5.2	5.1	4.8	5.3	7.8
At contracting establishments .....	1,736	1,616	1,454	1,749	2,653	4.3	4.0	3.6	4.3	6.6
At closing establishments .....	343	420	483	385	500	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-31	-87	203	207	-1,279	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	0.5	-3.1
<b>Retail trade</b>										
Gross job gains .....	5,820	5,760	5,697	6,335	7,093	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.1	6.8
At expanding establishments .....	4,888	5,157	5,151	5,830	6,527	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.6	6.3
At opening establishments .....	932	603	546	505	566	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gross job losses .....	7,325	6,569	6,013	5,638	13,222	6.9	6.3	5.8	5.4	12.8
At contracting establishments .....	6,269	5,742	5,395	5,124	12,456	5.9	5.5	5.2	4.9	12.1
At closing establishments .....	1,056	827	618	514	766	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-1,505	-809	-316	697	-6,129	-1.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.7	-6.0
<b>Transportation and warehousing</b>										
Gross job gains .....	1,966	1,747	2,818	1,762	1,921	4.7	4.2	6.7	4.2	4.7
At expanding establishments .....	1,739	1,372	2,578	1,467	1,665	4.2	3.3	6.1	3.5	4.1
At opening establishments .....	227	375	240	295	256	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6
Gross job losses .....	1,920	1,938	1,913	2,885	3,471	4.6	4.6	4.6	7.0	8.6
At contracting establishments .....	1,328	1,752	1,495	2,609	3,145	3.2	4.2	3.6	6.3	7.8
At closing establishments .....	592	186	418	276	326	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.8
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	46	-191	905	-1,123	-1,550	0.1	-0.4	2.1	-2.8	-3.9
<b>Financial activities</b>										
Gross job gains .....	2,637	2,614	2,692	2,329	2,020	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.0
At expanding establishments .....	2,130	2,139	2,075	1,803	1,475	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.2
At opening establishments .....	507	475	617	526	545	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
Gross job losses .....	2,379	2,181	2,581	2,520	3,339	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.8	5.0

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Nebraska, seasonally adjusted - Continued**

Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020
At contracting establishments .....	1,922	1,720	1,865	2,063	2,732	2.9	2.5	2.7	3.1	4.1
At closing establishments .....	457	461	716	457	607	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.9
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	258	433	111	-191	-1,319	0.4	0.7	0.2	-0.3	-2.0
<b>Professional and business services</b>										
Gross job gains .....	8,459	8,435	10,170	8,047	6,510	7.1	7.0	8.3	6.6	5.5
At expanding establishments .....	6,808	6,864	8,414	6,496	5,037	5.7	5.7	6.9	5.3	4.3
At opening establishments .....	1,651	1,571	1,756	1,551	1,473	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2
Gross job losses .....	7,079	7,400	8,028	9,890	14,267	5.9	6.1	6.6	8.0	12.0
At contracting establishments .....	5,624	5,910	6,198	8,512	12,680	4.7	4.9	5.1	6.9	10.7
At closing establishments .....	1,455	1,490	1,830	1,378	1,587	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.3
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,380	1,035	2,142	-1,843	-7,757	1.2	0.9	1.7	-1.4	-6.5
<b>Education and health services</b>										
Gross job gains .....	6,022	6,158	6,823	6,349	5,435	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.6	4.0
At expanding establishments .....	4,719	4,770	4,731	4,859	4,307	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.2
At opening establishments .....	1,303	1,388	2,092	1,490	1,128	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.1	0.8
Gross job losses .....	6,334	5,992	7,729	5,771	10,741	4.5	4.3	5.6	4.1	7.9
At contracting establishments .....	4,333	4,512	5,534	4,456	9,261	3.1	3.2	4.0	3.2	6.8
At closing establishments .....	2,001	1,480	2,195	1,315	1,480	1.4	1.1	1.6	0.9	1.1
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-312	166	-906	578	-5,306	-0.2	0.1	-0.7	0.5	-3.9
<b>Leisure and hospitality</b>										
Gross job gains .....	8,599	8,806	8,342	8,042	4,953	9.2	9.3	8.9	8.6	6.1
At expanding establishments .....	7,040	7,359	6,404	6,643	3,582	7.5	7.8	6.8	7.1	4.4
At opening establishments .....	1,559	1,447	1,938	1,399	1,371	1.7	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.7
Gross job losses .....	8,594	8,829	8,245	10,067	28,723	9.2	9.4	8.8	10.8	34.9
At contracting establishments .....	6,815	7,485	6,751	8,215	24,799	7.3	8.0	7.2	8.8	30.1
At closing establishments .....	1,779	1,344	1,494	1,852	3,924	1.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	4.8
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	5	-23	97	-2,025	-23,770	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-2.2	-28.8
<b>Other services <sup>(3)</sup></b>										
Gross job gains .....	1,666	1,709	1,703	1,658	1,299	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.7	5.5
At expanding establishments .....	1,333	1,303	1,319	1,262	988	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.2
At opening establishments .....	333	406	384	396	311	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.3
Gross job losses .....	1,378	1,480	1,808	1,785	3,589	5.7	6.0	7.3	7.2	15.2
At contracting establishments .....	1,137	1,247	1,405	1,466	2,975	4.7	5.1	5.7	5.9	12.6
At closing establishments .....	241	233	403	319	614	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.3	2.6
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	288	229	-105	-127	-2,290	1.2	0.9	-0.4	-0.5	-9.7

## Footnotes:

(1) Includes unclassified sector not shown separately.

(2) The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses. See the Technical Note for further information.

(3) Except public administration.

**Table 2. Private sector gross job gains and losses as a percent of total employment by state, seasonally adjusted**

Category	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2019	Sept. 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	June 2019	Sept. 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020
United States <sup>(1)</sup> .....	6.1	5.9	6.2	5.5	4.8	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.1	17.0
Alabama .....	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.5	4.8	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.9	12.6
Alaska .....	10.7	9.6	10.3	9.2	6.9	10.1	10.1	10.2	9.5	24.5
Arizona .....	5.7	6.3	6.4	5.6	5.7	5.6	4.9	5.2	5.9	11.7
Arkansas .....	5.0	5.6	6.5	5.1	4.8	5.7	5.8	4.9	5.5	12.0
California .....	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.1	5.2	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.7	18.6
Colorado .....	7.0	6.6	6.7	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.4	6.2	7.0	14.9
Connecticut .....	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.2	4.3	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.9	19.7
Delaware .....	6.0	6.2	6.7	6.2	4.9	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.6	17.7
District of Columbia .....	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.2	3.3	5.5	5.3	4.7	5.3	22.4
Florida .....	6.5	6.6	6.6	5.4	6.1	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.2	13.9
Georgia .....	6.1	6.2	6.5	5.6	5.4	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.9	15.0
Hawaii .....	4.8	5.6	5.7	5.2	3.6	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.8	29.8
Idaho .....	7.1	7.0	7.7	7.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.3	6.1	11.2
Illinois .....	5.6	5.0	5.6	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.6	5.2	6.0	18.4
Indiana .....	5.1	5.4	6.0	4.9	4.7	5.9	5.6	5.1	6.0	13.7
Iowa .....	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.2	4.4	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.9	13.0
Kansas .....	5.7	5.6	6.3	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.0	13.3
Kentucky .....	5.8	5.9	6.2	5.3	4.6	6.0	5.7	5.6	6.1	15.3
Louisiana .....	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.3	4.5	6.5	6.1	5.7	6.3	16.9
Maine .....	7.4	6.5	7.3	6.4	5.4	7.4	7.3	6.9	7.0	21.7
Maryland .....	6.4	6.2	6.4	5.7	4.7	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.7	21.9
Massachusetts .....	6.0	5.3	5.8	5.2	3.7	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.0	24.2
Michigan .....	5.5	5.1	5.8	5.0	4.0	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.7	20.7
Minnesota .....	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.6	17.6
Mississippi .....	5.8	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.1	6.1	5.7	5.6	6.2	12.9
Missouri .....	5.7	5.8	6.2	5.2	4.7	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.7	14.3
Montana .....	8.1	7.4	8.6	7.7	6.8	7.7	7.7	7.2	7.7	13.8
Nebraska .....	5.7	5.7	6.2	5.8	4.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	6.1	12.1
Nevada .....	6.0	6.1	6.8	5.4	5.3	6.2	5.5	5.0	6.3	29.2
New Hampshire .....	6.4	5.8	6.6	6.0	4.5	6.3	6.6	6.0	6.4	18.8
New Jersey .....	6.2	6.0	6.5	5.7	4.6	5.9	6.2	5.8	6.3	28.1
New Mexico .....	6.3	6.8	7.0	6.1	4.5	6.5	6.1	6.3	6.5	17.6
New York .....	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.5	3.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	6.4	26.9
North Carolina .....	6.0	5.8	6.3	5.8	4.8	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.7	14.5
North Dakota .....	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.8	5.2	6.7	7.1	6.6	7.0	17.2
Ohio .....	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.1	4.5	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.6	14.4
Oklahoma .....	6.0	6.4	6.5	5.4	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.7	12.3
Oregon .....	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.2	5.0	6.1	6.2	5.8	6.5	18.4
Pennsylvania .....	5.3	5.2	5.4	4.9	3.6	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.6	18.2
Rhode Island .....	6.3	6.0	6.5	6.1	4.5	6.5	6.2	5.9	6.5	25.2
South Carolina .....	6.4	6.0	6.5	5.5	5.1	6.2	5.9	5.9	6.6	14.9
South Dakota .....	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.0	5.1	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.6	11.6
Tennessee .....	5.5	5.5	5.7	4.9	4.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.3	13.7
Texas .....	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.5	13.6
Utah .....	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.4	10.9
Vermont .....	7.1	6.3	6.9	5.8	4.6	7.1	7.6	6.4	7.6	18.5
Virginia .....	6.1	5.5	6.5	5.6	4.7	5.8	6.3	5.5	6.1	18.2
Washington .....	6.6	6.1	6.6	7.4	4.9	5.8	6.1	5.8	7.4	16.9
West Virginia .....	6.2	5.9	6.2	6.0	5.1	6.6	6.7	7.1	6.8	13.8
Wisconsin .....	5.5	4.8	5.4	5.0	4.4	5.3	5.9	5.0	5.3	14.4
Wyoming .....	8.5	8.6	9.4	8.6	6.4	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.3	18.1
Puerto Rico .....	6.4	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.0	5.8	5.5	4.9	5.2	16.9
Virgin Islands .....	8.9	12.0	10.3	7.2	5.3	6.9	6.4	7.3	8.3	19.8

Note: See footnotes at end of table.



Footnotes

(1) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.