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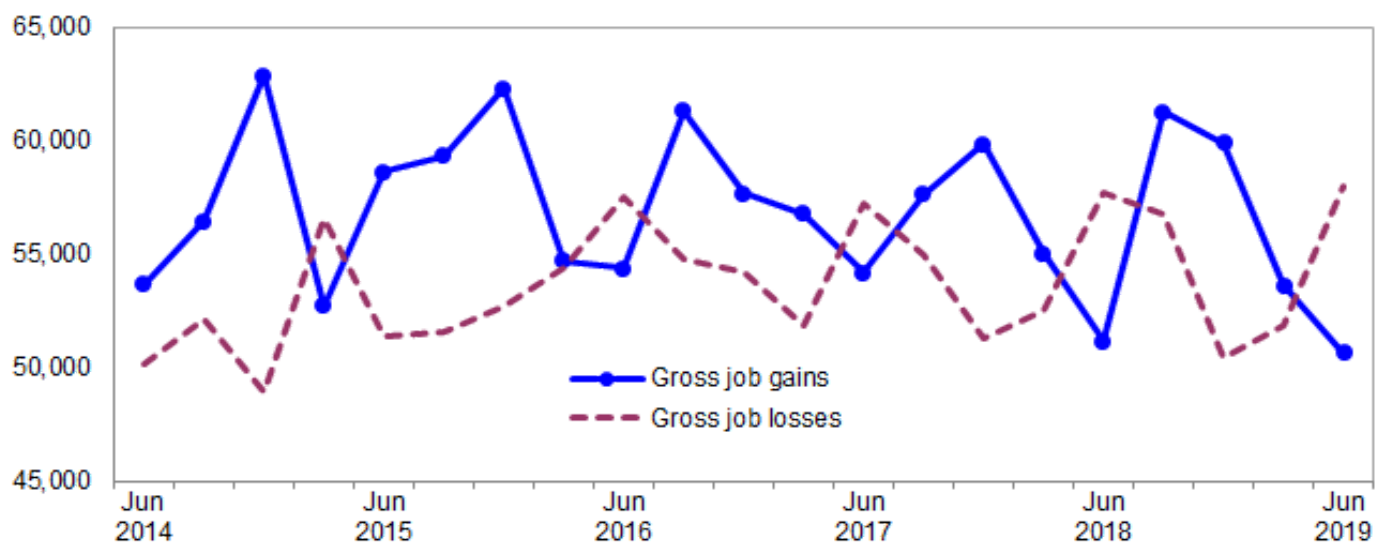
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Business Employment Dynamics in Arkansas – Second Quarter 2019

From March 2019 to June 2019, gross job gains from opening and expanding private-sector establishments in Arkansas totaled 50,642, while gross job losses from closing and contracting private-sector establishments numbered 58,009, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Stanley W. Suchman noted that the difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses yielded a net employment loss of 7,367. During the previous quarter, gross job gains exceeded gross job losses by 1,712. (See [chart 1.](#))

Chart 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses in Arkansas, June 2014–June 2019 by quarter, seasonally adjusted



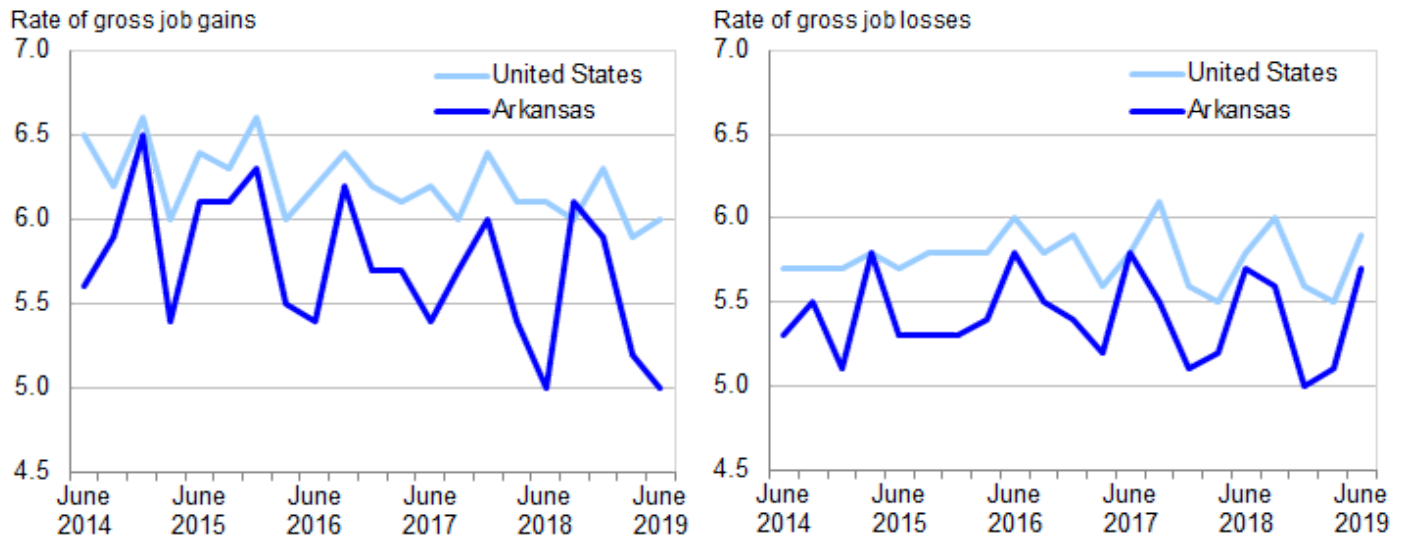
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The change in the number of jobs over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occur at all businesses in the economy. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) statistics track these changes in employment at private business establishments from the third month of one quarter to the third month of the next. The difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses is the net change in employment. (See the [Technical Note](#) for more information.)

Gross job losses in Arkansas increased by more than 6,116 in the latest quarter, to the highest level since the third quarter of 2009. (See [chart 1.](#)) Gross job gains fell for the third consecutive quarter, down by 2,963 to 50,642 in the second quarter of 2019. This was the lowest quarterly level for gross job gains since the series inception in September 1992.

Gross job losses represented 5.7 percent of private-sector employment in Arkansas in the second quarter of 2019, while nationally gross job losses accounted for 5.9 percent of private-sector employment. (See [chart 2](#).) With few exceptions, Arkansas's rate of gross job losses has been below the national rate since the series began in September 1992. The state's rate of gross job gains was 5.0 percent in the second quarter of 2019, matching the second quarter of 2018 for the lowest rate of gross job gains since the series began in 1992. Nationally, gross job gains accounted for 6.0 percent of private-sector employment.

Chart 2. Private sector gross job gains and losses as a percent of employment, United States and Arkansas, June 2014–June 2019, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

During the second quarter of 2019, gross job losses exceeded gross job gains in 8 of the 10 industry sectors in Arkansas. The professional and business services sector had the largest net job loss during the quarter. This sector created 8,558 jobs at opening and expanding establishments, but lost 11,441 jobs at closing and contracting establishments, for a net loss of 2,883 jobs. In leisure and hospitality, opening and expanding establishments created 8,479 jobs, while closing and contracting establishments lost 10,902 jobs, resulting in a net loss of 2,423 jobs. Net job losses in each of the other job-losing sectors were less than 1,000. (See [table 1](#).)

Gross job gains exceeded gross job losses in two industry sectors in Arkansas. Net employment gains in financial activities and construction were each less than 315.

Additional statistics and other information

BED data for the states have been included in [table 2](#) of this release. For more information on the Business Employment Dynamics data, visit the BED web site at www.bls.gov/bdm/.

The Business Employment Dynamics release for Third Quarter 2019 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

Technical Note

The Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data are a product of a federal-state cooperative program known as Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). The BED data are compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from existing QCEW records. Most employers in the U.S. are required to file quarterly reports on the employment and wages of workers covered by unemployment insurance (UI) laws, and to pay

quarterly UI taxes. The QCEW is based largely on quarterly UI reports which are sent by businesses to the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). These UI reports are supplemented by two additional BLS data collections to render administrative data into economic statistics. Together these data comprise the QCEW and form the basis of the Bureau's establishment universe sampling frame.

In the BED program, the quarterly QCEW records are linked across quarters to provide a longitudinal history for each establishment. The linkage process allows the tracking of net employment changes at the establishment level, which in turn allows the estimation of jobs gained at opening and expanding establishments and jobs lost at closing and contracting units.

The change in the number of jobs over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occur at all businesses in the economy. BED statistics track these changes in employment at private business establishments from the third month of one quarter to the third month of the next. Gross job gains are the sum of increases in employment from expansions at existing establishments and the addition of new jobs at opening establishments. Gross job losses are the result of contractions in employment at existing establishments and the loss of jobs at closing establishments. The difference between the number of gross jobs gained and the number of gross jobs lost is the net change in employment.

Gross job gains and gross job losses are expressed as rates by dividing their levels by the average of employment in the current and previous quarters. The rates are calculated for the components of gross job gains and gross job losses and then summed to form their respective totals. These rates can be added and subtracted just as their levels can. For instance, the difference between the gross job gains rate and the gross job losses rate is the net growth rate.

The formal definitions of employment changes are as follows:

Openings. These are either units with positive third month employment for the first time in the current quarter, with no links to the prior quarter, or with positive third month employment in the current quarter following zero employment in the previous quarter.

Expansions. These are units with positive employment in the third month in both the previous and current quarters, with a net increase in employment over this period.

Closings. These are either units with positive third month employment in the previous quarter, with no employment or zero employment reported in the current quarter.

Contractions. These are units with positive employment in the third month in both the previous and current quarters, with a net decrease in employment over this period.

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Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Arkansas, seasonally adjusted

Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2018	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	June 2018	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019
Total private ⁽¹⁾										
Gross job gains	51,191	61,294	59,915	53,605	50,642	5.0	6.1	5.9	5.2	5.0
At expanding establishments	41,980	49,334	49,156	43,260	41,550	4.1	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.1
At opening establishments	9,211	11,960	10,759	10,345	9,092	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9
Gross job losses	57,719	56,723	50,421	51,893	58,009	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.1	5.7
At contracting establishments	48,727	45,713	40,465	43,911	48,899	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.8
At closing establishments	8,992	11,010	9,956	7,982	9,110	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-6,528	4,571	9,494	1,712	-7,367	-0.7	0.5	0.9	0.1	-0.7
Construction										
Gross job gains	4,235	4,626	4,815	4,687	4,316	8.4	9.1	9.4	8.9	8.2
At expanding establishments	3,440	3,561	3,782	3,729	3,511	6.8	7.0	7.4	7.1	6.7
At opening establishments	795	1,065	1,033	958	805	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.5
Gross job losses	4,125	4,401	3,876	4,309	4,197	8.1	8.7	7.5	8.2	8.0
At contracting establishments	3,420	3,380	3,194	3,568	3,327	6.7	6.7	6.2	6.8	6.3
At closing establishments	705	1,021	682	741	870	1.4	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.7
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	110	225	939	378	119	0.3	0.4	1.9	0.7	0.2
Manufacturing										
Gross job gains	4,080	4,613	5,258	3,588	4,006	2.5	2.9	3.2	2.1	2.5
At expanding establishments	3,922	4,254	4,917	3,345	3,833	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.0	2.4
At opening establishments	158	359	341	243	173	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Gross job losses	4,469	3,901	3,198	3,895	4,519	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.7
At contracting establishments	4,204	3,542	2,760	3,641	4,284	2.6	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.6
At closing establishments	265	359	438	254	235	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-389	712	2060	-307	-513	-0.3	0.5	1.2	-0.3	-0.2
Wholesale trade										
Gross job gains	2,069	2,838	2,709	2,485	2,237	4.4	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.7
At expanding establishments	1,649	2,304	2,193	2,014	1,835	3.5	4.9	4.6	4.2	3.9
At opening establishments	420	534	516	471	402	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8
Gross job losses	2,554	2,357	2,121	2,360	2,393	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.0
At contracting establishments	2,052	1,895	1,611	1,897	1,865	4.4	4.0	3.4	4.0	3.9
At closing establishments	502	462	510	463	528	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-485	481	588	125	-156	-1.1	1.0	1.2	0.2	-0.3
Retail trade										
Gross job gains	6,653	7,664	6,920	7,055	6,825	4.8	5.5	5.0	5.2	4.9
At expanding establishments	5,417	6,346	5,986	5,859	5,960	3.9	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3
At opening establishments	1,236	1,318	934	1,196	865	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.6
Gross job losses	8,192	7,750	7,451	7,625	7,814	5.9	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.7
At contracting establishments	7,199	6,726	6,512	6,755	6,629	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.8
At closing establishments	993	1,024	939	870	1,185	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-1,539	-86	-531	-570	-989	-1.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing										
Gross job gains	2,458	2,707	3,683	3,114	2,247	4.5	5.0	6.7	5.5	3.9
At expanding establishments	2,119	2,258	3,247	2,778	1,834	3.9	4.2	5.9	4.9	3.2
At opening establishments	339	449	436	336	413	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7
Gross job losses	2,496	2,148	2,054	2,499	2,627	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.6
At contracting establishments	2,027	1,757	1,592	2,209	2,353	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.9	4.1
At closing establishments	469	391	462	290	274	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-38	559	1629	615	-380	-0.1	1.1	3.0	1.1	-0.7
Financial activities										
Gross job gains	2,689	2,957	2,756	2,513	2,676	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.9	5.2
At expanding establishments	1,947	2,330	1,928	1,762	1,972	3.9	4.6	3.8	3.4	3.8
At opening establishments	742	627	828	751	704	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.4
Gross job losses	2,381	2,534	2,618	2,097	2,362	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.1	4.6

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Arkansas, seasonally adjusted - Continued

Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2018	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	June 2018	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019
At contracting establishments	1,790	1,620	1,803	1,539	1,753	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.4
At closing establishments	591	914	815	558	609	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	308	423	138	416	314	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.6
Professional and business services										
Gross job gains	9,064	11,194	10,670	8,996	8,558	6.2	7.7	7.3	6.1	5.9
At expanding establishments	7,345	8,925	8,504	7,276	6,817	5.0	6.1	5.8	4.9	4.7
At opening establishments	1,719	2,269	2,166	1,720	1,741	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.2
Gross job losses	11,844	10,188	9,920	9,363	11,441	8.1	7.0	6.7	6.4	7.9
At contracting establishments	10,207	8,493	7,352	7,787	9,691	7.0	5.8	5.0	5.3	6.7
At closing establishments	1,637	1,695	2,568	1,576	1,750	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-2,780	1,006	750	-367	-2,883	-1.9	0.7	0.6	-0.3	-2.0
Education and health services										
Gross job gains	7,567	8,254	8,472	7,282	7,407	4.1	4.4	4.6	3.9	3.9
At expanding establishments	6,445	6,942	6,673	5,630	6,091	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.0	3.2
At opening establishments	1,122	1,312	1,799	1,652	1,316	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.7
Gross job losses	6,782	8,556	6,875	7,159	7,680	3.6	4.6	3.7	3.8	4.1
At contracting establishments	5,391	6,432	5,598	5,899	6,336	2.9	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.4
At closing establishments	1,391	2,124	1,277	1,260	1,344	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	785	-302	1,597	123	-273	0.5	-0.2	0.9	0.1	-0.2
Leisure and hospitality										
Gross job gains	8,473	11,935	9,606	9,507	8,479	7.2	10.2	8.0	7.8	7.1
At expanding establishments	6,562	9,002	8,030	7,406	6,674	5.6	7.7	6.7	6.1	5.6
At opening establishments	1,911	2,933	1,576	2,101	1,805	1.6	2.5	1.3	1.7	1.5
Gross job losses	10,509	10,193	8,296	8,413	10,902	9.0	8.7	6.9	7.0	9.2
At contracting establishments	9,032	8,399	6,943	7,263	9,382	7.7	7.2	5.8	6.0	7.9
At closing establishments	1,477	1,794	1,353	1,150	1,520	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.3
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-2,036	1,742	1,310	1,094	-2,423	-1.8	1.5	1.1	0.8	-2.1
Other services ⁽³⁾										
Gross job gains	1,888	2,408	1,950	1,938	1,732	7.9	10.0	8.0	8.0	7.1
At expanding establishments	1,434	1,821	1,488	1,482	1,336	6.0	7.6	6.1	6.1	5.5
At opening establishments	454	587	462	456	396	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.6
Gross job losses	1,872	1,824	1,878	1,792	1,920	7.9	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.9
At contracting establishments	1,451	1,291	1,372	1,367	1,517	6.1	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.2
At closing establishments	421	533	506	425	403	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.7	1.7
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	16	584	72	146	-188	0.0	2.4	0.3	0.7	-0.8

(1) Includes unclassified sector not shown separately.

(2) The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses. See the Technical Note for further information.

(3) Except public administration.

Table 2. Private sector gross job gains and losses as a percent of total employment by state, seasonally adjusted

State	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2018	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	June 2018	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019
United States ⁽¹⁾	6.1	6.0	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.9
Alabama	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.5	6.0
Alaska	10.9	8.9	11.0	10.0	10.8	10.7	10.7	9.8	9.0	10.2
Arizona	6.0	6.6	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.7
Arkansas	5.0	6.1	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.1	5.7
California	6.7	6.5	6.9	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.2	6.4
Colorado	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.1	6.8	6.0	6.3	6.2
Connecticut	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.9	5.7	5.9
Delaware	6.4	5.7	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.5	5.6	5.5	6.3
District of Columbia	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.5
Florida	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.3
Georgia.....	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.2	6.4	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.4
Hawaii.....	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	6.1
Idaho	7.3	6.8	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.7
Illinois	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.1	5.3
Indiana.....	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.8
Iowa	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.6
Kansas	5.7	5.9	6.1	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.7
Kentucky.....	5.9	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.4	5.5	5.9
Louisiana	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.5	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.5
Maine.....	8.0	6.1	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.1	7.5	6.7	6.4	7.5
Maryland.....	6.1	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.3	5.8	6.6	6.4	5.7	6.4
Massachusetts	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.5	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.7
Michigan	5.5	5.0	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.2	6.2	5.2	4.6	5.8
Minnesota.....	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.8	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.5
Mississippi.....	5.7	5.9	6.5	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.3	6.2	6.0
Missouri	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.8
Montana	8.0	7.2	8.9	7.6	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.2	8.0	7.7
Nebraska	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7
Nevada	6.1	6.7	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.4	6.0
New Hampshire.....	6.7	5.7	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.8	5.7	5.7	6.3
New Jersey.....	6.5	6.0	6.4	5.7	6.2	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.8
New Mexico.....	6.7	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.3
New York	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.3	5.9
North Carolina	6.1	5.7	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.7	6.4	5.3	5.1	5.7
North Dakota	6.7	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.7
Ohio.....	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.7
Oklahoma	6.4	6.7	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.8	6.2
Oregon	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.8	6.1
Pennsylvania.....	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.8	4.8	5.3
Rhode Island	6.3	6.2	6.4	5.8	6.4	6.1	6.4	5.7	5.6	6.7
South Carolina.....	7.5	5.8	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.7	6.5	5.4	6.0	6.2
South Dakota.....	6.1	6.0	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.8	6.4	6.0
Tennessee	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.8	5.0
Texas	5.9	6.0	6.2	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3
Utah.....	6.9	7.3	6.9	7.3	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.5
Vermont.....	7.2	6.9	7.4	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.6	6.8	6.3	7.1
Virginia.....	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.3	5.6	5.5	5.9
Washington.....	7.3	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.6	6.5	6.5	5.6	5.6	5.7
West Virginia	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.5
Wisconsin.....	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.0	4.8	5.3
Wyoming	8.4	8.3	10.0	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.4	7.8	7.8	9.6
Puerto Rico.....	7.9	7.2	6.0	7.1	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.8	5.1	5.8

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Virgin Islands.....	13.2	12.8	7.9	11.9	8.8	7.0	5.9	7.1	7.4	6.1

(1) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.