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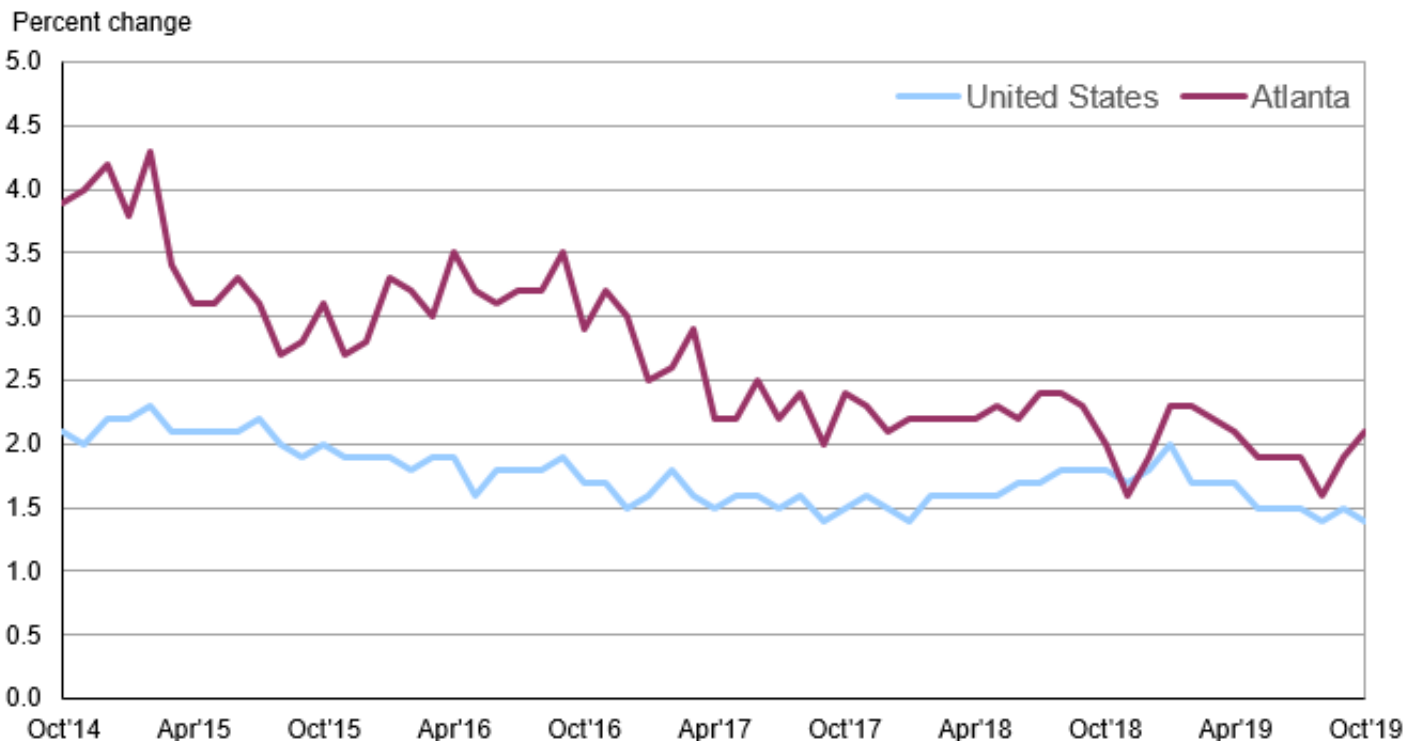
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### **Atlanta Area Employment – October 2019**

#### **Local Rate of Employment Growth Above the National Average**

Total nonfarm employment for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 2,874,900 in October 2019, up 59,200, or 2.1 percent, over the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. During the same period, the national rate of job growth was 1.4 percent. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the Atlanta area has had over-the-year employment gains each month since July 2010. (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, October 2014–October 2019**

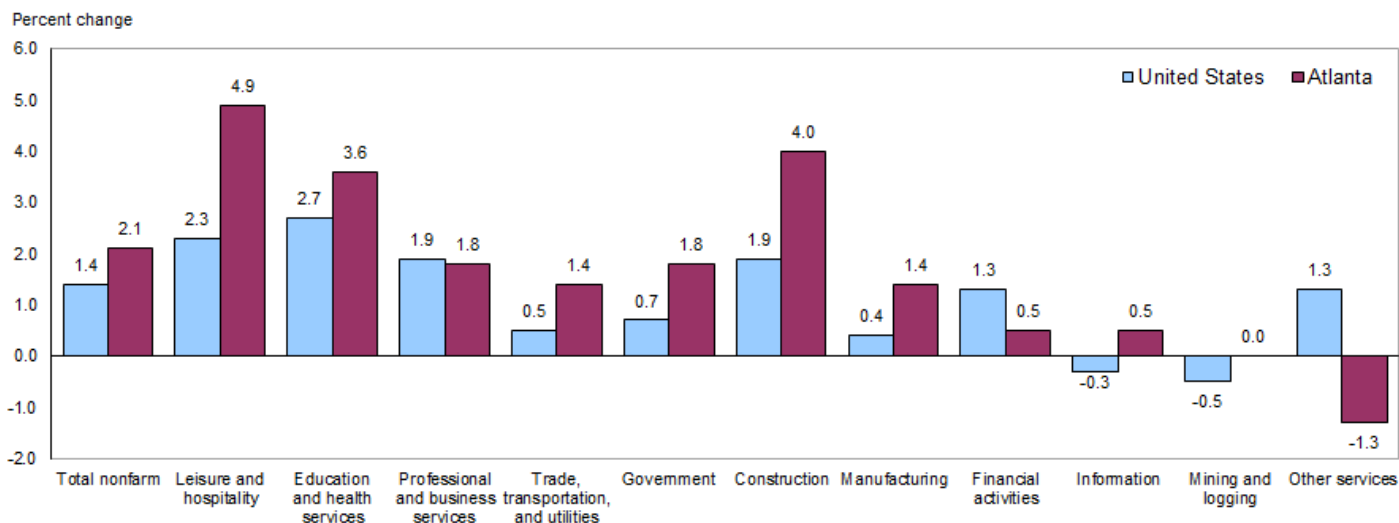


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Industry employment

In the Atlanta metropolitan area, the leisure and hospitality industry had the largest employment gain from October 2018 to October 2019, up 14,700, or 4.9 percent. Local job gains occurred primarily in the food services and drinking places subsector (+11,400). Nationwide, employment in the leisure and hospitality industry rose 2.3 percent over the year. (See [chart 2](#).)

**Chart 2. Total nonfarm and selected industry supersector employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, October 2019**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Atlanta's education and health services supersector added 13,000 jobs, an increase of 3.6 percent since October 2018. Local employment gains were concentrated in the health care and social assistance sector (+11,800). Nationally, employment in education and health services was up 2.7 percent over the year.

Over the year, the professional and business services supersector added 9,400 jobs in the local area. Atlanta's 1.8-percent annual rate of job growth in the professional and business services supersector was similar to the 1.9-percent national gain.

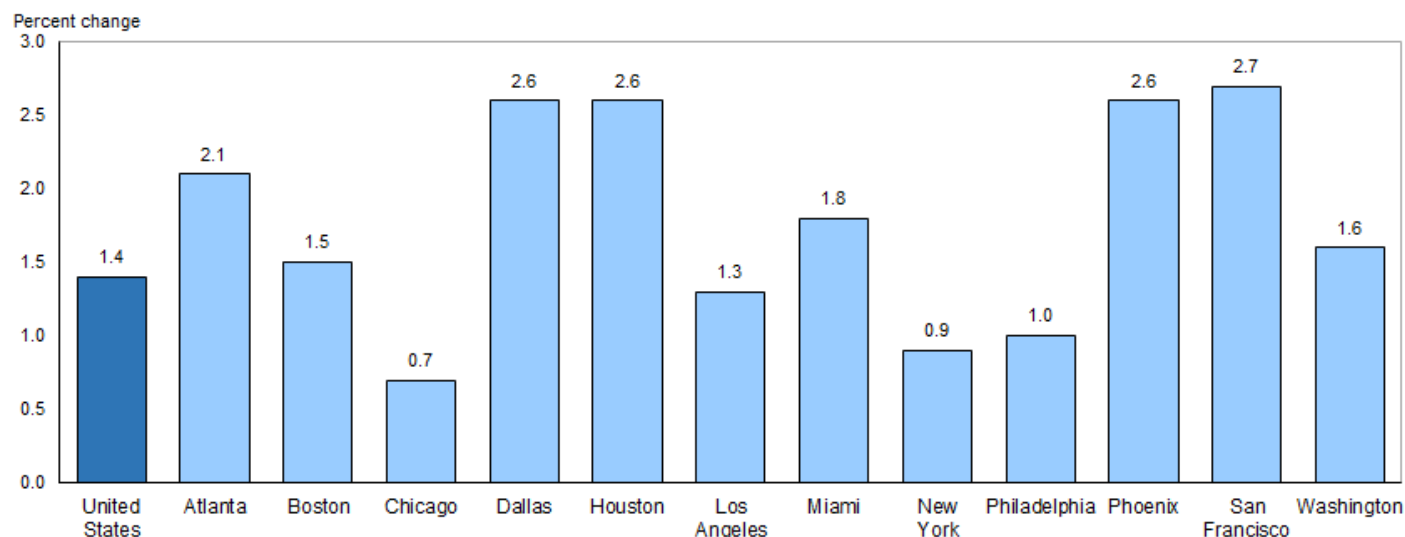
Three other supersectors in the local area gained at least 5,000 jobs over the past 12 months: trade, transportation, and utilities (+8,400); government (+6,100); and construction (+5,100).

Since October 2018, the other services supersector in the Atlanta area lost 1,300 jobs, down 1.3 percent over the past 12 months. Over the year, U.S. employment in other services was up 1.3 percent.

## Employment in the 12 largest metropolitan areas

Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell was 1 of the nation's 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in October 2019. All 12 areas had over-the-year job growth during the period, with the rates of job growth in 8 areas exceeding the national average of 1.4 percent. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward (+2.7 percent) had the fastest rate of job growth, followed by Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, and Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale (+2.6 percent each). Chicago-Naperville-Elgin (+0.7 percent), New York-Newark-Jersey City (+0.9 percent), and Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington (+1.0 percent) had the slowest rates of job growth. (See [chart 3](#) and [table 2](#).)

**Chart 3. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and 12 largest metropolitan areas, October 2019**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Dallas added the largest number of jobs over the year, 98,700, followed by New York (+84,600), Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (+80,700), and Houston (+80,400). Philadelphia had the smallest employment gain over the year (+28,600), followed by Chicago (+35,800), and Boston-Cambridge-Nashua (+40,900). Annual job gains in the remaining five metropolitan areas ranged from 66,800 in San Francisco to 49,000 in Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach.

Over the year, education and health services added the most jobs in six areas: Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, and Philadelphia. Professional and business services added the most jobs in three other areas: Houston, San Francisco, and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria.

Information lost the most jobs in three areas: Chicago, Houston, and Los Angeles. Trade, transportation, and utilities lost the most jobs in three other areas: Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington. Dallas was the only area to have no job losses in any of its supersectors from October 2018 to October 2019.

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**Metropolitan area employment data for November 2019 are scheduled to be released on Friday, December 20, 2019.**

### **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 2017 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Method of estimation.** CES State and Area employment data are produced using several estimation procedures. Where possible these data are produced using a "weighted link relative" estimation technique in which a ratio of current-month weighted employment to that of the previous-month weighted employment is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are then obtained by multiplying these ratios by the previous month's employment estimates. The weighted link relative technique is utilized for data series where the sample size meets certain statistical criteria.

**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 the total nonfarm employment series are available for metropolitan areas and metropolitan divisions at [www.bls.gov/sae/additional-resources/reliability-of-state-and-area-estimates.htm](http://www.bls.gov/sae/additional-resources/reliability-of-state-and-area-estimates.htm). Measures of sampling error for more detailed series at the area and division level are available upon request. Measures of sampling error for states at the supersector level and for the private service-providing, goods-producing, total private and total nonfarm levels are available on the BLS website at [www.bls.gov/sae/additional-resources/reliability-of-state-and-area-estimates.htm](http://www.bls.gov/sae/additional-resources/reliability-of-state-and-area-estimates.htm). Measures of nonsampling error are not available for the areas contained in this release. Information on recent benchmark revisions is available online at [www.bls.gov/sae/publications/benchmark-article/annual-benchmark-article.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/sae/publications/benchmark-article/annual-benchmark-article.pdf).

**Area definitions.** The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on April 10, 2018. 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, United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)**

Area and Industry	Oct 2018	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019(p)	Oct 2018 to Oct 2019(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
<b>United States</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	150,853	151,607	152,015	152,962	2,109	1.4
Mining and logging .....	759	760	754	755	-4	-0.5
Construction .....	7,559	7,758	7,698	7,705	146	1.9
Manufacturing.....	12,774	12,934	12,880	12,820	46	0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	27,764	27,750	27,698	27,897	133	0.5
Information .....	2,839	2,849	2,822	2,831	-8	-0.3
Financial activities .....	8,618	8,761	8,708	8,732	114	1.3
Professional and business services .....	21,397	21,668	21,637	21,812	415	1.9
Education and health services .....	24,018	24,067	24,343	24,662	644	2.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	16,402	17,416	16,909	16,781	379	2.3
Other services .....	5,871	5,992	5,936	5,946	75	1.3
Government.....	22,852	21,652	22,630	23,021	169	0.7
<b>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,815.7	2,849.7	2,851.9	2,874.9	59.2	2.1
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	128.7	133.6	133.6	133.8	5.1	4.0
Manufacturing.....	172.9	175.3	175.7	175.3	2.4	1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	603.6	604.3	606.7	612.0	8.4	1.4
Information .....	99.6	98.9	97.9	100.1	0.5	0.5
Financial activities .....	175.4	176.9	176.1	176.3	0.9	0.5
Professional and business services .....	536.1	538.9	539.3	545.5	9.4	1.8
Education and health services .....	359.9	365.7	369.1	372.9	13.0	3.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	300.4	317.0	311.9	315.1	14.7	4.9
Other services .....	99.8	99.2	98.4	98.5	-1.3	-1.3
Government.....	337.7	338.3	341.6	343.8	6.1	1.8

Footnotes

(p) Preliminary

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

Area and Industry	Oct 2018	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019(p)	Oct 2018 to Oct 2019(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
<b>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,815.7	2,849.7	2,851.9	2,874.9	59.2	2.1
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	128.7	133.6	133.6	133.8	5.1	4.0
Manufacturing.....	172.9	175.3	175.7	175.3	2.4	1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	603.6	604.3	606.7	612.0	8.4	1.4
Information .....	99.6	98.9	97.9	100.1	0.5	0.5
Financial activities .....	175.4	176.9	176.1	176.3	0.9	0.5
Professional and business services .....	536.1	538.9	539.3	545.5	9.4	1.8
Education and health services .....	359.9	365.7	369.1	372.9	13.0	3.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	300.4	317.0	311.9	315.1	14.7	4.9
Other services .....	99.8	99.2	98.4	98.5	-1.3	-1.3
Government.....	337.7	338.3	341.6	343.8	6.1	1.8
<b>Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,793.9	2,810.5	2,809.4	2,834.8	40.9	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction.....	121.6	123.0	121.9	123.1	1.5	1.2
Manufacturing.....	188.9	188.8	187.2	188.1	-0.8	-0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	425.1	422.1	420.0	423.3	-1.8	-0.4
Information .....	80.7	85.3	83.5	83.4	2.7	3.3
Financial activities .....	183.5	187.9	185.1	184.7	1.2	0.7
Professional and business services .....	506.3	519.1	514.5	519.0	12.7	2.5
Education and health services .....	590.3	588.7	595.7	609.7	19.4	3.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	275.7	296.6	281.8	279.0	3.3	1.2
Other services .....	103.0	108.4	103.7	104.5	1.5	1.5
Government.....	318.8	290.6	316.0	320.0	1.2	0.4
<b>Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	4,806.1	4,832.4	4,821.1	4,841.9	35.8	0.7
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.1	6.3
Construction .....	191.1	191.2	189.1	189.4	-1.7	-0.9
Manufacturing.....	423.9	428.3	426.0	425.8	1.9	0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	957.0	959.9	955.1	962.2	5.2	0.5
Information .....	77.4	74.0	73.5	74.4	-3.0	-3.9
Financial activities .....	313.4	316.9	313.9	315.9	2.5	0.8
Professional and business services .....	859.4	859.3	857.9	862.3	2.9	0.3
Education and health services .....	743.0	740.9	745.4	757.4	14.4	1.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	491.1	522.0	505.5	503.8	12.7	2.6
Other services .....	198.2	201.0	198.7	198.7	0.5	0.3
Government.....	550.0	537.3	554.4	550.3	0.3	0.1
<b>Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,729.9	3,811.2	3,810.3	3,828.6	98.7	2.6
Mining, logging, and construction.....	223.2	238.5	237.8	240.3	17.1	7.7
Manufacturing.....	281.6	287.8	288.2	283.6	2.0	0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	792.6	800.2	796.6	805.2	12.6	1.6
Information .....	81.9	82.1	81.2	81.9	0.0	0.0
Financial activities .....	304.7	318.0	319.5	319.1	14.4	4.7
Professional and business services .....	631.6	655.1	648.6	645.5	13.9	2.2
Education and health services .....	455.7	466.0	466.1	469.0	13.3	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	387.9	407.6	402.5	403.4	15.5	4.0
Other services .....	125.1	129.7	128.0	128.7	3.6	2.9
Government.....	445.6	426.2	441.8	451.9	6.3	1.4
<b>Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,121.7	3,165.6	3,173.9	3,202.1	80.4	2.6
Mining and logging .....	81.4	87.7	87.4	87.4	6.0	7.4
Construction .....	227.1	227.1	232.2	231.3	4.2	1.8

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	Oct 2018	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019(p)	Oct 2018 to Oct 2019(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Manufacturing.....	231.9	242.8	241.4	241.0	9.1	3.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	628.7	631.4	626.5	632.7	4.0	0.6
Information .....	31.3	29.9	29.7	30.0	-1.3	-4.2
Financial activities .....	165.2	168.8	168.0	168.8	3.6	2.2
Professional and business services .....	498.5	521.5	521.0	529.5	31.0	6.2
Education and health services .....	397.8	404.1	404.6	407.9	10.1	2.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	327.6	336.5	329.1	331.5	3.9	1.2
Other services .....	113.8	121.6	120.3	121.0	7.2	6.3
Government.....	418.4	394.2	413.7	421.0	2.6	0.6
<b>Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	6,217.4	6,201.2	6,249.5	6,298.1	80.7	1.3
Mining and logging .....	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	258.9	271.5	271.2	272.7	13.8	5.3
Manufacturing.....	500.0	505.5	505.0	504.0	4.0	0.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	1,116.2	1,108.4	1,111.0	1,119.4	3.2	0.3
Information .....	251.7	244.3	242.2	240.3	-11.4	-4.5
Financial activities .....	340.6	343.5	341.4	344.8	4.2	1.2
Professional and business services .....	952.6	960.3	962.4	964.2	11.6	1.2
Education and health services .....	1,060.8	1,070.1	1,085.7	1,096.3	35.5	3.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	761.3	784.4	776.8	781.1	19.8	2.6
Other services .....	213.0	212.8	211.5	212.3	-0.7	-0.3
Government.....	759.9	698.0	739.9	760.6	0.7	0.1
<b>Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,705.6	2,728.1	2,730.9	2,754.6	49.0	1.8
Mining and logging .....	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	141.3	143.3	144.8	144.6	3.3	2.3
Manufacturing.....	91.5	91.8	90.0	89.8	-1.7	-1.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	610.1	607.0	606.3	614.9	4.8	0.8
Information .....	51.1	50.1	49.9	50.3	-0.8	-1.6
Financial activities .....	185.8	187.5	187.4	189.0	3.2	1.7
Professional and business services .....	453.6	461.7	463.0	465.0	11.4	2.5
Education and health services .....	407.5	417.3	419.1	423.2	15.7	3.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	324.2	327.9	326.6	330.7	6.5	2.0
Other services .....	123.7	126.6	125.5	126.2	2.5	2.0
Government.....	316.1	314.2	317.6	320.2	4.1	1.3
<b>New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	9,923.1	9,935.3	9,919.3	10,007.7	84.6	0.9
Mining, logging, and construction.....	418.5	436.7	431.5	427.9	9.4	2.2
Manufacturing.....	362.3	363.3	361.9	360.4	-1.9	-0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	1,746.1	1,722.8	1,732.6	1,744.6	-1.5	-0.1
Information .....	294.7	296.7	294.7	291.8	-2.9	-1.0
Financial activities .....	780.6	782.5	768.7	769.6	-11.0	-1.4
Professional and business services .....	1,588.8	1,593.2	1,587.1	1,603.9	15.1	1.0
Education and health services .....	2,027.7	1,992.8	2,032.5	2,080.6	52.9	2.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	936.2	1,018.5	970.1	951.5	15.3	1.6
Other services .....	428.6	435.0	428.5	433.5	4.9	1.1
Government.....	1,339.6	1,293.8	1,311.7	1,343.9	4.3	0.3
<b>Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,975.4	2,955.1	2,985.6	3,004.0	28.6	1.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	121.5	128.2	126.9	127.6	6.1	5.0
Manufacturing.....	182.1	182.9	181.7	181.8	-0.3	-0.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	525.9	514.4	520.1	525.1	-0.8	-0.2
Information .....	48.7	48.9	48.3	48.4	-0.3	-0.6

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	Oct 2018	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019(p)	Oct 2018 to Oct 2019(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Financial activities .....	216.1	218.9	219.2	220.3	4.2	1.9
Professional and business services .....	474.8	477.7	477.9	478.6	3.8	0.8
Education and health services .....	668.8	651.1	667.8	676.2	7.4	1.1
Leisure and hospitality .....	272.7	291.2	281.1	278.4	5.7	2.1
Other services .....	121.7	123.5	123.3	123.6	1.9	1.6
Government .....	343.1	318.3	339.3	344.0	0.9	0.3
<b>Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ</b>						
Total nonfarm .....	2,145.1	2,158.3	2,176.4	2,201.6	56.5	2.6
Mining and logging .....	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	-0.2	-5.4
Construction .....	128.5	137.1	138.4	138.3	9.8	7.6
Manufacturing .....	129.2	136.4	136.8	136.9	7.7	6.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	407.3	410.7	412.1	419.8	12.5	3.1
Information .....	38.5	37.7	37.8	38.5	0.0	0.0
Financial activities .....	194.5	194.8	195.5	197.3	2.8	1.4
Professional and business services .....	361.4	359.7	362.9	367.9	6.5	1.8
Education and health services .....	333.0	338.7	341.9	345.1	12.1	3.6
Leisure and hospitality .....	230.4	229.2	230.0	235.0	4.6	2.0
Other services .....	70.7	70.9	71.9	72.8	2.1	3.0
Government .....	247.9	239.4	245.6	246.5	-1.4	-0.6
<b>San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA</b>						
Total nonfarm .....	2,461.0	2,510.8	2,511.2	2,527.8	66.8	2.7
Mining and logging .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	128.1	137.9	136.3	135.5	7.4	5.8
Manufacturing .....	144.6	144.2	144.3	144.1	-0.5	-0.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	376.9	379.5	378.8	380.9	4.0	1.1
Information .....	117.6	124.4	122.7	122.9	5.3	4.5
Financial activities .....	141.9	147.0	146.5	147.6	5.7	4.0
Professional and business services .....	504.2	523.6	519.5	524.1	19.9	3.9
Education and health services .....	359.0	364.3	369.6	373.3	14.3	4.0
Leisure and hospitality .....	273.8	285.9	284.0	284.2	10.4	3.8
Other services .....	89.0	86.7	85.4	85.7	-3.3	-3.7
Government .....	325.6	317.0	323.8	329.2	3.6	1.1
<b>Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV</b>						
Total nonfarm .....	3,313.2	3,339.5	3,338.7	3,365.5	52.3	1.6
Mining, logging, and construction .....	162.9	167.2	165.6	165.6	2.7	1.7
Manufacturing .....	55.2	55.8	55.0	55.8	0.6	1.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	405.2	402.3	399.8	402.1	-3.1	-0.8
Information .....	74.2	73.4	72.9	74.6	0.4	0.5
Financial activities .....	157.9	158.1	157.1	158.4	0.5	0.3
Professional and business services .....	764.7	782.2	774.2	785.9	21.2	2.8
Education and health services .....	445.5	447.2	451.3	455.4	9.9	2.2
Leisure and hospitality .....	334.9	361.3	353.7	352.1	17.2	5.1
Other services .....	208.6	212.1	208.5	209.5	0.9	0.4
Government .....	704.1	679.9	700.6	706.1	2.0	0.3

Footnotes

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