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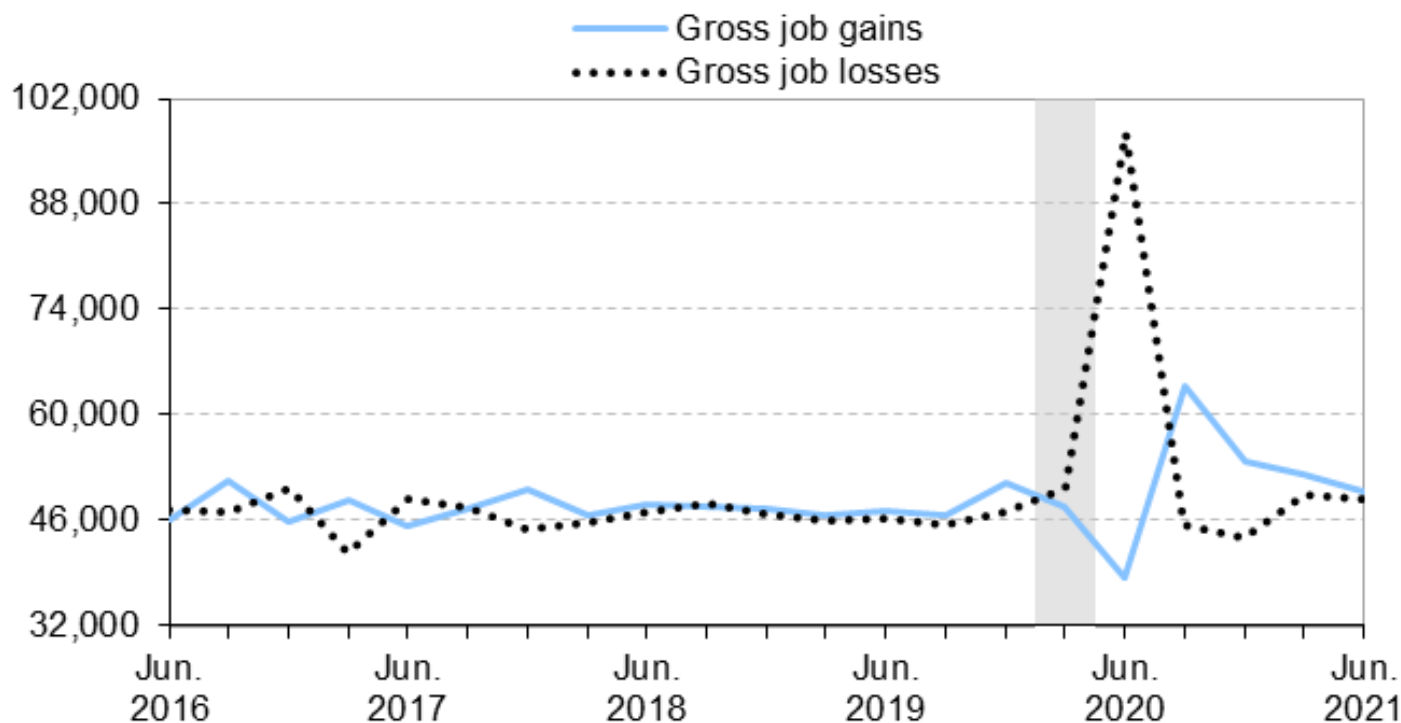
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Business Employment Dynamics in Nebraska — Second Quarter 2021

From March 2021 to June 2021, **gross job gains** from opening and expanding private-sector establishments in Nebraska were 49,834, while **gross job losses** from closing and contracting private-sector establishments were 48,886, 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 gain** of 948 jobs in the private sector during the second quarter of 2021. During the previous quarter, gross job gains exceeded gross job losses by 2,524. (See [chart 1.](#))

Chart 1. Private-sector gross job gains and losses in Nebraska, June 2016–June 2021, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

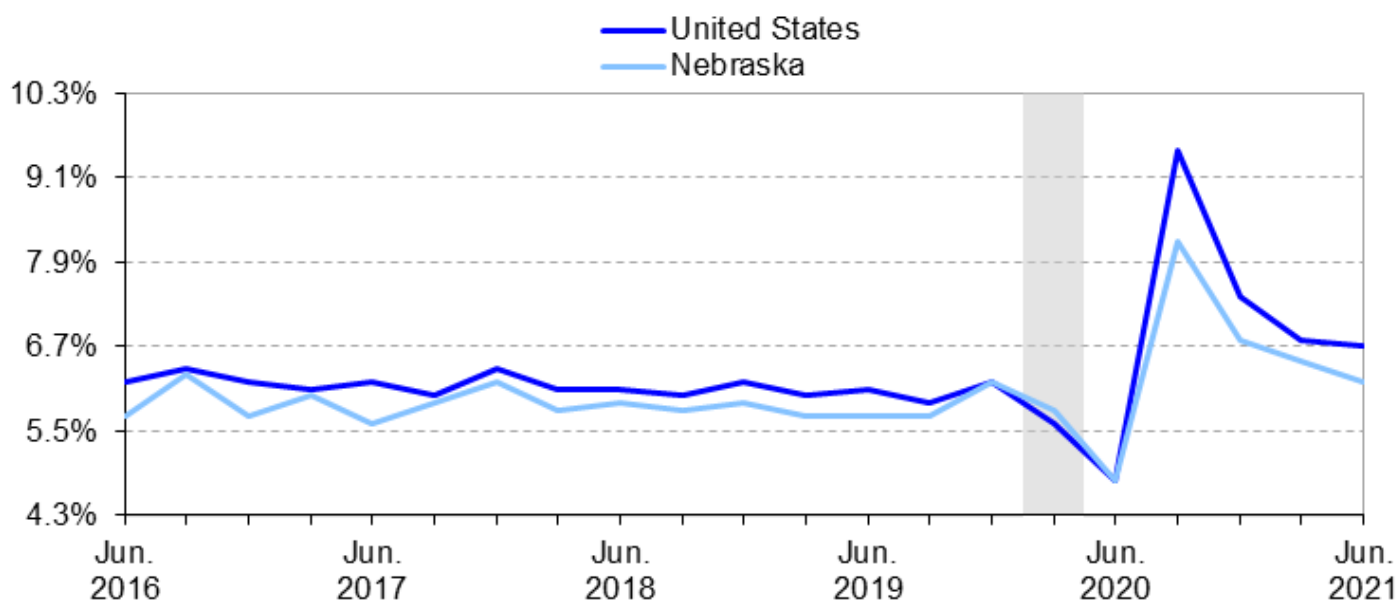
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The change in the number of jobs over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occur at all private businesses in the economy. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) statistics track these changes in employment at private-sector 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 2021, gross job gains represented 6.2 percent of private-sector employment in Nebraska; nationally, gross job gains accounted for 6.7 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 40,963 in the second quarter of 2021, a decrease of 1,598 jobs compared to the previous quarter. (See [table 1](#).) **Opening** establishments accounted for 8,871 jobs gained in the second quarter of 2021, a decrease of 599 jobs from the previous quarter.

Chart 2. Private-sector gross job gains as a percent of employment, United States and Nebraska, June 2016–June 2021, seasonally adjusted



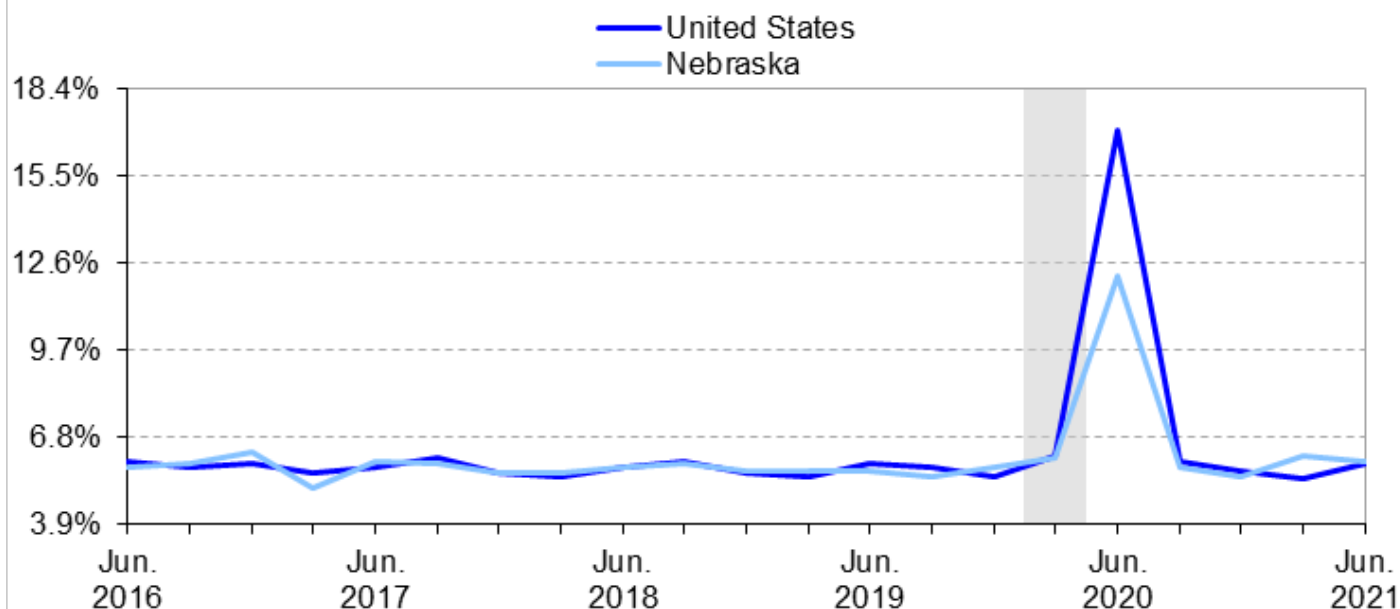
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Gross job losses

In the second quarter of 2021, gross job losses represented 6.0 percent of private-sector employment in Nebraska; nationally, gross job losses accounted for 5.9 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 41,407 jobs in the second quarter of 2021, an increase of 3,102 jobs from the prior quarter. **Closing** establishments lost 7,479 jobs, a decrease of 3,723 jobs from the previous quarter.

Chart 3. Private-sector gross job losses as a percent of employment, United States and Nebraska, June 2016–June 2021, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: Shaded area represents National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) defined recession period.

Industries

Gross job losses exceeded gross job gains in 7 of the 10 industry sectors in Nebraska in the second quarter of 2021. Financial activities had the largest over-the-quarter net job decrease, with a loss of 945 jobs. This was the result of 3,077 gross job gains and 4,022 gross job losses. The manufacturing industry had a net loss of 907 jobs. Leisure and hospitality showed a net gain of 4,082 jobs.

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/.

The Business Employment Dynamics for Third Quarter 2021 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Effect on Second Quarter 2021 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.

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.

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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 2020	Sept 2020	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	June 2021	June 2020	Sept 2020	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	June 2021
Total private ⁽¹⁾										
Gross job gains	38,438	63,895	53,943	52,031	49,834	4.8	8.2	6.8	6.5	6.2
At expanding establishments	30,955	53,176	44,328	42,561	40,963	3.9	6.8	5.6	5.3	5.1
At opening establishments	7,483	10,719	9,615	9,470	8,871	0.9	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
Gross job losses	97,404	45,413	43,750	49,507	48,886	12.2	5.8	5.5	6.2	6.0
At contracting establishments	85,255	36,837	34,638	38,305	41,407	10.7	4.7	4.4	4.8	5.1
At closing establishments	12,149	8,576	9,112	11,202	7,479	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-58,966	18,482	10,193	2,524	948	-7.4	2.4	1.3	0.3	0.2
Construction										
Gross job gains	4,208	5,065	6,137	5,175	5,051	7.5	9.4	11.1	9.1	9.0
At expanding establishments	3,332	3,963	5,087	4,046	4,119	5.9	7.4	9.2	7.1	7.3
At opening establishments	876	1,102	1,050	1,129	932	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.7
Gross job losses	6,735	5,565	3,789	5,663	5,373	12.0	10.3	6.9	10.0	9.6
At contracting establishments	5,666	4,627	3,076	4,244	4,542	10.1	8.6	5.6	7.5	8.1
At closing establishments	1,069	938	713	1,419	831	1.9	1.7	1.3	2.5	1.5
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-2,527	-500	2,348	-488	-322	-4.5	-0.9	4.2	-0.9	-0.6
Manufacturing										
Gross job gains	1,783	4,319	2,829	2,710	2,525	1.9	4.4	2.9	2.7	2.5
At expanding establishments	1,625	4,194	2,575	2,573	2,414	1.7	4.3	2.6	2.6	2.4
At opening establishments	158	125	254	137	111	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Gross job losses	6,148	2,211	1,900	2,181	3,432	6.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	3.5
At contracting establishments	5,930	1,990	1,717	1,867	3,277	6.1	2.1	1.7	1.9	3.3
At closing establishments	218	221	183	314	155	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-4,365	2,108	929	529	-907	-4.4	2.1	1.0	0.5	-1.0
Wholesale trade										
Gross job gains	1,883	2,178	2,125	1,731	1,907	4.7	5.5	5.4	4.4	4.9
At expanding establishments	1,558	1,774	1,818	1,454	1,554	3.9	4.5	4.6	3.7	4.0
At opening establishments	325	404	307	277	353	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.9
Gross job losses	3,105	2,024	1,767	1,895	1,823	7.7	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.6
At contracting establishments	2,666	1,655	1,430	1,443	1,471	6.6	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.7
At closing establishments	439	369	337	452	352	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-1,222	154	358	-164	84	-3.0	0.4	1.0	-0.4	0.3
Retail trade										
Gross job gains	6,562	8,564	6,187	5,735	6,279	6.4	8.5	6.0	5.6	6.0
At expanding establishments	5,991	7,877	5,567	5,031	5,331	5.8	7.8	5.4	4.9	5.1
At opening establishments	571	687	620	704	948	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9
Gross job losses	13,408	5,716	5,328	6,207	6,376	13.1	5.7	5.2	6.1	6.1
At contracting establishments	12,614	4,820	4,401	4,907	6,062	12.3	4.8	4.3	4.8	5.8
At closing establishments	794	896	927	1,300	314	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.3
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-6,846	2,848	859	-472	-97	-6.7	2.8	0.8	-0.5	-0.1
Transportation and warehousing										
Gross job gains	1,880	2,286	3,452	1,821	1,876	4.7	5.7	8.5	5.2	4.6
At expanding establishments	1,618	1,874	3,018	1,551	1,606	4.0	4.7	7.4	4.4	3.9
At opening establishments	262	412	434	270	270	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7
Gross job losses	3,411	2,250	1,460	2,838	1,997	8.5	5.7	3.6	8.1	4.8
At contracting establishments	3,024	1,964	1,173	2,516	1,694	7.5	5.0	2.9	7.2	4.1
At closing establishments	387	286	287	322	303	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-1,531	36	1,992	-1,017	-121	-3.8	0.0	4.9	-2.9	-0.2
Financial activities										
Gross job gains	2,030	3,482	3,149	2,569	3,077	3.0	5.3	4.8	4.0	4.8
At expanding establishments	1,490	2,763	2,439	2,011	2,368	2.2	4.2	3.7	3.1	3.7
At opening establishments	540	719	710	558	709	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1
Gross job losses	3,383	2,953	2,777	3,744	4,022	5.0	4.5	4.2	5.7	6.2

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 2020	Sept 2020	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	June 2021	June 2020	Sept 2020	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	June 2021
At contracting establishments	2,756	2,417	2,066	3,012	3,114	4.1	3.7	3.1	4.6	4.8
At closing establishments	627	536	711	732	908	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-1,353	529	372	-1,175	-945	-2.0	0.8	0.6	-1.7	-1.4
Professional and business services										
Gross job gains	6,607	10,824	10,047	9,058	8,694	5.6	9.3	8.6	7.4	7.5
At expanding establishments	5,092	8,594	8,180	6,900	6,963	4.3	7.4	7.0	5.6	6.0
At opening establishments	1,515	2,230	1,867	2,158	1,731	1.3	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.5
Gross job losses	14,524	9,202	7,518	9,388	9,207	12.3	8.0	6.4	7.6	7.9
At contracting establishments	12,913	7,389	5,659	7,433	7,606	10.9	6.4	4.8	6.0	6.5
At closing establishments	1,611	1,813	1,859	1,955	1,601	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-7,917	1,622	2,529	-330	-513	-6.7	1.3	2.2	-0.2	-0.4
Education and health services										
Gross job gains	5,303	7,865	7,869	7,857	6,163	3.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	4.5
At expanding establishments	4,175	6,401	6,268	6,410	4,845	3.1	4.8	4.6	4.7	3.5
At opening establishments	1,128	1,464	1,601	1,447	1,318	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0
Gross job losses	10,790	5,993	6,997	6,486	6,707	7.9	4.4	5.1	4.8	4.9
At contracting establishments	9,299	4,627	5,177	4,760	5,323	6.8	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.9
At closing establishments	1,491	1,366	1,820	1,726	1,384	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.0
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-5,487	1,872	872	1,371	-544	-4.0	1.5	0.7	1.0	-0.4
Leisure and hospitality										
Gross job gains	4,979	14,597	8,121	10,135	10,269	6.1	19.0	10.1	12.5	12.0
At expanding establishments	3,585	12,196	6,253	8,356	8,626	4.4	15.9	7.8	10.3	10.1
At opening establishments	1,394	2,401	1,868	1,779	1,643	1.7	3.1	2.3	2.2	1.9
Gross job losses	28,758	5,874	8,435	6,571	6,187	34.9	7.7	10.5	8.0	7.3
At contracting establishments	24,872	4,378	6,939	4,749	5,281	30.2	5.7	8.6	5.8	6.2
At closing establishments	3,886	1,496	1,496	1,822	906	4.7	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.1
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-23,779	8,723	-314	3,564	4,082	-28.8	11.3	-0.4	4.5	4.7
Other services ⁽³⁾										
Gross job gains	1,310	2,443	1,741	2,219	1,921	5.5	10.7	7.4	9.3	8.0
At expanding establishments	999	1,968	1,336	1,696	1,539	4.2	8.6	5.7	7.1	6.4
At opening establishments	311	475	405	523	382	1.3	2.1	1.7	2.2	1.6
Gross job losses	3,617	1,357	1,766	1,869	1,511	15.4	5.9	7.5	7.8	6.3
At contracting establishments	2,988	1,060	1,343	1,126	1,165	12.7	4.6	5.7	4.7	4.9
At closing establishments	629	297	423	743	346	2.7	1.3	1.8	3.1	1.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-2,307	1,086	-25	350	410	-9.9	4.8	-0.1	1.5	1.7

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 2020	Sept. 2020	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	June 2021	June 2020	Sept. 2020	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	June 2021
United States ⁽¹⁾	4.8	9.5	7.4	6.8	6.7	17.0	6.0	5.7	5.4	5.9
Alabama	4.7	7.8	7.6	5.9	6.2	12.6	5.9	5.5	5.9	6.0
Alaska	6.6	12.2	13.4	11.0	9.5	24.3	9.8	7.7	9.4	9.2
Arizona	5.8	7.8	7.3	6.3	6.8	11.8	6.1	5.0	5.5	6.0
Arkansas	4.8	7.6	7.2	5.9	5.5	12.1	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.6
California	5.3	8.9	8.5	7.7	7.8	18.6	7.1	6.1	5.9	6.4
Colorado	5.7	10.1	7.5	8.6	7.8	15.1	6.4	7.2	5.6	6.4
Connecticut	4.3	11.4	6.6	6.3	6.6	19.5	5.1	5.9	5.3	5.9
Delaware	4.9	10.3	6.8	6.8	6.4	17.0	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.4
District of Columbia	3.3	8.2	5.3	5.5	7.0	22.3	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.4
Florida	6.0	9.5	8.0	6.9	7.8	14.1	6.7	6.0	5.8	6.2
Georgia	5.3	9.3	7.9	6.7	6.9	14.9	6.5	5.2	5.7	6.2
Hawaii	3.6	7.5	14.7	8.5	10.7	30.3	12.2	4.6	5.9	5.6
Idaho	6.3	8.4	8.7	8.1	7.2	11.2	6.4	6.1	5.7	7.2
Illinois	4.5	9.7	6.5	7.2	6.0	18.2	5.6	6.1	4.9	5.6
Indiana	4.6	8.3	6.8	6.0	5.7	13.5	5.2	5.0	5.1	6.0
Iowa	4.4	7.5	6.8	6.1	6.0	13.0	5.5	5.1	5.4	6.0
Kansas	5.0	7.9	7.0	6.2	6.2	13.3	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.1
Kentucky	4.6	9.0	7.3	7.3	6.4	15.2	5.1	6.1	5.1	6.5
Louisiana	4.4	9.1	8.7	6.4	6.8	16.8	7.0	5.6	5.9	6.2
Maine	5.2	12.3	8.5	9.0	7.7	21.9	6.0	6.3	6.3	7.8
Maryland	4.8	11.2	7.3	6.3	6.6	21.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	6.6
Massachusetts	3.7	12.4	7.0	6.6	6.9	24.2	5.4	5.5	5.0	5.7
Michigan	4.0	10.9	6.7	8.5	6.2	20.5	4.8	6.9	4.9	5.6
Minnesota	4.2	9.0	6.9	9.2	6.1	17.6	5.4	6.8	4.9	5.5
Mississippi	5.0	8.7	8.0	5.6	6.4	12.9	5.5	4.9	6.6	6.5
Missouri	4.6	8.5	7.1	6.3	6.0	14.4	5.7	5.2	5.3	6.3
Montana	6.8	9.9	9.4	8.8	8.3	13.9	7.2	6.8	6.9	8.1
Nebraska	4.8	8.2	6.8	6.5	6.2	12.2	5.8	5.5	6.2	6.0
Nevada	5.3	12.9	8.8	7.3	9.5	29.5	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.7
New Hampshire	4.5	11.8	7.4	7.4	7.0	18.8	5.3	6.4	5.4	6.4
New Jersey	4.8	15.7	8.1	7.0	7.2	28.3	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.7
New Mexico	4.5	8.5	7.3	8.5	7.1	17.7	6.1	7.5	5.7	6.6
New York	3.9	13.3	7.4	6.9	7.1	26.9	5.9	6.3	5.4	5.7
North Carolina	4.9	8.7	7.9	6.6	6.4	14.6	5.6	5.0	5.4	5.8
North Dakota	5.3	8.9	7.2	7.8	6.9	17.1	6.9	7.1	6.5	6.5
Ohio	4.5	7.8	6.6	6.1	5.9	14.4	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.8
Oklahoma	5.5	7.1	7.9	6.1	6.5	12.3	6.6	5.8	6.1	6.0
Oregon	5.0	9.0	7.4	8.5	6.6	18.2	6.3	6.5	5.6	6.6
Pennsylvania	3.6	10.3	6.2	6.4	5.6	18.3	4.9	5.3	4.6	5.3
Rhode Island	4.5	13.0	7.6	9.8	7.0	25.1	5.3	7.1	5.5	6.4
South Carolina	5.0	8.8	8.0	6.2	6.3	14.6	5.9	5.2	6.1	6.5
South Dakota	5.1	8.6	7.2	7.3	6.8	11.5	5.5	6.2	6.0	5.8
Tennessee	4.4	8.1	7.5	5.6	5.9	13.9	5.5	4.6	5.0	5.8
Texas	4.7	7.3	7.6	5.7	6.7	13.8	6.1	4.8	5.0	5.4
Utah	6.6	9.1	8.1	7.1	6.9	10.9	6.3	5.6	6.1	6.0
Vermont	4.6	12.9	7.6	8.2	8.4	18.4	5.8	8.0	6.1	6.8
Virginia	4.6	10.4	7.0	6.0	6.2	18.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	6.0
Washington	4.8	8.9	7.2	7.9	6.7	17.4	6.3	6.1	5.4	5.8
West Virginia	5.1	8.9	7.4	7.2	6.5	14.1	6.9	6.2	5.8	6.4
Wisconsin	4.3	7.6	6.3	5.8	5.8	14.4	5.1	5.1	4.7	5.4
Wyoming	6.4	10.8	10.0	9.1	8.8	17.9	7.7	7.7	8.3	8.5
Puerto Rico	4.1	11.1	6.6	6.6	7.7	16.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.0
Virgin Islands	5.3	7.8	9.9	7.4	10.6	18.8	12.5	5.8	10.8	6.2

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.