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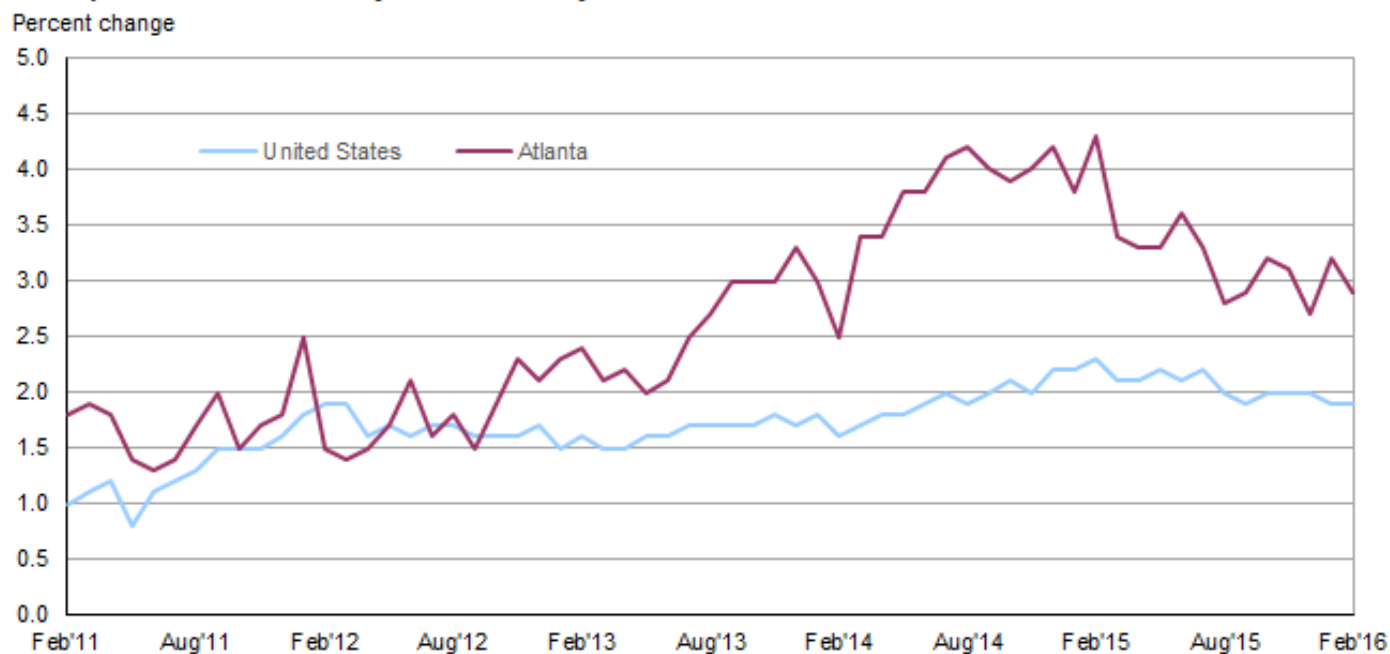
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Atlanta Area Employment – February 2016

Total nonfarm employment for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 2,606,500 in February 2016, an increase of 72,500, or 2.9 percent, from a year ago, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the Atlanta area has recorded over-the-year employment gains each month since July 2010. Nationally, nonfarm employment increased 1.9 percent from February 2015 to February 2016. (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, February 2011–February 2016



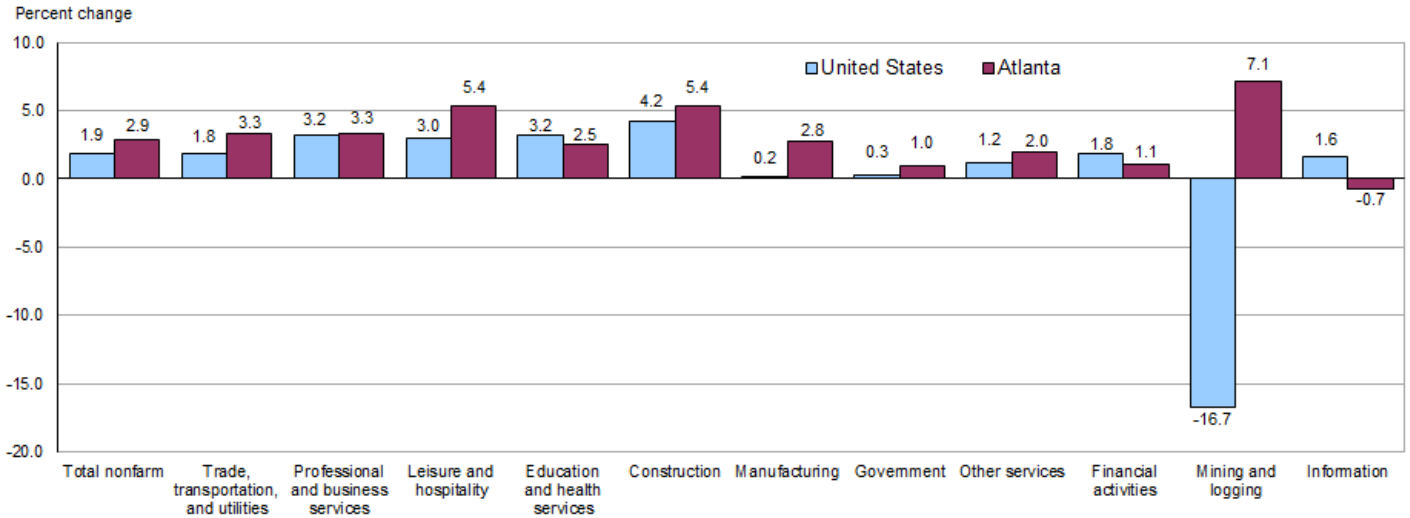
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Industry employment

In the Atlanta metropolitan area, trade, transportation, and utilities recorded the largest employment gain from February 2015 to February 2016, adding 18,900 jobs. The area's 3.3-percent growth in trade, transportation, and utilities employment was larger than the nationwide increase of 1.8 percent. (See [chart 2](#).)

Professional and business services had the second largest increase in employment locally, gaining 15,400 jobs from the previous February. Employment in this supersector grew 3.3 percent in Atlanta compared to 3.2 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, February 2016



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

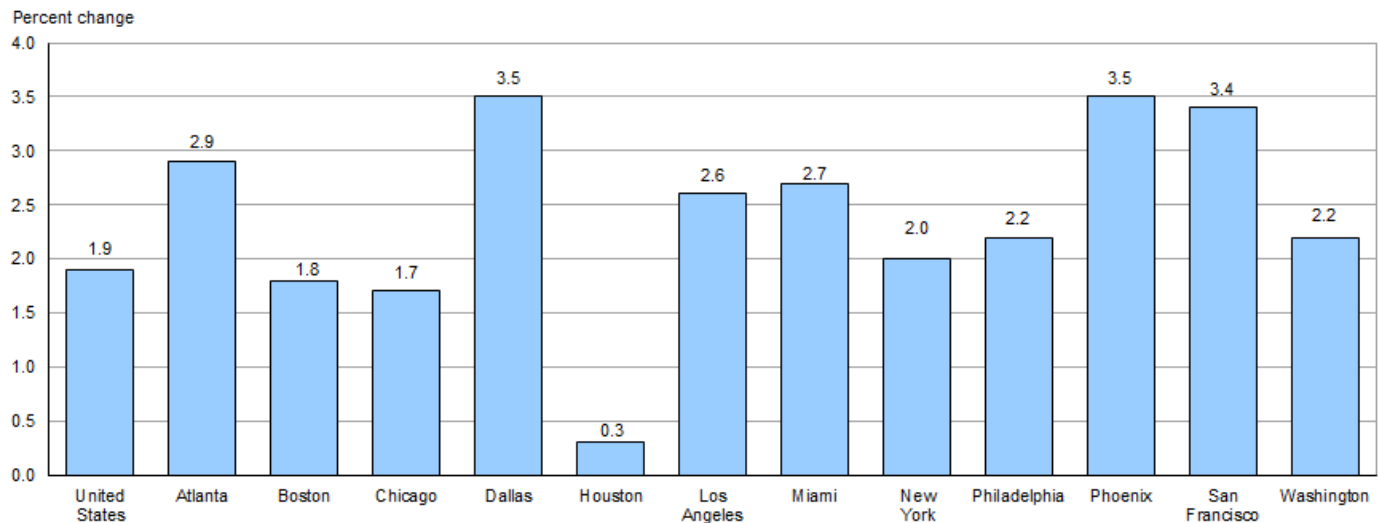
Leisure and hospitality added 13,900 jobs from February 2015 to February 2016. The 5.4-percent rate of local job growth was faster-paced than the national rate of 3.0 percent.

Four other supersectors added at least 3,000 jobs since February 2015—education and health services, construction, manufacturing, and government. The local rates of job growth were higher than the respective national rates in three of these supersectors; education and health services was the exception.

Twelve largest metropolitan areas

Atlanta was 1 of the nation’s 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in February 2016. All 12 areas experienced over-the-year job growth during the period, with 9 exceeding the national average of 1.9 percent. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale areas had the fastest rates of job growth, up 3.5 percent each, followed by San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward at 3.4 percent. The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land area had the slowest rate of job growth, up 0.3 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, February 2016



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The New York-Newark-Jersey City area added the largest number of jobs, 181,700, since February 2015. Employment in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim and Dallas increased by over 100,000 each. Houston had the smallest gain, adding 9,000 jobs over the 12-month period.

Professional and business services had the most job growth in 5 of the 12 metropolitan areas from February a year ago—Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Phoenix, San Francisco, and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria. Education and health services added the most jobs in Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, Los Angeles, and New York.

Manufacturing had the largest over-the-year loss of jobs in four areas—Boston, Dallas, Houston, and Los Angeles. Three areas experienced no annual job losses in any supersector—Miami, New York, and Philadelphia.

Metropolitan area employment data for March 2016 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Changes to Current Employment Statistics Data

Effective with the release of January 2016 data, nonfarm payroll employment estimates for states and metropolitan areas were revised to reflect 2015 benchmark levels. For more information on benchmark procedures, see www.bls.gov/sae/benchmark2016.pdf.

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. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at 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.

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. 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/.

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Table 1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands), February 2016

Area and Industry	Feb 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016 (P)	Feb 2015 to Feb 2016 (P)	
					Net Change	Percent Change
United States						
Total nonfarm.....	139,343	144,116	141,155	142,005	2,662	1.9
Mining and logging	861	765	741	717	-144	-16.7
Construction	5,962	6,507	6,210	6,215	253	4.2
Manufacturing.....	12,219	12,323	12,247	12,239	20	0.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	26,344	27,867	27,000	26,814	470	1.8
Information	2,729	2,768	2,730	2,773	44	1.6
Financial activities	8,016	8,201	8,154	8,159	143	1.8
Professional and business services	19,137	20,079	19,669	19,742	605	3.2
Education and health services	21,887	22,559	22,257	22,588	701	3.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	14,374	15,000	14,675	14,808	434	3.0
Other services	5,555	5,641	5,588	5,623	68	1.2
Government.....	22,259	22,406	21,884	22,327	68	0.3
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area						
Total nonfarm.....	2,534.0	2,643.8	2,598.8	2,606.5	72.5	2.9
Mining and logging	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.1	7.1
Construction	104.5	111.7	109.7	110.1	5.6	5.4
Manufacturing.....	155.6	161.3	160.5	159.9	4.3	2.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	567.0	604.5	587.4	585.9	18.9	3.3
Information	86.7	87.4	86.6	86.1	-0.6	-0.7
Financial activities	160.0	163.4	163.0	161.8	1.8	1.1
Professional and business services	467.6	489.6	476.3	483.0	15.4	3.3
Education and health services	314.7	323.7	320.1	322.5	7.8	2.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	257.2	275.8	271.1	271.1	13.9	5.4
Other services	94.5	98.7	97.2	96.4	1.9	2.0
Government.....	324.8	326.2	325.4	328.2	3.4	1.0

(P) Preliminary

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

Area and Industry	Feb 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016 ^(p)	Feb 2015 to Feb 2016 ^(p)	
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Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA						
Total nonfarm.....	2,534.0	2,643.8	2,598.8	2,606.5	72.5	2.9
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Financial activities	160.0	163.4	163.0	161.8	1.8	1.1
Professional and business services	467.6	489.6	476.3	483.0	15.4	3.3
Education and health services	314.7	323.7	320.1	322.5	7.8	2.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	257.2	275.8	271.1	271.1	13.9	5.4
Other services	94.5	98.7	97.2	96.4	1.9	2.0
Government.....	324.8	326.2	325.4	328.2	3.4	1.0
Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH						
Total nonfarm.....	2,578.8	2,681.1	2,618.0	2,625.6	46.8	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction.....	89.8	107.0	102.0	99.5	9.7	10.8
Manufacturing.....	191.3	191.1	189.4	189.1	-2.2	-1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	406.1	428.6	417.3	409.4	3.3	0.8
Information	76.0	77.3	77.1	76.8	0.8	1.1
Financial activities	178.2	184.3	183.7	183.9	5.7	3.2
Professional and business services	439.2	458.3	445.4	446.2	7.0	1.6
Education and health services	551.9	566.9	558.0	569.1	17.2	3.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	234.4	248.6	237.4	236.5	2.1	0.9
Other services	96.5	103.0	100.6	99.9	3.4	3.5
Government.....	315.4	316.0	307.1	315.2	-0.2	-0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI						
Total nonfarm.....	4,465.0	4,640.6	4,514.9	4,542.0	77.0	1.7
Mining and logging	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	-0.1	-7.7
Construction	141.5	165.7	150.3	149.4	7.9	5.6
Manufacturing.....	411.6	414.3	410.6	411.5	-0.1	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	904.1	958.1	923.5	920.3	16.2	1.8
Information	80.4	82.3	80.9	80.9	0.5	0.6
Financial activities	289.1	295.0	290.8	290.1	1.0	0.3
Professional and business services	781.9	802.8	774.9	782.7	0.8	0.1
Education and health services	695.9	711.3	704.8	711.3	15.4	2.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	420.4	452.2	437.3	441.5	21.1	5.0
Other services	191.8	195.2	192.6	195.2	3.4	1.8
Government.....	547.0	562.3	548.0	557.9	10.9	2.0
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX						
Total nonfarm.....	3,331.0	3,483.6	3,422.2	3,447.8	116.8	3.5
Mining, logging, and construction.....	197.7	200.8	195.1	197.5	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing.....	263.6	260.4	259.3	259.2	-4.4	-1.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	702.2	758.9	741.2	740.7	38.5	5.5
Information	79.3	80.6	79.6	80.7	1.4	1.8
Financial activities	271.1	283.0	282.8	283.3	12.2	4.5
Professional and business services	548.7	575.6	558.6	565.1	16.4	3.0
Education and health services	407.7	423.5	422.5	424.7	17.0	4.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	333.5	361.4	355.2	358.4	24.9	7.5
Other services	116.8	118.3	114.5	117.3	0.5	0.4
Government.....	410.4	421.1	413.4	420.9	10.5	2.6
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX						
Total nonfarm.....	2,974.6	3,021.3	2,973.5	2,983.6	9.0	0.3
Mining and logging	107.0	94.3	92.5	89.3	-17.7	-16.5
Construction	214.4	224.4	220.9	221.5	7.1	3.3

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	Feb 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016 ^(p)	Feb 2015 to Feb 2016 ^(p)	
					Net Change	Percent Change
Manufacturing.....	257.4	238.7	237.4	234.3	-23.1	-9.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	604.6	627.5	612.6	609.9	5.3	0.9
Information	32.0	31.5	31.6	31.8	-0.2	-0.6
Financial activities	149.7	152.1	151.8	151.4	1.7	1.1
Professional and business services	470.3	468.6	458.4	459.0	-11.3	-2.4
Education and health services	361.6	377.5	375.3	377.8	16.2	4.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	288.3	309.0	305.3	309.0	20.7	7.2
Other services	105.2	106.1	105.6	105.4	0.2	0.2
Government.....	384.1	391.6	382.1	394.2	10.1	2.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA						
Total nonfarm.....	5,743.7	5,952.5	5,834.7	5,893.3	149.6	2.6
Mining and logging	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	206.3	223.7	220.3	224.9	18.6	9.0
Manufacturing.....	519.2	514.5	508.4	509.1	-10.1	-1.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,059.6	1,118.4	1,088.1	1,077.5	17.9	1.7
Information	227.3	233.1	224.1	237.5	10.2	4.5
Financial activities	326.5	335.8	331.1	332.4	5.9	1.8
Professional and business services	874.1	906.9	883.3	895.4	21.3	2.4
Education and health services	932.4	969.6	957.0	975.1	42.7	4.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	669.6	706.4	691.8	697.6	28.0	4.2
Other services	197.8	200.5	196.6	200.8	3.0	1.5
Government.....	726.7	739.3	729.7	738.8	12.1	1.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL						
Total nonfarm.....	2,487.0	2,572.7	2,542.7	2,554.8	67.8	2.7
Mining and logging	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	107.0	119.1	115.7	115.8	8.8	8.2
Manufacturing.....	82.9	85.0	84.8	86.0	3.1	3.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	578.9	605.3	592.4	591.5	12.6	2.2
Information	47.5	48.5	48.0	48.0	0.5	1.1
Financial activities	172.4	177.6	178.4	180.5	8.1	4.7
Professional and business services	399.4	417.3	408.4	412.4	13.0	3.3
Education and health services	363.7	376.5	372.7	373.7	10.0	2.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	308.9	313.5	313.4	315.9	7.0	2.3
Other services	120.5	122.7	123.0	122.9	2.4	2.0
Government.....	305.2	306.6	305.3	307.5	2.3	0.8
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA						
Total nonfarm.....	9,114.6	9,537.1	9,258.3	9,296.3	181.7	2.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	331.9	382.2	358.2	354.9	23.0	6.9
Manufacturing.....	363.9	370.8	367.7	368.4	4.5	1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,683.6	1,778.2	1,714.2	1,693.6	10.0	0.6
Information	282.3	289.1	284.2	287.1	4.8	1.7
Financial activities	752.0	772.2	760.4	762.3	10.3	1.4
Professional and business services	1,434.3	1,516.1	1,466.6	1,469.9	35.6	2.5
Education and health services	1,764.6	1,828.6	1,792.4	1,816.6	52.0	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	807.5	859.0	823.0	824.0	16.5	2.0
Other services	402.7	417.5	410.0	413.1	10.4	2.6
Government.....	1,291.8	1,323.4	1,281.6	1,306.4	14.6	1.1
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD						
Total nonfarm.....	2,766.9	2,879.2	2,814.3	2,826.9	60.0	2.2
Mining, logging, and construction.....	99.3	112.6	107.4	105.0	5.7	5.7
Manufacturing.....	180.2	182.0	181.1	180.6	0.4	0.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	505.4	539.6	518.2	513.3	7.9	1.6
Information	46.1	46.9	46.4	46.3	0.2	0.4
Financial activities	205.9	210.4	209.1	209.2	3.3	1.6

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Area and Industry	Feb 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016 (P)	Feb 2015 to Feb 2016 (P)	
					Net Change	Percent Change
Professional and business services	435.3	459.3	450.5	453.4	18.1	4.2
Education and health services	604.6	616.8	608.2	619.9	15.3	2.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	235.0	248.5	240.0	238.7	3.7	1.6
Other services	115.6	118.7	116.9	118.0	2.4	2.1
Government.....	339.5	344.4	336.5	342.5	3.0	0.9
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ						
Total nonfarm.....	1,897.8	1,984.7	1,946.9	1,964.8	67.0	3.5
Mining and logging	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	-0.1	-2.9
Construction	96.0	101.2	100.9	103.2	7.2	7.5
Manufacturing.....	118.3	121.2	120.6	119.7	1.4	1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	369.5	398.7	383.6	381.6	12.1	3.3
Information	36.5	38.3	38.6	38.6	2.1	5.8
Financial activities	164.3	171.8	172.1	174.5	10.2	6.2
Professional and business services	315.7	342.2	331.2	330.3	14.6	4.6
Education and health services	277.9	291.9	289.5	291.8	13.9	5.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	207.7	210.9	210.2	213.8	6.1	2.9
Other services	65.2	65.7	65.3	66.3	1.1	1.7
Government.....	243.3	239.5	231.6	241.7	-1.6	-0.7
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA						
Total nonfarm.....	2,209.2	2,313.1	2,276.3	2,284.7	75.5	3.4
Mining and logging	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-10.0
Construction	104.0	114.7	113.6	113.1	9.1	8.8
Manufacturing.....	124.4	128.4	126.2	126.4	2.0	1.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	358.0	386.7	374.2	369.8	11.8	3.3
Information	82.0	86.4	85.8	86.0	4.0	4.9
Financial activities	127.7	129.8	128.6	128.5	0.8	0.6
Professional and business services	449.5	475.0	469.5	470.5	21.0	4.7
Education and health services	325.4	335.3	333.1	339.4	14.0	4.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	247.8	259.9	253.1	255.3	7.5	3.0
Other services	82.4	83.2	81.4	82.8	0.4	0.5
Government.....	307.0	312.7	309.9	312.0	5.0	1.6
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV						
Total nonfarm.....	3,111.7	3,222.2	3,171.3	3,180.5	68.8	2.2
Mining, logging, and construction.....	141.8	153.8	150.7	149.6	7.8	5.5
Manufacturing.....	51.6	53.5	52.0	51.9	0.3	0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	391.7	420.0	405.3	401.4	9.7	2.5
Information	77.0	75.6	75.0	75.4	-1.6	-2.1
Financial activities	152.3	155.2	154.4	154.3	2.0	1.3
Professional and business services	706.9	729.9	724.0	724.4	17.5	2.5
Education and health services	413.2	419.9	417.8	422.2	9.0	2.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	291.2	312.1	306.1	303.5	12.3	4.2
Other services	193.0	200.0	196.3	197.7	4.7	2.4
Government.....	693.0	702.2	689.7	700.1	7.1	1.0

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