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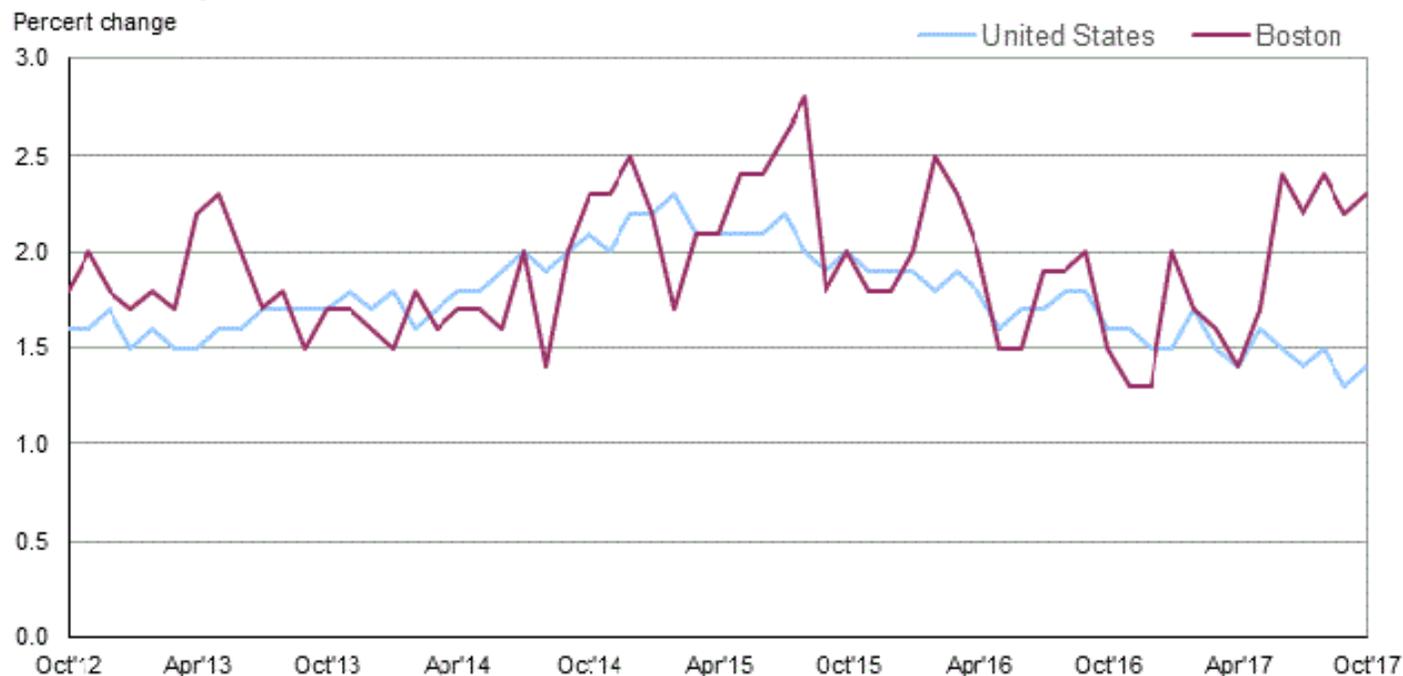
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Boston Area Employment — October 2017

Total nonfarm employment in the Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, Mass.-N.H. Metropolitan New England City and Town Area stood at 2,797,400 in October 2017, up 62,300 from one year ago, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Deborah A. Brown noted that nonfarm employment rose 2.3 percent locally from October a year ago. During the same period, the national job count increased 1.4 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#); Technical note at end of release contains metropolitan area definitions. All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year analysis is used throughout.)

Chart 1. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year percent change in the United States and the Boston metropolitan area, October 2012–October 2017



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Boston-Cambridge-Nashua area includes 10 metropolitan divisions — separately identifiable employment centers within the larger metropolitan area. The Boston-Cambridge-Newton metropolitan division, which made up 68 percent of the workforce, gained 50,300 jobs from October 2016 to October 2017. All the other divisions for which data are published also added jobs over the year.

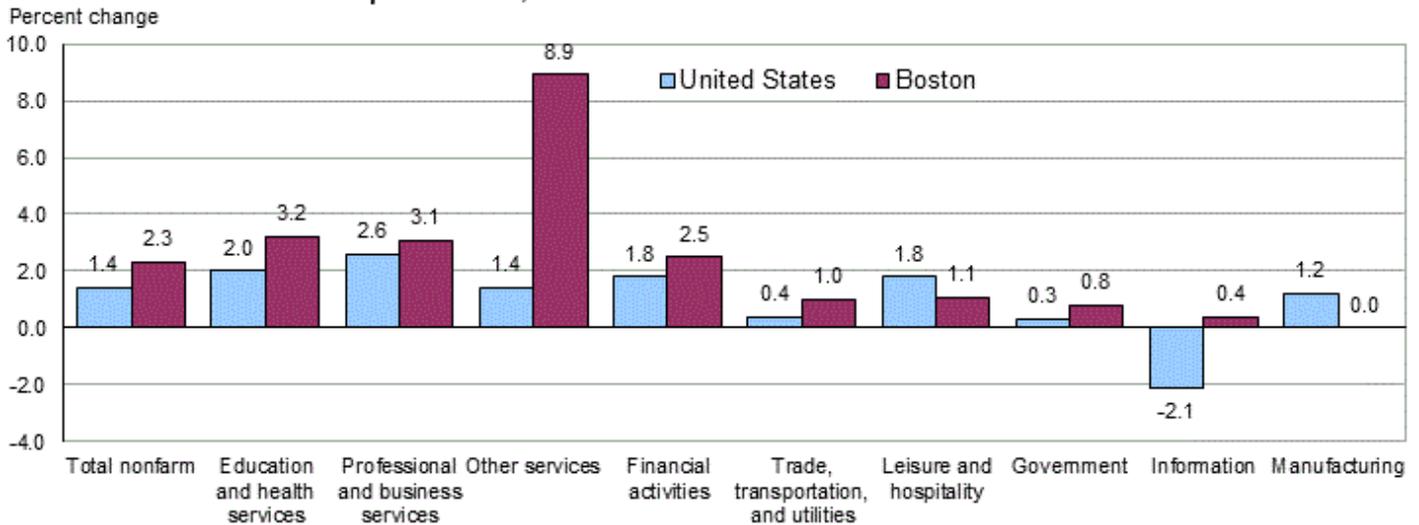
Industry employment

Education and health services, the largest industry in the Boston area, had the largest local employment gain, adding 18,300 jobs from October 2016 to October 2017. The 3.2-percent rate of local job growth in this supersector exceeded the 2.0-percent gain nationally.

Professional and business services had the next largest annual employment gain in the Boston area from October 2016, adding 14,900 jobs. The 3.1-percent rate of job growth in Boston’s professional and business services supersector outpaced the 2.6-percent nationwide gain.

The other services supersector added 9,000 over the year. The 8.9-percent rate of job growth was greater than the nationwide gain of 1.4-percent.

Chart 2. Total nonfarm and selected industry supersector employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and the Boston metropolitan area, October 2017



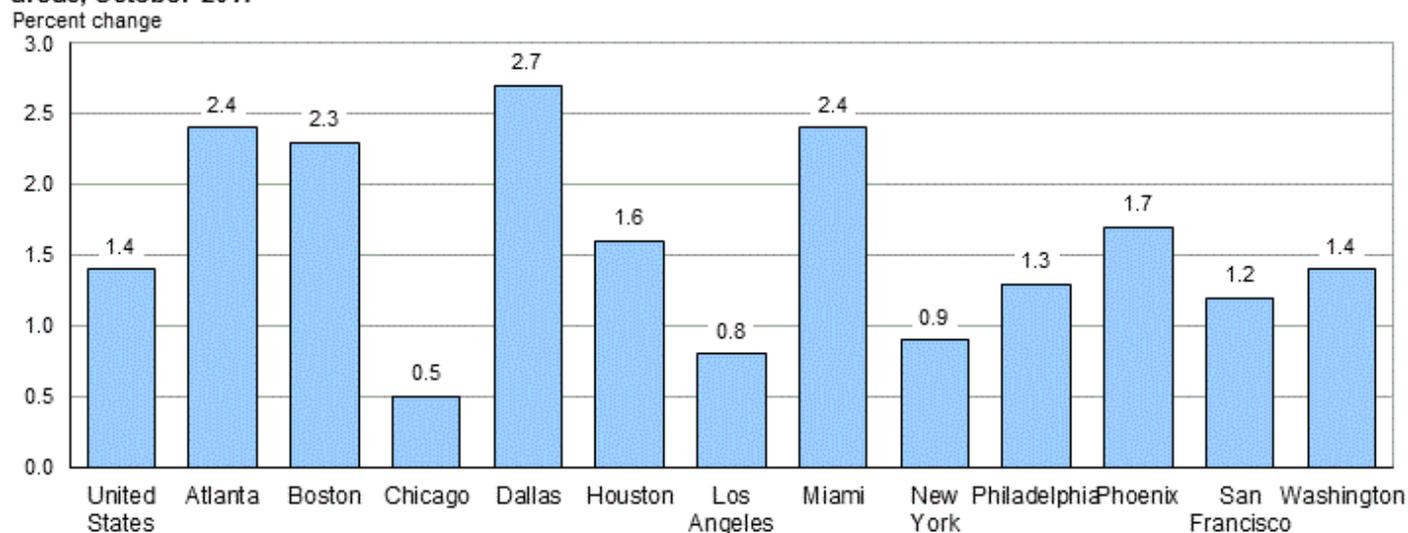
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Four other supersectors in the Boston area gained at least 1,000 jobs over the year—financial activities (+4,600), trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,400), leisure and hospitality (+2,900) and government (+2,700). The local rates of job growth outpaced their national averages in three out of the four supersectors except leisure and hospitality, whose 1.1-percent gain lagged the nationwide increase of 1.8-percent.

Employment in the twelve Largest Metropolitan Areas

Boston-Cambridge-Nashua was 1 of the nation’s 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in October 2017. All 12 areas had over-the-year job growth during the period, with rates of job growth in 6 areas exceeding the national increase of 1.4 percent. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington had the fastest rate of job growth, up 2.7 percent, followed by Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, up 2.4 percent each. Chicago-Naperville-Elgin had the slowest rate of job growth, up 0.5 percent. (See [chart 3](#) and [table 2.](#))

Chart 3. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and 12 largest metropolitan areas, October 2017



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Dallas area added the largest number of jobs over the year, 94,400, followed by New York (+91,300) and Atlanta (+91,300). Chicago had the smallest employment gain over the year, adding 21,700 jobs.

Over the year, education and health services added the most jobs in seven areas: Boston, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, Miami, New York, Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, and San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward. Professional and business services gained the most jobs in four areas: Atlanta, Dallas, Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria.

Metropolitan area employment data for November 2017 are scheduled to be released on Friday, December 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

Technical Note

This release presents nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. The CES survey is a Federal-State cooperative endeavor between State employment security agencies and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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 2012 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 approximately 39 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports 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.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error are available for metropolitan areas or metropolitan divisions upon request. Measures of sampling error for states down to the supersector level is available on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm. Information on recent benchmark revisions is available online at www.bls.gov/sae/benchmark2017.pdf.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget July 15, 2015. A detailed list of geographic definitions is available at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

Areas in the six New England states are defined as Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based and identified as metropolitan areas and metropolitan divisions. However, for comparative purposes, the Boston NECTA and its divisions have been referred to as a metropolitan area and metropolitan divisions.

The Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, Mass.-N.H. Metropolitan New England City and Town Area (NECTA) includes 10 NECTA divisions--subdivisions of the larger NECTA which function as distinct social, economic, and cultural areas within the larger region. The NECTA divisions that compose the Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, Mass.-N.H. NECTA include: Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA; Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, Mass.; Framingham, Mass.; Haverhill- Newburyport-Amesbury town, Mass.-N.H.; Lawrence-Methuen town-Salem, Mass.-N.H.; Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, Mass.-N.H.; Lynn-Saugus-Marblehead, Mass.; Nashua, N.H.-Mass.; Peabody-Salem-Beverly, Mass.; Taunton-Middleborough-Norton, Mass.; and select cities and towns within.

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 online at www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm. Industry employment data for states and metropolitan areas from the Current Employment Statistics program are also available in the above mentioned news releases and from the Internet at www.bls.gov/sae/.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202)-691-5200; Federal Relay Service: (800)-877-8339.

Table 1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, U.S. and Boston metropolitan area, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)

Area and Industry	Oct 2016	Aug 2017	Sept 2017	Oct 2017(p)	Oct 2016 to Oct 2017	
					Net change	Percent change
U.S.						
Total nonfarm.....	145,969	146,587	146,964	148,006	2,037	1.4
Mining and logging	671	729	727	726	55	8.2
Construction	6,950	7,174	7,124	7,130	180	2.6
Manufacturing.....	12,349	12,544	12,495	12,499	150	1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,370	27,351	27,307	27,487	117	0.4
Information	2,777	2,733	2,708	2,719	-58	-2.1
Financial activities	8,337	8,534	8,482	8,486	149	1.8
Professional and business services	20,516	20,932	20,876	21,056	540	2.6
Educational and health services.....	22,987	22,857	23,138	23,456	469	2.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	15,647	16,654	16,053	15,927	280	1.8
Other services	5,708	5,805	5,759	5,786	78	1.4
Government.....	22,657	21,274	22,295	22,734	77	0.3
Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH						
Total nonfarm.....	2,735.1	2,776.9	2,775.0	2,797.4	62.3	2.3
Mining, logging, and construction.....	111.9	117.0	116.0	117.1	5.2	4.6
Manufacturing.....	186.8	188.1	186.8	186.8	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	423.4	426.7	425.7	427.8	4.4	1.0
Information	77.8	79.1	78.5	78.1	0.3	0.4
Financial activities	186.7	193.8	190.7	191.3	4.6	2.5
Professional and business services	476.4	491.0	486.3	491.3	14.9	3.1
Educational and health services.....	580.1	586.0	590.6	598.4	18.3	3.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	271.0	291.3	275.3	273.9	2.9	1.1
Other services	101.0	111.5	107.5	110.0	9.0	8.9
Government.....	320.0	292.4	317.6	322.7	2.7	0.8
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA division						
Total nonfarm.....	1,839.8	1,874.4	1,871.8	1,890.1	50.3	2.7
Mining, logging, and construction.....	67.2	68.2	67.9	68.8	1.6	2.4
Manufacturing.....	79.4	80.2	79.7	79.5	0.1	0.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	250.3	253.2	254.0	254.8	4.5	1.8
Information	58.2	59.7	59.0	58.6	0.4	0.7
Financial activities	155.3	161.4	159.1	159.5	4.2	2.7
Professional and business services	356.9	368.1	366.0	370.6	13.7	3.8
Educational and health services.....	416.5	420.1	423.6	431.4	14.9	3.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	187.8	200.8	189.8	188.9	1.1	0.6
Other services	66.9	74.4	72.3	74.9	8.0	12.0
Government.....	201.3	188.3	200.4	203.1	1.8	0.9

Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, United States and 12 largest metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)

Area	Oct 2016	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017(p)	Oct 2016 to Oct 2017(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
United States(1)						
Total nonfarm.....	145,969	146,587	146,964	148,006	2,037	1.4
Mining and logging	671	729	727	726	55	8.2
Construction	6,950	7,174	7,124	7,130	180	2.6
Manufacturing.....	12,349	12,544	12,495	12,499	150	1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,370	27,351	27,307	27,487	117	0.4
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Other services	5,708	5,805	5,759	5,786	78	1.4
Government.....	22,657	21,274	22,295	22,734	77	0.3
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA						
Total nonfarm.....	2,708.2	2,757.9	2,754.3	2,774.0	65.8	2.4
Mining and logging	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	120.7	121.0	120.5	123.3	2.6	2.2
Manufacturing.....	162.5	162.7	161.0	161.5	-1.0	-0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	594.7	598.4	596.5	600.2	5.5	0.9
Information	95.4	99.3	99.2	98.5	3.1	3.2
Financial activities	168.6	173.3	172.9	173.2	4.6	2.7
Professional and business services	503.5	525.8	525.4	528.1	24.6	4.9
Education and health services	341.2	343.7	346.4	351.2	10.0	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	288.2	301.4	296.0	295.5	7.3	2.5
Other services	99.0	101.2	100.0	100.9	1.9	1.9
Government.....	332.6	329.3	334.6	339.8	7.2	2.2
Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH (NECTA)						
Total nonfarm.....	2,735.1	2,776.9	2,775.0	2,797.4	62.3	2.3
Mining, logging, and construction.....	111.9	117.0	116.0	117.1	5.2	4.6
Manufacturing.....	186.8	188.1	186.8	186.8	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	423.4	426.7	425.7	427.8	4.4	1.0
Information	77.8	79.1	78.5	78.1	0.3	0.4
Financial activities	186.7	193.8	190.7	191.3	4.6	2.5
Professional and business services	476.4	491.0	486.3	491.3	14.9	3.1
Education and health services	580.1	586.0	590.6	598.4	18.3	3.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	271.0	291.3	275.3	273.9	2.9	1.1
Other services	101.0	111.5	107.5	110.0	9.0	8.9
Government.....	320.0	292.4	317.6	322.7	2.7	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI						
Total nonfarm.....	4,710.1	4,711.5	4,705.1	4,731.8	21.7	0.5
Mining and logging	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	183.0	183.8	182.6	182.0	-1.0	-0.5
Manufacturing.....	413.7	412.3	412.1	412.7	-1.0	-0.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	946.2	944.0	935.0	943.1	-3.1	-0.3
Information	80.5	83.3	81.7	82.4	1.9	2.4
Financial activities	298.4	311.5	309.8	310.5	12.1	4.1
Professional and business services	839.5	840.9	838.6	843.4	3.9	0.5
Education and health services	723.5	712.0	718.7	732.0	8.5	1.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	472.0	491.9	474.7	468.2	-3.8	-0.8
Other services	192.6	197.5	196.4	196.6	4.0	2.1
Government.....	559.1	532.7	553.9	559.3	0.2	0.0
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX						
Total nonfarm.....	3,555.7	3,608.4	3,625.3	3,650.1	94.4	2.7
Mining, logging, and construction.....	209.3	210.3	213.0	212.1	2.8	1.3

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, United States and 12 largest metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands) - Continued

Area	Oct 2016	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017(p)	Oct 2016 to Oct 2017(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Manufacturing.....	265.3	272.7	272.9	274.2	8.9	3.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	759.4	767.4	767.1	769.9	10.5	1.4
Information	82.0	81.1	80.8	80.5	-1.5	-1.8
Financial activities	286.0	293.2	296.0	293.1	7.1	2.5
Professional and business services	588.0	609.9	615.1	618.2	30.2	5.1
Education and health services	437.6	440.5	441.1	443.2	5.6	1.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	370.3	390.1	380.3	387.9	17.6	4.8
Other services	123.1	127.6	127.6	129.7	6.6	5.4
Government.....	434.7	415.6	431.4	441.3	6.6	1.5
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX						
Total nonfarm.....	3,013.5	3,029.6	3,018.4	3,061.6	48.1	1.6
Mining and logging	84.8	86.8	86.7	87.3	2.5	2.9
Construction	221.2	209.5	207.7	213.3	-7.9	-3.6
Manufacturing.....	219.3	232.7	232.1	229.3	10.0	4.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	609.6	603.1	598.6	607.6	-2.0	-0.3
Information	32.4	32.0	31.7	31.1	-1.3	-4.0
Financial activities	157.1	158.4	158.9	159.6	2.5	1.6
Professional and business services	472.7	484.7	479.8	485.9	13.2	2.8
Education and health services	385.8	395.2	393.0	398.7	12.9	3.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	310.9	327.1	310.6	319.8	8.9	2.9
Other services	108.1	110.7	109.1	108.7	0.6	0.6
Government.....	411.6	389.4	410.2	420.3	8.7	2.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA						
Total nonfarm.....	6,040.3	5,982.7	6,043.1	6,089.2	48.9	0.8
Mining and logging	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	234.9	250.0	248.2	247.1	12.2	5.2
Manufacturing.....	514.6	508.3	506.2	505.2	-9.4	-1.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,095.1	1,084.6	1,089.9	1,097.7	2.6	0.2
Information	261.1	256.0	257.0	257.6	-3.5	-1.3
Financial activities	339.9	340.8	340.3	343.0	3.1	0.9
Professional and business services	914.8	915.4	922.7	923.4	8.6	0.9
Education and health services	988.0	979.4	1,004.3	1,015.7	27.7	2.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	732.8	740.6	739.4	743.5	10.7	1.5
Other services	206.4	212.0	215.0	214.7	8.3	4.0
Government.....	748.7	691.6	716.1	737.3	-11.4	-1.5
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL						
Total nonfarm.....	2,606.2	2,636.3	2,614.7	2,668.2	62.0	2.4
Mining and logging	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	125.9	132.2	128.8	133.4	7.5	6.0
Manufacturing.....	87.9	87.9	88.0	90.1	2.2	2.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	591.9	597.8	593.2	600.5	8.6	1.5
Information	49.0	49.1	48.8	49.5	0.5	1.0
Financial activities	175.5	175.6	176.0	175.2	-0.3	-0.2
Professional and business services	431.5	431.6	427.1	439.2	7.7	1.8
Education and health services	385.5	392.6	395.8	403.5	18.0	4.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	319.8	327.6	312.6	323.7	3.9	1.2
Other services	125.7	131.1	128.0	133.3	7.6	6.0
Government.....	312.8	310.1	315.7	319.1	6.3	2.0
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA						
Total nonfarm.....	9,628.1	9,666.3	9,631.7	9,719.4	91.3	0.9
Mining, logging, and construction.....	392.9	402.8	400.5	400.9	8.0	2.0
Manufacturing.....	365.9	367.0	367.3	367.7	1.8	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,739.3	1,710.9	1,716.5	1,728.9	-10.4	-0.6
Information	291.8	286.4	285.6	285.1	-6.7	-2.3

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Area	Oct 2016	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017(p)	Oct 2016 to Oct 2017(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Financial activities	766.3	790.5	779.0	783.0	16.7	2.2
Professional and business services	1,548.5	1,567.0	1,552.4	1,557.4	8.9	0.6
Education and health services	1,897.9	1,876.1	1,897.9	1,944.5	46.6	2.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	896.1	979.9	931.5	913.9	17.8	2.0
Other services	415.9	426.1	423.7	423.6	7.7	1.9
Government.....	1,313.5	1,259.6	1,277.3	1,314.4	0.9	0.1
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD						
Total nonfarm.....	2,912.5	2,907.4	2,926.3	2,951.3	38.8	1.3
Mining, logging, and construction.....	116.4	120.4	119.4	118.8	2.4	2.1
Manufacturing.....	178.0	179.1	178.6	178.9	0.9	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	528.3	523.7	523.9	525.8	-2.5	-0.5
Information	46.2	46.2	46.0	45.9	-0.3	-0.6
Financial activities	212.6	217.7	217.3	216.7	4.1	1.9
Professional and business services	463.7	479.7	474.4	478.1	14.4	3.1
Education and health services	639.2	624.1	638.3	654.7	15.5	2.4
Leisure and hospitality.....	265.1	283.5	275.2	272.8	7.7	2.9
Other services	120.0	119.5	117.7	117.8	-2.2	-1.8
Government.....	343.0	313.5	335.5	341.8	-1.2	-0.3
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ						
Total nonfarm.....	2,008.5	1,999.7	2,025.8	2,043.1	34.6	1.7
Mining and logging	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-3.0
Construction	107.3	109.8	111.2	111.2	3.9	3.6
Manufacturing.....	120.0	124.3	123.7	124.2	4.2	3.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	391.4	386.6	388.1	392.8	1.4	0.4
Information	36.3	33.7	33.6	33.9	-2.4	-6.6
Financial activities	178.7	181.2	181.8	182.4	3.7	2.1
Professional and business services	344.8	343.1	346.7	352.5	7.7	2.2
Education and health services	297.3	300.5	305.7	307.4	10.1	3.4
Leisure and hospitality.....	218.7	223.3	223.7	226.9	8.2	3.7
Other services	63.7	61.2	61.6	61.0	-2.7	-4.2
Government.....	247.0	232.8	246.5	247.6	0.6	0.2
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA						
Total nonfarm.....	2,380.0	2,391.1	2,392.6	2,407.7	27.7	1.2
Mining and logging	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	115.8	123.1	123.9	123.9	8.1	7.0
Manufacturing.....	132.8	133.9	133.9	134.2	1.4	1.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	379.6	380.3	378.5	379.6	0.0	0.0
Information	102.0	102.9	102.8	103.5	1.5	1.5
Financial activities	144.2	147.2	145.7	146.5	2.3	1.6
Professional and business services	479.2	473.0	471.2	473.4	-5.8	-1.2
Education and health services	343.9	345.0	350.0	357.0	13.1	3.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	273.0	282.1	277.5	275.1	2.1	0.8
Other services	86.1	88.9	89.5	89.3	3.2	3.7
Government.....	322.4	313.7	318.6	324.2	1.8	0.6
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV						
Total nonfarm.....	3,260.0	3,294.4	3,293.4	3,306.4	46.4	1.4
Mining, logging, and construction.....	158.2	166.2	163.4	163.5	5.3	3.4
Manufacturing.....	54.6	54.6	54.3	54.3	-0.3	-0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	407.5	411.8	409.6	412.4	4.9	1.2
Information	73.0	71.4	71.5	70.9	-2.1	-2.9
Financial activities	157.7	159.1	158.5	159.1	1.4	0.9
Professional and business services	746.9	762.8	756.7	760.2	13.3	1.8

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, United States and 12 largest metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands) - Continued

Area	Oct 2016	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017(p)	Oct 2016 to Oct 2017(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Education and health services	442.8	444.7	446.6	454.0	11.2	2.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	323.3	346.1	336.0	332.1	8.8	2.7
Other services	194.7	199.2	197.6	198.3	3.6	1.8
Government.....	701.3	678.5	699.2	701.6	0.3	0.0

Footnotes

(1) U.S. data are preliminary for two months after they are first published.

(p) Preliminary