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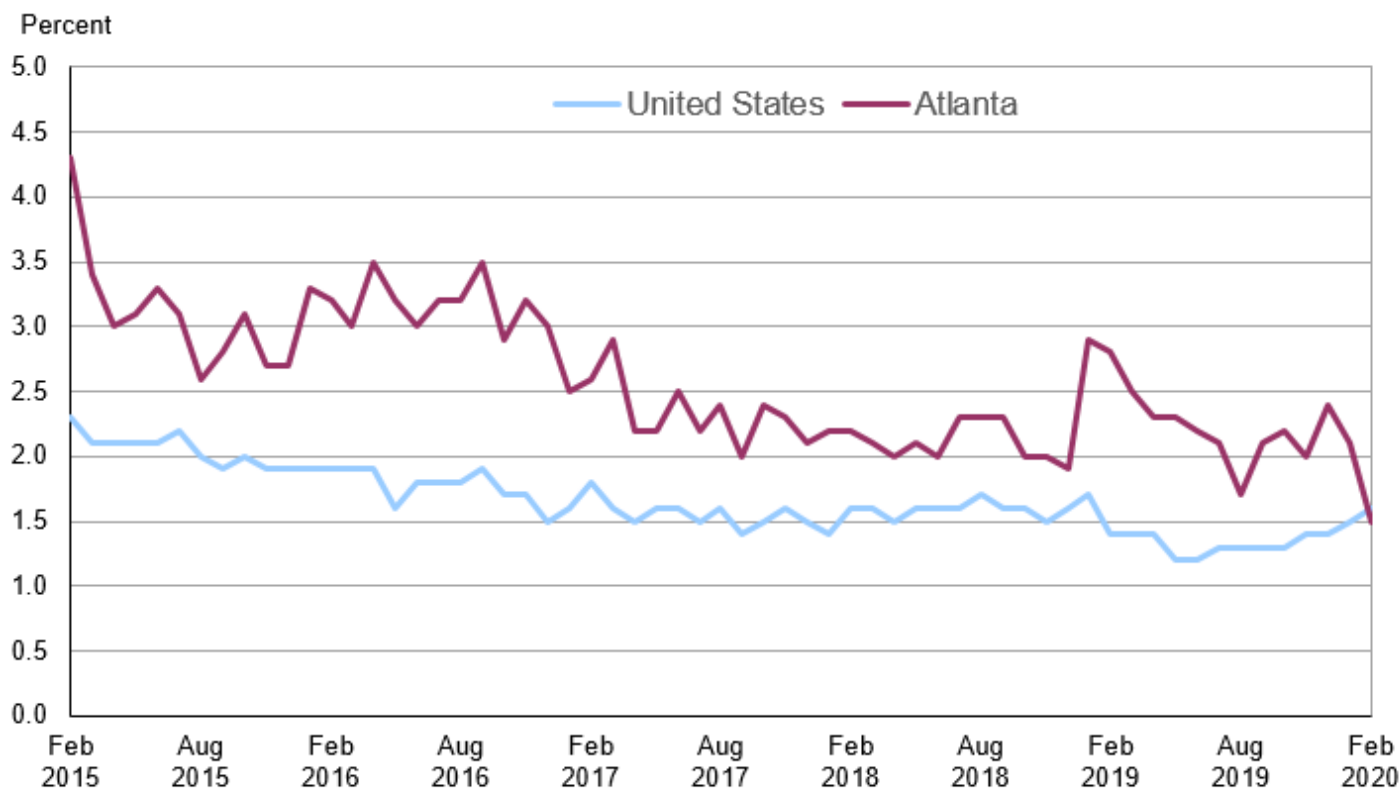
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Atlanta Area Employment – February 2020

Local Rate of Employment Growth Below the National Average

Total nonfarm employment for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 2,861,700 in February 2020, up 42,400, or 1.5 percent, over the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. During the same period, the national rate of job growth was 1.6 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).) Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the Atlanta area has had over-the-year employment gains each month since July 2010. (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 2015–February 2020

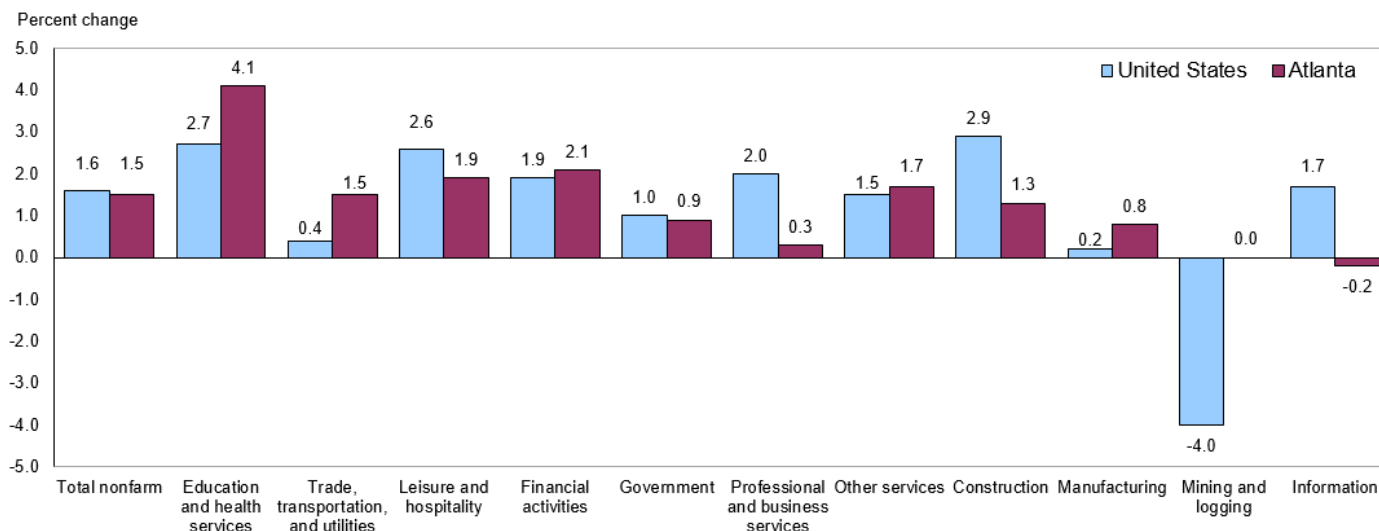


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Industry employment

In the Atlanta metropolitan area, the education and health services supersector had the largest employment gain from February 2019 to February 2020, up 15,000, or 4.1 percent. Local employment gains were primarily in the ambulatory health care services (+4,300) and hospitals (+3,300) subsectors. Nationwide, employment in the education and health services industry rose 2.7 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, February 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Atlanta's trade, transportation, and utilities supersector added 9,000 jobs, an increase of 1.5 percent since February 2019. Local job gains in the industry were primarily in the transportation and warehousing (+3,600) and retail trade (+3,300) sectors. The local wholesale trade sector added 2,000 jobs over the year. Nationally, employment in the trade, transportation, and utilities industry was up 0.4 percent over the year.

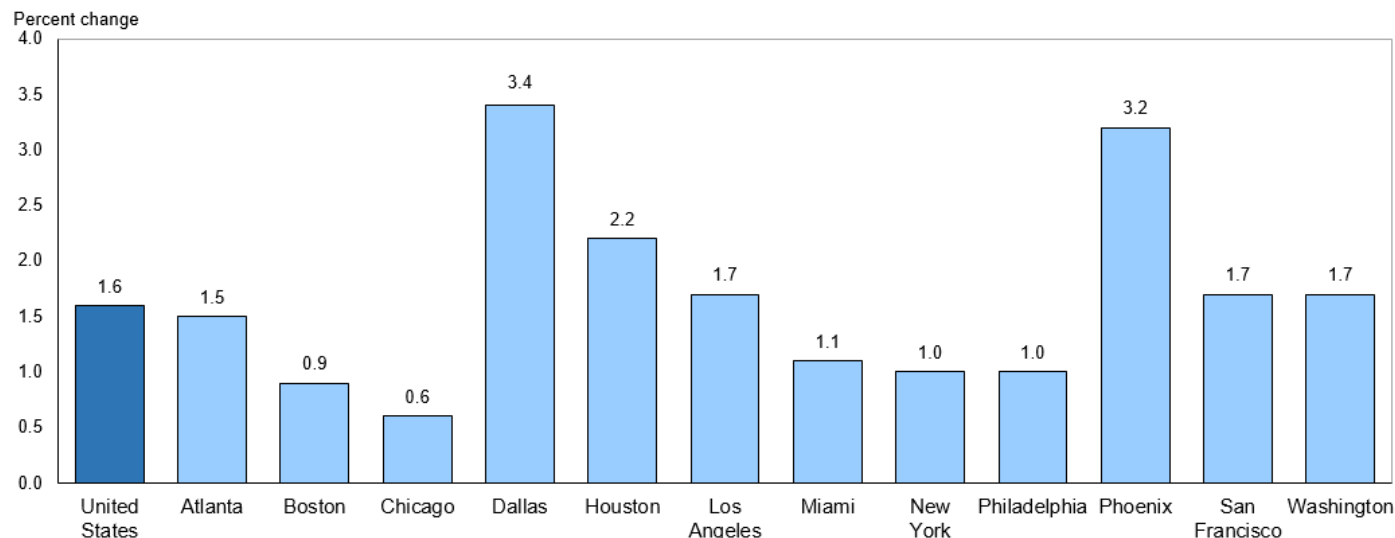
In the Atlanta area, the leisure and hospitality supersector added 5,500 jobs from February 2019 to February 2020, up 1.9 percent. Job gains in the local area were concentrated in the food services and drinking places subsector (+6,100). In contrast, the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector lost 1,000 jobs over the year. Nationally, employment in leisure and hospitality was up 2.6 percent over the year.

Two other supersectors in the Atlanta area gained over 3,000 jobs since last February. Atlanta's financial activities supersector added 3,600 jobs, up 2.1 percent; nationwide, employment in this supersector rose 1.9 percent over the year. Atlanta's government industry added 3,100 jobs since February 2019. The 0.9-percent rate of local job growth was similar to the national gain of 1.0 percent.

Employment in the 12 largest metropolitan areas

Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell was 1 of the nation's 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in February 2020. All 12 areas had over-the-year job growth during the period, with the rates of job growth in 6 areas exceeding the national average of 1.6 percent. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington had the fastest rate of job growth, up 3.4 percent, followed by Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale (+3.2 percent). Chicago-Naperville-Elgin (+0.6 percent) had the slowest rate 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, February 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Dallas added the largest number of jobs over the year, 126,000, followed by Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (+103,100), and New York-Newark-Jersey City (+100,100). Boston-Cambridge-Nashua had the smallest employment gain over the year (+25,100), followed by Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach (+28,900). Annual job gains in the remaining seven metropolitan areas ranged from 69,800 in Phoenix to 29,200 in Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington.

Over the year, educational and health services added the most jobs in eight areas: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and Phoenix. Professional and business services added the most jobs in the four remaining areas.

Manufacturing lost the most jobs in five areas: Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia, and San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward. Boston had an equal number of job losses in manufacturing and other services. Dallas, Phoenix, and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria were the only areas to experience job gains in all supersectors from February 2019 to February 2020.

Metropolitan area employment data for March 2020 are scheduled to be released on Friday, April 17, 2020.

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.

For some employment series, the sample of establishments is very small or highly variable. In these cases, a model-based approach is used in estimation. These models use the direct sample estimates (described above), combined with forecasts of historical (benchmarked) data to decrease volatility in estimation. Two different models (Fay-Herriot Model and Small Domain Model) are used depending on the industry level being estimated. For more detailed information about each model, refer to the BLS Handbook of Methods.

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 surveys, administrative data, and modeling 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. 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. Information on recent benchmark revisions is available online at 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.

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. Detailed industry employment data for metropolitan areas from the CES program are available from the State and Area Employment databases at www.bls.gov/sae/data/home.

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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	Feb 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020(p)	Feb 2019 to Feb 2020(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
United States						
Total nonfarm.....	148,684	152,929	150,117	150,997	2,313	1.6
Mining and logging	730	714	700	701	-29	-4.0
Construction	7,062	7,447	7,241	7,270	208	2.9
Manufacturing.....	12,762	12,876	12,763	12,792	30	0.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,351	28,582	27,725	27,452	101	0.4
Information	2,830	2,895	2,854	2,878	48	1.7
Financial activities	8,633	8,819	8,761	8,793	160	1.9
Professional and business services	20,841	21,600	21,135	21,248	407	2.0
Education and health services	24,044	24,633	24,390	24,692	648	2.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	15,841	16,450	16,095	16,259	418	2.6
Other services	5,797	5,902	5,860	5,883	86	1.5
Government.....	22,793	23,011	22,593	23,029	236	1.0
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area						
Total nonfarm.....	2,819.3	2,904.0	2,862.6	2,861.7	42.4	1.5
Mining and logging	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	128.0	130.7	127.7	129.6	1.6	1.3
Manufacturing.....	170.3	172.1	172.1	171.6	1.3	0.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	594.8	623.6	611.0	603.8	9.0	1.5
Information	101.9	102.0	100.4	101.7	-0.2	-0.2
Financial activities	174.8	179.2	177.6	178.4	3.6	2.1
Professional and business services	544.9	562.6	546.9	546.7	1.8	0.3
Education and health services	368.9	384.1	382.9	383.9	15.0	4.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	296.5	303.5	300.5	302.0	5.5	1.9
Other services	102.4	105.6	104.8	104.1	1.7	1.7
Government.....	335.3	339.1	337.2	338.4	3.1	0.9

Footnotes

(p) Preliminary

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Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA						
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Mining and logging	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	128.0	130.7	127.7	129.6	1.6	1.3
Manufacturing.....	170.3	172.1	172.1	171.6	1.3	0.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	594.8	623.6	611.0	603.8	9.0	1.5
Information	101.9	102.0	100.4	101.7	-0.2	-0.2
Financial activities	174.8	179.2	177.6	178.4	3.6	2.1
Professional and business services	544.9	562.6	546.9	546.7	1.8	0.3
Education and health services	368.9	384.1	382.9	383.9	15.0	4.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	296.5	303.5	300.5	302.0	5.5	1.9
Other services	102.4	105.6	104.8	104.1	1.7	1.7
Government.....	335.3	339.1	337.2	338.4	3.1	0.9
Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH						
Total nonfarm.....	2,761.7	2,827.0	2,768.8	2,786.8	25.1	0.9
Mining, logging, and construction.....	113.1	120.3	114.7	113.6	0.5	0.4
Manufacturing.....	187.3	187.8	185.8	186.5	-0.8	-0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	419.9	436.3	427.4	419.6	-0.3	-0.1
Information	79.6	82.5	82.9	83.0	3.4	4.3
Financial activities	184.7	186.6	186.7	186.9	2.2	1.2
Professional and business services	503.6	518.0	506.8	509.3	5.7	1.1
Education and health services	592.7	599.6	588.7	604.0	11.3	1.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	261.5	271.8	261.6	263.8	2.3	0.9
Other services	101.8	102.9	102.0	101.0	-0.8	-0.8
Government.....	317.5	321.2	312.2	319.1	1.6	0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI						
Total nonfarm.....	4,663.8	4,791.0	4,686.3	4,694.0	30.2	0.6
Mining and logging	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	159.0	173.9	161.6	161.4	2.4	1.5
Manufacturing.....	420.6	416.5	410.8	413.1	-7.5	-1.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	932.7	975.1	946.1	935.0	2.3	0.2
Information	78.6	80.4	79.0	79.4	0.8	1.0
Financial activities	313.6	320.9	317.6	318.1	4.5	1.4
Professional and business services	816.2	833.7	811.8	816.1	-0.1	0.0
Education and health services	734.5	751.9	747.7	754.8	20.3	2.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	465.4	482.0	469.9	466.7	1.3	0.3
Other services	197.4	199.8	198.8	197.7	0.3	0.2
Government.....	544.2	555.0	541.4	550.1	5.9	1.1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX						
Total nonfarm.....	3,721.5	3,875.6	3,818.6	3,847.5	126.0	3.4
Mining, logging, and construction.....	221.9	234.6	232.3	235.7	13.8	6.2
Manufacturing.....	286.6	290.5	288.1	289.1	2.5	0.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	780.6	832.5	803.1	796.7	16.1	2.1
Information	81.5	83.3	83.7	82.9	1.4	1.7
Financial activities	312.5	324.3	323.8	326.3	13.8	4.4
Professional and business services	626.5	651.4	644.3	655.2	28.7	4.6
Education and health services	458.6	475.2	471.8	475.5	16.9	3.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	384.3	401.9	397.8	402.3	18.0	4.7
Other services	124.5	127.5	127.2	129.8	5.3	4.3
Government.....	444.5	454.4	446.5	454.0	9.5	2.1
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX						
Total nonfarm.....	3,132.9	3,209.5	3,165.0	3,201.8	68.9	2.2
Mining and logging	81.2	78.5	76.5	75.6	-5.6	-6.9
Construction	233.5	241.6	238.2	243.2	9.7	4.2

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020(p)	Feb 2019 to Feb 2020(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Manufacturing.....	235.7	234.9	230.0	232.9	-2.8	-1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	625.9	652.9	635.9	634.1	8.2	1.3
Information	32.0	32.7	32.5	32.7	0.7	2.2
Financial activities	164.4	168.8	168.1	167.4	3.0	1.8
Professional and business services	500.4	512.7	509.5	514.9	14.5	2.9
Education and health services	400.4	411.1	411.1	416.6	16.2	4.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	326.0	332.2	329.7	338.2	12.2	3.7
Other services	114.5	117.3	117.5	120.0	5.5	4.8
Government.....	418.9	426.8	416.0	426.2	7.3	1.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA						
Total nonfarm.....	6,207.1	6,349.7	6,259.8	6,310.2	103.1	1.7
Mining and logging	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-4.2
Construction	249.3	257.0	256.0	259.1	9.8	3.9
Manufacturing.....	500.2	498.3	494.4	495.5	-4.7	-0.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,100.2	1,147.5	1,118.6	1,109.0	8.8	0.8
Information	259.6	250.9	253.2	265.9	6.3	2.4
Financial activities	339.0	345.2	342.8	344.9	5.9	1.7
Professional and business services	961.7	987.4	966.6	975.9	14.2	1.5
Education and health services	1,068.8	1,099.3	1,090.5	1,100.1	31.3	2.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	755.9	775.6	763.0	771.2	15.3	2.0
Other services	207.7	212.5	209.0	210.8	3.1	1.5
Government.....	762.3	773.7	763.4	775.5	13.2	1.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL						
Total nonfarm.....	2,721.7	2,760.7	2,733.0	2,750.6	28.9	1.1
Mining and logging	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	14.3
Construction	140.9	142.2	141.9	141.6	0.7	0.5
Manufacturing.....	91.5	91.4	90.2	90.4	-1.1	-1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	612.0	636.9	620.8	618.3	6.3	1.0
Information	51.4	51.1	50.6	51.1	-0.3	-0.6
Financial activities	188.1	192.3	188.7	190.3	2.2	1.2
Professional and business services	448.2	451.6	450.7	455.5	7.3	1.6
Education and health services	409.9	413.2	408.9	413.2	3.3	0.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	337.9	338.9	337.4	344.7	6.8	2.0
Other services	121.2	120.7	121.1	122.6	1.4	1.2
Government.....	319.9	321.6	321.9	322.1	2.2	0.7
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA						
Total nonfarm.....	9,810.3	10,109.3	9,855.2	9,910.4	100.1	1.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	399.8	404.5	392.1	393.6	-6.2	-1.6
Manufacturing.....	359.5	359.7	356.4	359.1	-0.4	-0.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,714.0	1,790.5	1,734.3	1,707.1	-6.9	-0.4
Information	289.4	296.2	285.8	290.1	0.7	0.2
Financial activities	781.9	790.4	780.0	784.0	2.1	0.3
Professional and business services	1,569.2	1,630.8	1,588.1	1,597.3	28.1	1.8
Education and health services	2,055.0	2,115.1	2,081.4	2,111.2	56.2	2.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	890.0	937.5	894.5	900.5	10.5	1.2
Other services	421.9	429.7	426.1	427.8	5.9	1.4
Government.....	1,329.6	1,354.9	1,316.5	1,339.7	10.1	0.8
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD						
Total nonfarm.....	2,932.7	3,006.4	2,948.0	2,961.9	29.2	1.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	113.2	117.3	113.6	113.0	-0.2	-0.2
Manufacturing.....	183.0	183.7	182.8	182.4	-0.6	-0.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	520.1	544.9	525.9	520.3	0.2	0.0
Information	48.5	50.1	49.4	49.3	0.8	1.6

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Area and Industry	Feb 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020(p)	Feb 2019 to Feb 2020(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Financial activities	216.2	219.0	216.6	217.5	1.3	0.6
Professional and business services	459.8	472.3	468.4	467.0	7.2	1.6
Education and health services	670.2	677.8	667.8	680.8	10.6	1.6
Leisure and hospitality	260.1	272.5	264.0	266.5	6.4	2.5
Other services	120.6	122.1	120.6	121.9	1.3	1.1
Government	341.0	346.7	338.9	343.2	2.2	0.6
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ						
Total nonfarm	2,162.1	2,249.5	2,215.5	2,231.9	69.8	3.2
Mining and logging	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.1	2.9
Construction	130.5	135.7	135.2	138.0	7.5	5.7
Manufacturing	131.4	135.0	133.9	133.7	2.3	1.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	405.1	430.8	417.3	416.9	11.8	2.9
Information	40.0	40.9	40.7	40.6	0.6	1.5
Financial activities	199.1	205.7	204.7	204.9	5.8	2.9
Professional and business services	362.7	380.1	372.1	371.2	8.5	2.3
Education and health services	335.7	352.2	349.2	353.8	18.1	5.4
Leisure and hospitality	233.8	238.0	235.1	241.7	7.9	3.4
Other services	70.3	72.4	70.5	70.4	0.1	0.1
Government	250.0	255.1	253.2	257.1	7.1	2.8
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA						
Total nonfarm	2,447.8	2,514.6	2,477.8	2,489.3	41.5	1.7
Mining and logging	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	121.5	125.7	123.2	123.5	2.0	1.6
Manufacturing	145.2	144.3	144.2	143.7	-1.5	-1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	370.6	385.7	373.7	369.3	-1.3	-0.4
Information	123.1	131.2	129.8	130.2	7.1	5.8
Financial activities	145.1	148.3	147.7	147.8	2.7	1.9
Professional and business services	491.0	509.4	504.5	509.0	18.0	3.7
Education and health services	362.1	369.3	366.4	371.2	9.1	2.5
Leisure and hospitality	277.7	285.8	278.0	280.9	3.2	1.2
Other services	87.4	88.2	87.8	88.3	0.9	1.0
Government	323.8	326.4	322.2	325.1	1.3	0.4
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV						
Total nonfarm	3,305.7	3,396.3	3,338.7	3,361.3	55.6	1.7
Mining, logging, and construction	159.4	163.5	161.6	163.0	3.6	2.3
Manufacturing	55.9	58.2	57.6	58.7	2.8	5.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	400.2	426.4	406.7	404.2	4.0	1.0
Information	75.9	77.0	77.3	78.2	2.3	3.0
Financial activities	158.9	163.0	162.8	162.5	3.6	2.3
Professional and business services	765.4	787.3	780.1	785.4	20.0	2.6
Education and health services	451.2	453.4	447.5	451.7	0.5	0.1
Leisure and hospitality	322.7	334.6	326.4	330.3	7.6	2.4
Other services	208.3	212.8	212.5	210.9	2.6	1.2
Government	707.8	720.1	706.2	716.4	8.6	1.2

Footnotes

(p) Preliminary