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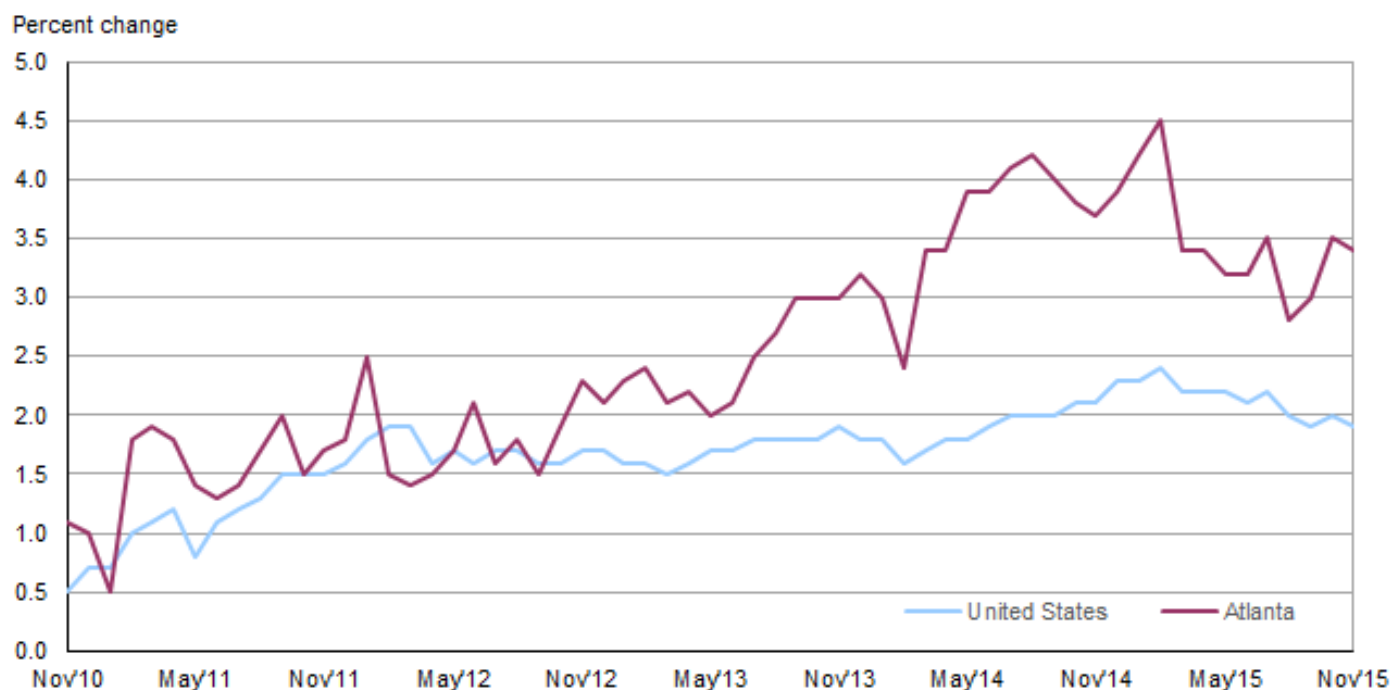
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### Atlanta Area Employment – November 2015

Total nonfarm employment for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 2,646,000 in November 2015, up 86,500, or 3.4 percent over the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the local area has had over-the-year employment gains of 50,000 or more since July 2013. Nationally, nonfarm employment increased 1.9 percent from November 2014 to November 2015. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#); the Technical Note at the end of this 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 Atlanta metropolitan area, November 2010–November 2015**



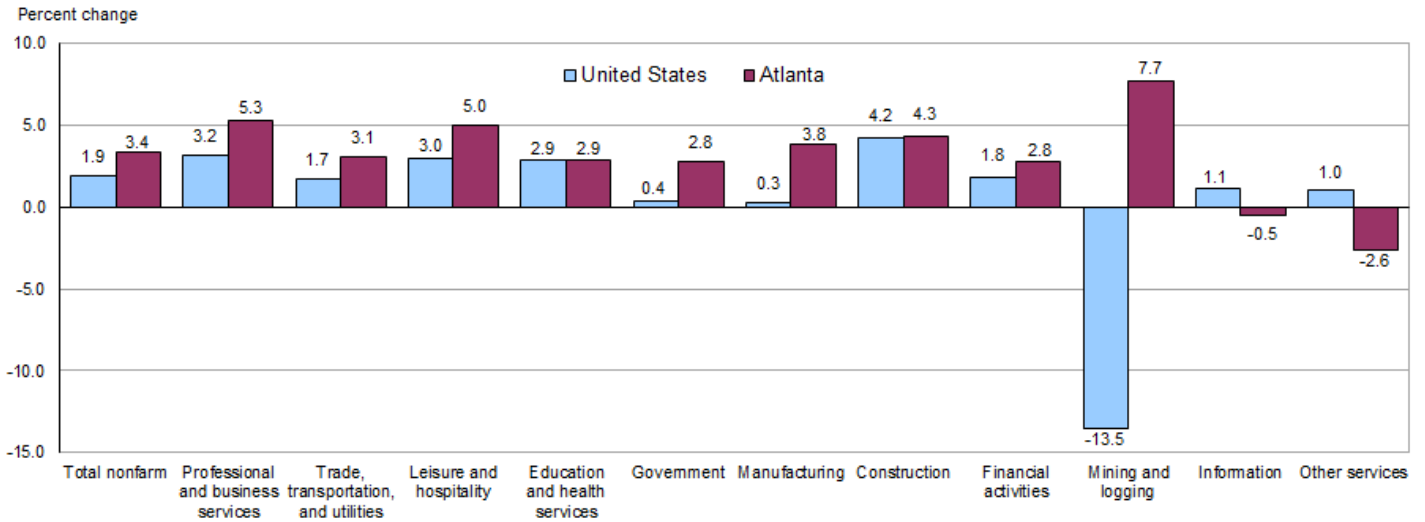
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### Industry employment

In the Atlanta metropolitan area, professional and business services recorded the largest employment gain from November 2014 to November 2015, adding 25,100 jobs. The area's 5.3-percent growth in professional and business services employment was larger than the nationwide increase of 3.2 percent. (See [chart 2](#).)

Trade, transportation, and utilities had the second largest increase in jobs locally, increasing by 18,000 from the previous November. Employment in this supersector grew 3.1 percent in Atlanta compared to 1.7 percent for the nation.

**Chart 2. Total nonfarm and selected industry supersector employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, November 2015**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

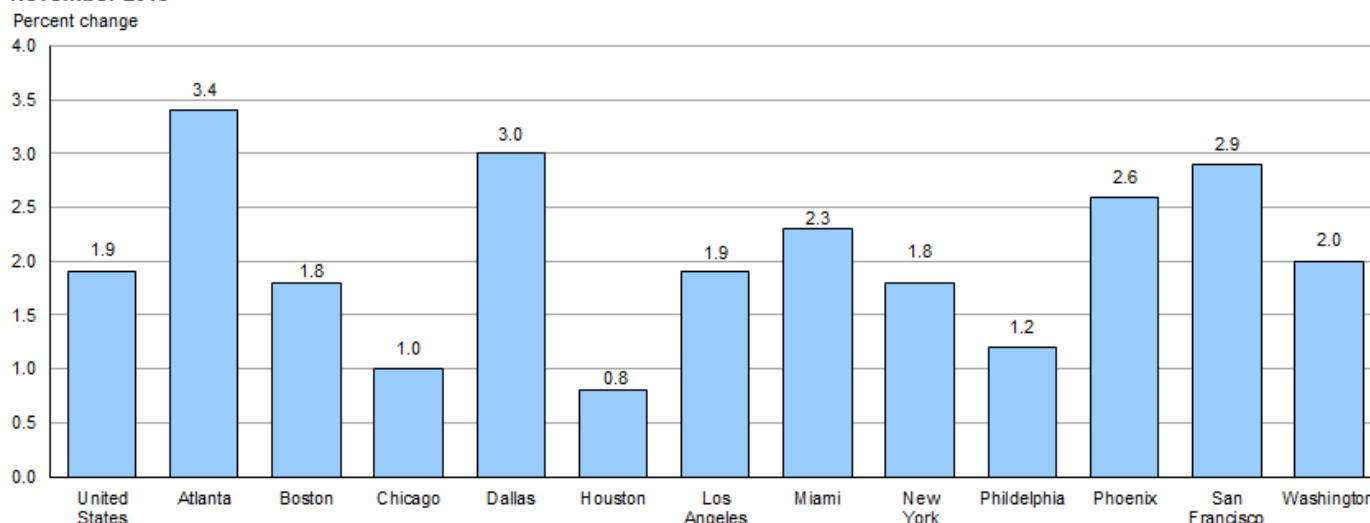
Three other supersectors in the Atlanta area gained at least 9,000 jobs since last November—leisure and hospitality (13,100); education and health services (9,200); and government (9,100). Locally, the rate of job growth in each supersector was equal to or greater than the respective national rate.

Other services was the only supersector in the Atlanta area that had an employment decline greater than 1,000 from the previous November, down 2,500 (-2.6 percent). Nationally, this supersector added jobs over the 12-month period, advancing 1.0 percent.

### Twelve largest metropolitan areas

Atlanta was 1 of the nation’s 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in November 2015. All 12 areas experienced over-the-year job growth during the period, with 6 exceeding the national average of 1.9 percent. The fastest rate of job growth was in Atlanta, up 3.4 percent, followed by Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, up 3.0 percent. The slowest growth rate occurred in Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land (0.8 percent). (See [chart 3](#) and [table 2](#).)

**Chart 3. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and the 12 largest metropolitan areas, November 2015**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The New York-Newark-Jersey City area added the largest number of jobs, 167,000 since November 2014. Employment increased by over 100,000 in two other areas—Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (112,200) and Dallas (101,200). Houston experienced the smallest gain, adding 23,700 jobs over the 12-month period.

Professional and business services recorded the most job growth in 6 of the 12 metropolitan areas from November a year ago—Atlanta, Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria. Leisure and hospitality added the most jobs in three other areas—Dallas, Houston, and Los Angeles.

Manufacturing recorded the largest over-the-year loss of jobs in four areas—Chicago, Dallas, Houston, and Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington. Five other areas recorded no job losses greater than 1,000 for any supersector since last November—Boston, Miami, New York, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, and Washington.

**Metropolitan area employment data for December 2015 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.**

### 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 for state CES data at the supersector level are available on the BLS Web site at [www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm](http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm). Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at [www.bls.gov/sae/](http://www.bls.gov/sae/).

**Area definitions.** The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on February 28, 2013. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at [www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm](http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm).

The **Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. Metropolitan Statistical Area** includes the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton in Georgia.

### **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](http://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/](http://www.bls.gov/sae/).

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**Table 1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, Atlanta metropolitan area and its components, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands), November 2015**

Area and Industry	Nov 2014	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015 (P)	Change from Nov 2014 to Nov 2015 (P)	
					Number	Percent
<b>United States</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	141,478	142,604	143,784	144,128	2,650	1.9
Mining and logging .....	916	816	808	792	-124	-13.5
Construction .....	6,339	6,627	6,662	6,606	267	4.2
Manufacturing.....	12,290	12,370	12,347	12,332	42	0.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	27,106	26,883	27,119	27,554	448	1.7
Information .....	2,778	2,796	2,806	2,809	31	1.1
Financial activities .....	8,041	8,163	8,176	8,183	142	1.8
Professional and business services .....	19,507	19,919	20,131	20,127	620	3.2
Education and health services .....	21,912	22,102	22,468	22,553	641	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	14,616	15,422	15,264	15,061	445	3.0
Other services .....	5,592	5,631	5,655	5,646	54	1.0
Government.....	22,381	21,875	22,348	22,465	84	0.4
<b>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,559.5	2,595.6	2,627.6	2,646.0	86.5	3.4
Mining and logging .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.1	7.7
Construction .....	104.6	109.5	109.2	109.1	4.5	4.3
Manufacturing.....	153.6	156.9	158.7	159.4	5.8	3.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	576.8	571.5	582.1	594.8	18.0	3.1
Information .....	87.6	87.6	88.0	87.2	-0.4	-0.5
Financial activities .....	162.6	164.8	166.7	167.1	4.5	2.8
Professional and business services .....	472.2	490.4	496.8	497.3	25.1	5.3
Education and health services .....	313.6	318.6	321.6	322.8	9.2	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	263.0	270.7	274.6	276.1	13.1	5.0
Other services .....	96.7	93.2	94.3	94.2	-2.5	-2.6
Government.....	327.5	331.1	334.2	336.6	9.1	2.8

(P) Preliminary

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

Area and Industry	Nov 2014	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015 (p)	Change from Nov 2014 to Nov 2015 (p)	
					Number	Percent
<b>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,559.5	2,595.6	2,627.6	2,646.0	86.5	3.4
Mining and logging .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.1	7.7
Construction .....	104.6	109.5	109.2	109.1	4.5	4.3
Manufacturing.....	153.6	156.9	158.7	159.4	5.8	3.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	576.8	571.5	582.1	594.8	18.0	3.1
Information .....	87.6	87.6	88.0	87.2	-0.4	-0.5
Financial activities .....	162.6	164.8	166.7	167.1	4.5	2.8
Professional and business services .....	472.2	490.4	496.8	497.3	25.1	5.3
Education and health services .....	313.6	318.6	321.6	322.8	9.2	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	263.0	270.7	274.6	276.1	13.1	5.0
Other services .....	96.7	93.2	94.3	94.2	-2.5	-2.6
Government.....	327.5	331.1	334.2	336.6	9.1	2.8
<b>Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,628.1	2,647.9	2,671.3	2,676.0	47.9	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction.....	99.0	103.6	105.4	105.7	6.7	6.8
Manufacturing.....	191.7	190.1	190.3	190.9	-0.8	-0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	421.1	412.5	417.0	422.4	1.3	0.3
Information .....	75.8	77.6	77.2	77.0	1.2	1.6
Financial activities .....	173.3	176.8	177.6	178.2	4.9	2.8
Professional and business services .....	449.2	459.5	463.4	462.5	13.3	3.0
Education and health services .....	550.4	550.4	560.3	562.4	12.0	2.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	246.6	259.9	257.1	250.0	3.4	1.4
Other services .....	101.2	102.1	102.7	102.8	1.6	1.6
Government.....	319.8	315.4	320.3	324.1	4.3	1.3
<b>Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	4,566.8	4,580.0	4,609.9	4,613.8	47.0	1.0
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-6.3
Construction .....	163.5	170.8	172.7	170.6	7.1	4.3
Manufacturing.....	409.9	406.6	405.9	404.3	-5.6	-1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	929.1	917.8	923.6	936.8	7.7	0.8
Information .....	80.5	79.8	80.3	81.0	0.5	0.6
Financial activities .....	289.7	288.0	288.3	289.3	-0.4	-0.1
Professional and business services .....	809.4	826.1	826.7	822.7	13.3	1.6
Education and health services .....	700.0	695.4	708.6	710.9	10.9	1.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	431.2	446.4	442.8	434.2	3.0	0.7
Other services .....	192.0	194.9	196.7	197.5	5.5	2.9
Government.....	559.9	552.7	562.8	565.0	5.1	0.9
<b>Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,341.9	3,397.3	3,427.7	3,443.1	101.2	3.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	196.7	193.1	193.0	193.9	-2.8	-1.4
Manufacturing.....	263.3	258.3	257.9	257.9	-5.4	-2.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	704.8	712.7	720.5	729.1	24.3	3.4
Information .....	81.8	81.7	81.3	82.5	0.7	0.9
Financial activities .....	271.7	275.4	277.0	277.8	6.1	2.2
Professional and business services .....	552.9	568.6	575.8	576.2	23.3	4.2
Education and health services .....	411.2	425.9	430.6	431.8	20.6	5.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	333.3	355.8	357.9	358.0	24.7	7.4
Other services .....	116.0	120.8	119.9	119.1	3.1	2.7
Government.....	410.2	405.0	413.8	416.8	6.6	1.6
<b>Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,982.7	2,979.8	3,001.6	3,006.4	23.7	0.8
Mining and logging .....	113.4	111.2	108.4	107.9	-5.5	-4.9
Construction .....	209.1	205.3	214.5	213.1	4.0	1.9

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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

Area and Industry	Nov 2014	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015 (p)	Change from Nov 2014 to Nov 2015 (p)	
					Number	Percent
Manufacturing.....	257.4	244.4	242.5	242.0	-15.4	-6.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	612.4	605.1	605.8	614.1	1.7	0.3
Information .....	32.7	34.6	34.1	33.8	1.1	3.4
Financial activities .....	148.8	143.8	144.8	144.9	-3.9	-2.6
Professional and business services .....	471.3	473.5	473.1	469.5	-1.8	-0.4
Education and health services .....	359.8	371.2	374.9	374.9	15.1	4.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	289.0	303.8	306.8	308.5	19.5	6.7
Other services .....	104.9	103.8	104.8	103.6	-1.3	-1.2
Government.....	383.9	383.1	391.9	394.1	10.2	2.7
<b>Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	5,844.8	5,873.4	5,923.2	5,957.0	112.2	1.9
Mining and logging .....	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.9	-0.5	-9.3
Construction .....	209.7	219.9	222.3	224.1	14.4	6.9
Manufacturing.....	525.7	526.0	522.9	522.3	-3.4	-0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	1,093.1	1,081.7	1,085.9	1,107.0	13.9	1.3
Information .....	225.3	220.5	221.0	217.8	-7.5	-3.3
Financial activities .....	326.5	324.6	324.3	325.1	-1.4	-0.4
Professional and business services .....	900.1	906.6	917.5	919.1	19.0	2.1
Education and health services .....	963.8	979.2	988.5	991.3	27.5	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	666.3	688.8	693.7	694.2	27.9	4.2
Other services .....	202.8	207.5	207.7	208.8	6.0	3.0
Government.....	726.1	713.4	734.2	742.4	16.3	2.2
<b>Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,488.0	2,483.2	2,509.8	2,545.9	57.9	2.3
Mining and logging .....	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	107.6	108.6	109.4	111.8	4.2	3.9
Manufacturing.....	82.1	80.8	80.7	81.3	-0.8	-1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	581.1	572.4	578.4	592.3	11.2	1.9
Information .....	48.5	47.9	48.3	48.6	0.1	0.2
Financial activities .....	173.7	173.6	176.1	176.4	2.7	1.6
Professional and business services .....	401.4	409.6	415.4	423.1	21.7	5.4
Education and health services .....	365.0	366.9	370.4	370.2	5.2	1.4
Leisure and hospitality.....	302.4	302.9	305.2	313.1	10.7	3.5
Other services .....	119.3	119.4	121.1	122.5	3.2	2.7
Government.....	306.3	300.5	304.2	306.0	-0.3	-0.1
<b>New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	9,293.0	9,289.5	9,402.7	9,460.0	167.0	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction.....	358.3	376.1	378.1	384.5	26.2	7.3
Manufacturing.....	368.4	366.4	369.1	369.8	1.4	0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	1,745.7	1,712.6	1,726.0	1,757.3	11.6	0.7
Information .....	284.9	280.8	284.3	284.4	-0.5	-0.2
Financial activities .....	752.7	761.4	763.8	763.9	11.2	1.5
Professional and business services .....	1,456.6	1,454.2	1,469.7	1,474.9	18.3	1.3
Education and health services .....	1,767.8	1,768.5	1,810.8	1,829.0	61.2	3.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	838.7	887.4	874.2	861.9	23.2	2.8
Other services .....	408.7	417.6	418.4	419.2	10.5	2.6
Government.....	1,311.2	1,264.5	1,308.3	1,315.1	3.9	0.3
<b>Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,829.1	2,817.8	2,847.8	2,863.6	34.5	1.2
Mining, logging, and construction.....	108.6	117.8	118.5	117.3	8.7	8.0
Manufacturing.....	179.7	177.6	177.2	177.9	-1.8	-1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	523.8	520.0	525.0	534.0	10.2	1.9
Information .....	46.2	45.2	45.3	45.5	-0.7	-1.5
Financial activities .....	204.6	207.2	207.6	207.4	2.8	1.4

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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

Area and Industry	Nov 2014	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015 (P)	Change from Nov 2014 to Nov 2015 (P)	
					Number	Percent
Professional and business services .....	457.3	447.8	452.1	457.1	-0.2	0.0
Education and health services .....	603.8	596.3	607.8	611.8	8.0	1.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	243.2	255.8	253.9	249.5	6.3	2.6
Other services .....	119.3	119.5	120.1	120.4	1.1	0.9
Government.....	342.6	330.6	340.3	342.7	0.1	0.0
<b>Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	1,906.4	1,906.2	1,934.3	1,956.0	49.6	2.6
Mining and logging .....	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	-0.1	-2.9
Construction .....	96.9	102.6	102.9	104.8	7.9	8.2
Manufacturing.....	117.7	117.0	117.4	118.0	0.3	0.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	378.2	369.6	376.3	387.0	8.8	2.3
Information .....	34.9	34.9	35.3	36.2	1.3	3.7
Financial activities .....	165.2	168.0	169.5	169.2	4.0	2.4
Professional and business services .....	319.4	318.7	325.2	326.7	7.3	2.3
Education and health services .....	276.4	279.0	283.9	285.9	9.5	3.4
Leisure and hospitality.....	203.2	203.9	207.7	209.9	6.7	3.3
Other services .....	66.4	67.3	68.4	69.0	2.6	3.9
Government.....	244.7	241.8	244.4	246.0	1.3	0.5
<b>San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,237.0	2,271.2	2,293.0	2,301.8	64.8	2.9
Mining and logging .....	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-11.1
Construction .....	104.7	108.5	110.3	109.6	4.9	4.7
Manufacturing.....	122.9	124.3	124.2	124.0	1.1	0.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	367.2	364.0	369.6	379.6	12.4	3.4
Information .....	79.6	82.6	82.7	82.8	3.2	4.0
Financial activities .....	128.0	127.6	127.6	126.9	-1.1	-0.9
Professional and business services .....	458.8	479.9	482.7	483.9	25.1	5.5
Education and health services .....	329.2	331.6	335.6	336.1	6.9	2.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	254.6	262.9	263.0	260.1	5.5	2.2
Other services .....	83.8	86.1	87.9	86.8	3.0	3.6
Government.....	307.3	302.9	308.6	311.2	3.9	1.3
<b>Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,158.7	3,176.9	3,209.9	3,220.6	61.9	2.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	151.2	155.4	156.3	157.4	6.2	4.1
Manufacturing.....	50.0	49.1	49.5	50.0	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	409.1	400.4	405.5	411.5	2.4	0.6
Information .....	76.1	76.2	75.6	76.2	0.1	0.1
Financial activities .....	151.4	150.8	153.0	151.5	0.1	0.1
Professional and business services .....	710.4	723.8	735.2	735.3	24.9	3.5
Education and health services .....	416.3	420.9	425.7	427.8	11.5	2.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	300.3	306.0	307.3	304.5	4.2	1.4
Other services .....	194.6	197.4	196.6	197.4	2.8	1.4
Government.....	699.3	696.9	705.2	709.0	9.7	1.4

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