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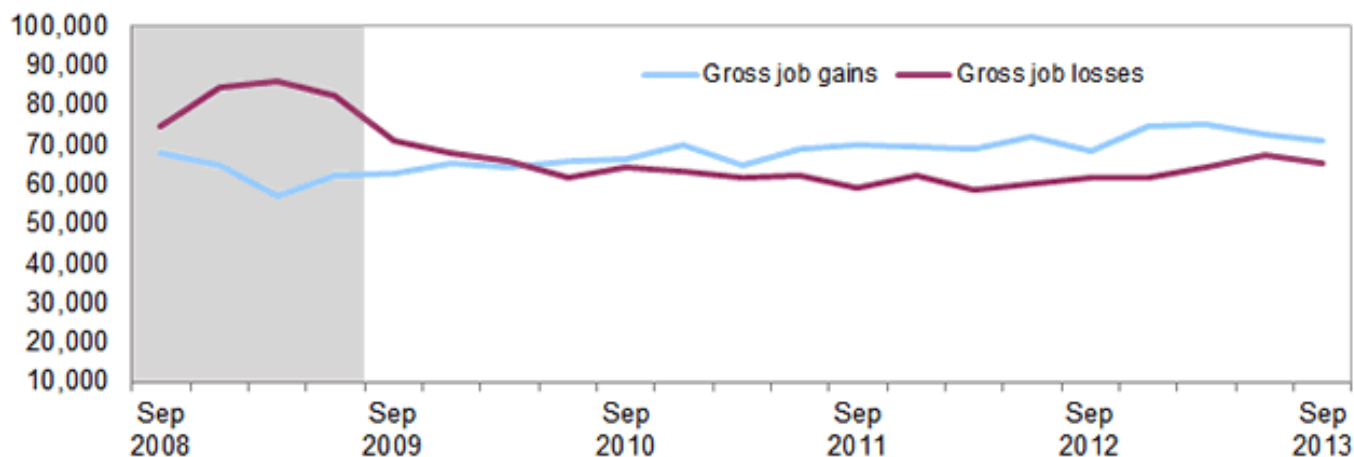
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Business Employment Dynamics in Utah – September 2013

From June 2013 to September 2013, gross job gains in private sector establishments in Utah totaled 71,225, while gross job losses numbered 65,096, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Gross job gains exceeded gross job losses by 6,129. Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman noted that this is the fourteenth consecutive quarter where gross job gains have led gross job losses in Utah.

Chart 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses of employment in Utah, September 2008–September 2013 by quarter, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

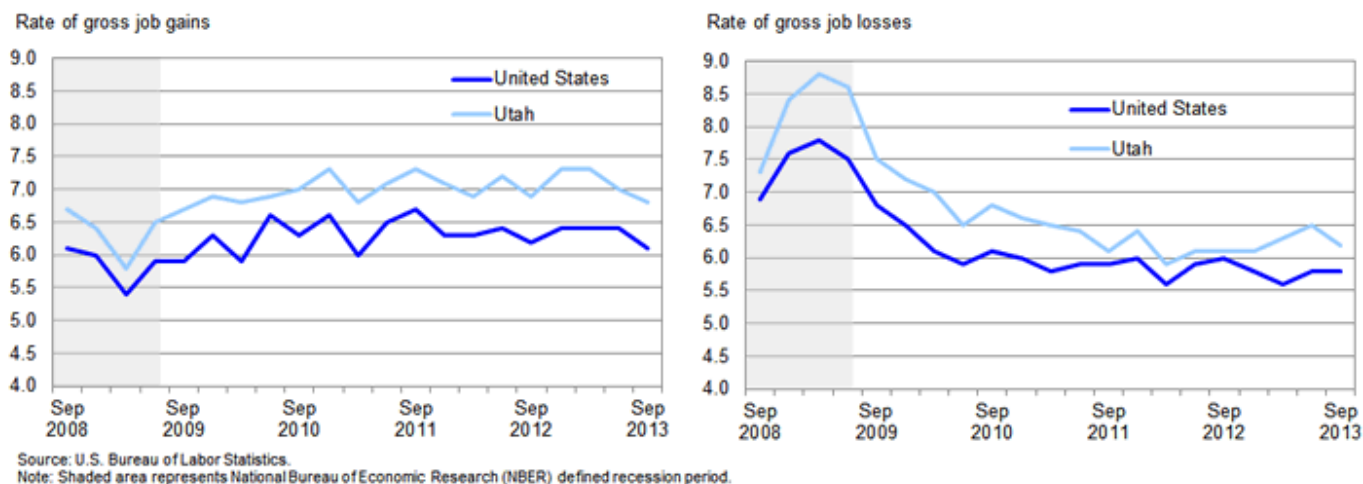
Note: Shaded area represents National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) defined recession period.

Due to an administrative change, gross job gains in first quarter 2013 are not comparable to data from other quarters.

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. Business Employment Dynamics (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 job gains and the number of gross job losses is the net change in employment. (See the Technical Note for more information.)

Utah's gross job gains have been above 70,000 in each of the last four quarters. Gross job losses declined by 2,369 in the three months ended in September 2013 after increasing in the previous two quarters. (See [chart 1](#).) Job losses peaked in March 2009, when 86,145 jobs were lost within a three month period.

Chart 2. Private sector gross job gains and losses as a percent of employment, United States and Utah, September 2008–September 2013, seasonally adjusted



Gross job gains represented 6.8 percent of private sector employment in Utah in the quarter ended September 2013, while nationally gross job gains accounted for 6.1 percent of private employment. (See [chart 2](#).) The rate of gross job gains in Utah has been above the U.S. rate since 1992 when data were first published. The rate of gross job losses in Utah has matched or exceeded the U.S. rate since December 1995.

During the third quarter 2013, gross job gains exceeded gross job losses in nine industry sectors in Utah. For example, within professional and business services, gross job gains exceeded gross job losses by 3,402. While 13,326 jobs were lost in closing and contracting establishments in the industry, 16,728 jobs were created by opening and expanding establishments in the 3 months ended in September 2013. In financial activities, 4,552 jobs were created in opening and expanding establishments and 3,688 jobs were lost in closing and contracting establishments. (See [table 1](#).)

Gross job losses exceeded gross job gains in two industry sectors, including leisure and hospitality in which gross job losses exceeded gross job gains by 691.

For More Information

BED data for the states have been included in table 2 of this release. For more information on the Business Employment Dynamics data, visit the BED web site at www.bls.gov/bdm/.

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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), or the ES-202 program. The BED data are compiled from existing quarterly QCEW records. The QCEW reports are sent by the State Employment

Security Agencies (SESAs) to BLS and form the basis of the Bureau's QCEW program and establishment universe sampling frame. These reports are also used to produce the QCEW data on total employment and wages. Other important Bureau uses of the QCEW reports are in the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. The CES program produces monthly estimates of employment, net changes, and earnings by detailed industry.

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 establishments and jobs lost at closing and contracting establishments.

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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 establishments 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 establishments 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 establishments with positive third month employment in the previous quarter, with no employment or zero employment reported in the current quarter.

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

Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Utah, 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)				
	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013
Total private ⁽¹⁾										
Gross job gains.....	68,688	74,490	75,396	72,630	71,225	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.8
At expanding establishments.....	55,037	59,015	61,508	58,888	57,772	5.5	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.5
At opening establishments.....	13,651	15,475	13,888	13,742	13,453	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
Gross job losses.....	61,913	61,715	64,502	67,465	65,096	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.2
At contracting establishments.....	50,662	50,392	53,412	57,236	55,328	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.3
At closing establishments.....	11,251	11,323	11,090	10,229	9,768	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	6,775	12,775	10,894	5,165	6,129	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.6
Construction.....										
Gross job gains.....	7,342	9,357	9,889	9,083	8,567	10.5	13.3	13.6	12.4	11.7
At expanding establishments.....	5,593	7,289	8,295	6,964	6,799	8.0	10.4	11.4	9.5	9.3
At opening establishments.....	1,749	2,068	1,594	2,119	1,768	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.9	2.4
Gross job losses.....	7,556	7,771	7,708	8,868	8,165	10.8	11.0	10.7	12.1	11.2
At contracting establishments.....	6,155	5,926	5,997	7,407	6,505	8.8	8.4	8.3	10.1	8.9
At closing establishments.....	1,401	1,845	1,711	1,461	1,660	2.0	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.3
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-214	1,586	2,181	215	402	-0.3	2.3	2.9	0.3	0.5
Manufacturing.....										
Gross job gains.....	3,910	4,279	4,033	4,560	4,164	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.6
At expanding establishments.....	3,367	3,804	3,731	4,125	3,620	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.1
At opening establishments.....	543	475	302	435	544	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5
Gross job losses.....	3,675	4,028	3,645	4,212	4,003	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.6	3.4
At contracting establishments.....	3,257	3,416	3,280	3,661	3,544	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.0
At closing establishments.....	418	612	365	551	459	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	235	251	388	348	161	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Wholesale trade.....										
Gross job gains.....	2,521	2,728	2,678	2,405	2,288	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.0	4.8
At expanding establishments.....	2,026	1,969	2,268	1,924	1,923	4.2	4.1	4.7	4.0	4.0
At opening establishments.....	495	759	410	481	365	1.0	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.8
Gross job losses.....	2,212	2,017	2,399	2,172	2,054	4.6	4.2	5.0	4.6	4.2
At contracting establishments.....	1,587	1,543	1,974	1,810	1,655	3.3	3.2	4.1	3.8	3.4
At closing establishments.....	625	474	425	362	399	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	309	711	279	233	234	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.6

Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Utah, 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)				
	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013
Retail trade.....										
Gross job gains.....	9,179	9,592	10,007	9,374	8,619	6.4	6.6	6.9	6.3	5.8
At expanding establishments.....	7,331	7,885	8,849	8,118	7,338	5.1	5.4	6.1	5.5	4.9
At opening establishments.....	1,848	1,707	1,158	1,256	1,281	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.9
Gross job losses.....	8,392	8,299	8,446	7,133	8,139	5.8	5.7	5.8	4.8	5.5
At contracting establishments.....	7,219	7,240	7,404	6,254	7,300	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.9
At closing establishments.....	1,173	1,059	1,042	879	839	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	787	1,293	1,561	2,241	480	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.3
Transportation and warehousing.....										
Gross job gains.....	2,262	2,637	2,189	2,134	2,238	5.1	5.8	4.9	4.8	5.1
At expanding establishments.....	1,879	2,214	1,978	1,835	1,812	4.2	4.9	4.4	4.1	4.1
At opening establishments.....	383	423	211	299	426	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.0
Gross job losses.....	1,944	2,248	2,687	2,179	1,988	4.4	5.0	6.0	4.9	4.5
At contracting establishments.....	1,588	1,996	2,393	1,840	1,692	3.6	4.4	5.3	4.1	3.8
At closing establishments.....	356	252	294	339	296	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	318	389	-498	-45	250	0.7	0.8	-1.1	-0.1	0.6
Information.....										
Gross job gains.....	1,871	2,442	2,054	1,750	1,620	6.3	8.1	6.6	5.6	5.2
At expanding establishments.....	1,464	2,030	1,720	1,478	1,397	4.9	6.7	5.5	4.7	4.5
At opening establishments.....	407	412	334	272	223	1.4	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7
Gross job losses.....	1,900	1,350	1,913	1,825	1,635	6.3	4.4	6.1	5.8	5.2
At contracting establishments.....	1,555	1,099	1,605	1,593	1,343	5.2	3.6	5.1	5.1	4.3
At closing establishments.....	345	251	308	232	292	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-29	1,092	141	-75	-15	0.0	3.7	0.5	-0.2	0.0
Financial activities.....										
Gross job gains.....	4,579	4,458	4,039	4,919	4,552	6.6	6.3	5.7	6.8	6.2
At expanding establishments.....	3,538	3,289	3,131	3,571	3,461	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.7
At opening establishments.....	1,041	1,169	908	1,348	1,091	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.5
Gross job losses.....	3,536	3,426	3,685	3,173	3,688	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.4	5.0
At contracting establishments.....	2,698	2,494	2,655	2,410	2,931	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.3	4.0
At closing establishments.....	838	932	1,030	763	757	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0

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Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	1,043	1,032	354	1,746	864	1.5	1.5	0.6	2.4	1.2
Professional and business services.....										
Gross job gains.....	14,420	14,422	15,779	14,732	16,728	8.7	8.6	9.2	8.5	9.6
At expanding establishments.....	11,558	10,537	13,023	11,602	12,921	7.0	6.3	7.6	6.7	7.4
At opening establishments.....	2,862	3,885	2,756	3,130	3,807	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.8	2.2
Gross job losses.....	12,997	12,210	12,533	15,018	13,326	7.8	7.3	7.3	8.6	7.6
At contracting establishments.....	10,114	9,732	9,742	12,406	11,169	6.1	5.8	5.7	7.1	6.4
At closing establishments.....	2,883	2,478	2,791	2,612	2,157	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	1,423	2,212	3,246	-286	3,402	0.9	1.3	1.9	-0.1	2.0
Education and health services.....										
Gross job gains.....	6,981	7,227	8,177	6,972	7,852	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.6	5.0
At expanding establishments.....	5,773	5,927	5,200	5,964	6,852	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.9	4.4
At opening establishments.....	1,208	1,300	2,977	1,008	1,000	0.8	0.9	1.9	0.7	0.6
Gross job losses.....	5,303	5,139	5,674	6,919	6,519	3.5	3.4	3.8	4.5	4.2
At contracting establishments.....	4,340	4,225	4,662	5,821	5,556	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.8	3.6
At closing establishments.....	963	914	1,012	1,098	963	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	1,678	2,088	2,503	53	1,333	1.2	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.8
Leisure and hospitality.....										
Gross job gains.....	11,890	13,575	12,588	12,956	11,184	10.0	11.2	10.3	10.5	9.0
At expanding establishments.....	9,532	11,037	10,031	10,356	8,943	8.0	9.1	8.2	8.4	7.2
At opening establishments.....	2,358	2,538	2,557	2,600	2,241	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.8
Gross job losses.....	10,898	11,654	12,426	11,855	11,875	9.1	9.6	10.1	9.6	9.6
At contracting establishments.....	9,310	9,824	10,990	10,524	10,548	7.8	8.1	8.9	8.5	8.5
At closing establishments.....	1,588	1,830	1,436	1,331	1,327	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.1
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	992	1,921	162	1,101	-691	0.9	1.6	0.2	0.9	-0.6
Other services ⁽³⁾										
Gross job gains.....	2,251	2,430	2,664	2,325	2,074	7.8	8.3	8.9	7.6	6.9
At expanding establishments.....	1,742	1,913	2,156	1,797	1,616	6.0	6.5	7.2	5.9	5.4
At opening establishments.....	509	517	508	528	458	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.5
Gross job losses.....	1,951	1,959	2,005	2,672	2,043	6.8	6.6	6.7	8.9	6.8

Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Utah, 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)				
	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013
At contracting establishments.....	1,522	1,504	1,549	2,287	1,617	5.3	5.1	5.2	7.6	5.4
At closing establishments.....	429	455	456	385	426	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	300	471	659	-347	31	1.0	1.7	2.2	-1.3	0.1

⁽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

State	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013
United States ⁽¹⁾	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.8
Alabama.....	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6
Alaska.....	9.0	9.8	10.7	10.6	9.7	10.3	10.1	9.6	10.0	9.8
Arizona.....	6.7	6.9	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.5
Arkansas.....	5.5	6.0	5.7	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.4
California.....	6.8	7.4	9.0	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.1
Colorado.....	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3
Connecticut.....	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.8	5.4
Delaware.....	6.2	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0
District of Columbia...	5.8	6.8	5.7	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.3
Florida.....	7.3	7.1	6.7	7.1	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.2
Georgia.....	6.4	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.7	6.2	6.0
Hawaii.....	5.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.3	4.7	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.9
Idaho.....	8.2	7.9	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.2
Illinois.....	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.8
Indiana.....	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3
Iowa.....	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5
Kansas.....	5.6	6.3	5.6	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.7
Kentucky.....	5.7	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.4
Louisiana.....	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.2	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.0
Maine.....	6.7	7.0	6.7	8.1	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.0	6.4	7.4
Maryland.....	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	5.8	6.1	6.1
Massachusetts.....	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.1	5.4	5.6	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.5
Michigan.....	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.8
Minnesota.....	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.5
Mississippi.....	6.4	6.8	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.0	5.8
Missouri.....	5.9	6.4	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.7
Montana.....	7.9	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.8	7.4	7.7	7.5
Nebraska.....	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.6
Nevada.....	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.7
New Hampshire.....	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.0	6.9	6.4	6.1	5.9	6.5
New Jersey.....	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.8	5.6	6.0
New Mexico.....	6.4	7.4	6.2	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.7
New York.....	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.1
North Carolina.....	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
North Dakota.....	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.2	8.3	7.2	6.8	6.6	7.9	6.9
Ohio.....	5.6	6.1	5.9	6.2	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.6
Oklahoma.....	6.1	6.7	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.6	6.0	5.7	5.6
Oregon.....	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.2
Pennsylvania.....	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.2
Rhode Island.....	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.1
South Carolina.....	5.8	6.6	5.8	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6
South Dakota.....	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.8	6.3
Tennessee.....	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.2
Texas.....	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.2
Utah.....	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.2
Vermont.....	7.0	7.6	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.7	7.8	7.4

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

State	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013
Virginia.....	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.9
Washington.....	7.0	7.1	8.6	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.4
West Virginia.....	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.9	6.8	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.4
Wisconsin.....	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4
Wyoming.....	8.6	9.5	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.4	8.5	9.0	8.1
Puerto Rico.....	6.2	6.8	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.3	5.9	6.4	6.2	6.6
Virgin Islands.....	5.3	7.0	5.6	5.0	5.5	7.7	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.8

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