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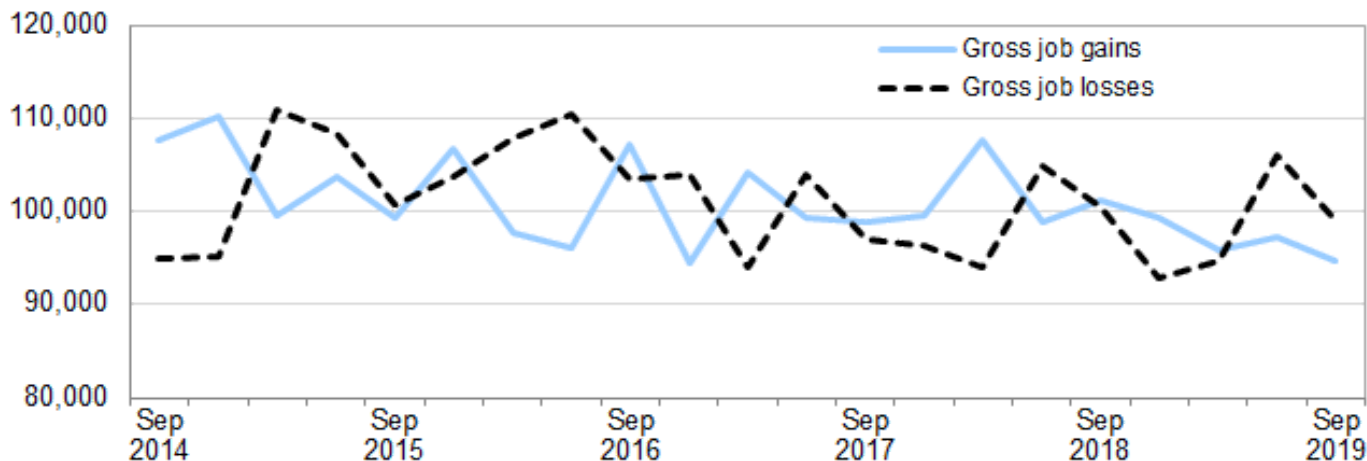
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## Business Employment Dynamics in Louisiana – Third Quarter 2019

From June 2019 to September 2019, **gross job gains** from opening and expanding private-sector establishments in Louisiana were 94,769, while **gross job losses** from closing and contracting private-sector establishments were 99,020, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Acting Regional Commissioner Susan Mendez noted that the difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses yielded a **net employment loss** of 4,251 jobs in the private sector during the third quarter of 2019. During the previous quarter, gross job losses exceeded gross job gains by 8,615. (See [chart 1.](#))

**Chart 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses in Louisiana, September 2014–September 2019, 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 private businesses in the economy. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) statistics track these changes in employment at private-sector 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 [Technical Note.](#))

### Gross job gains

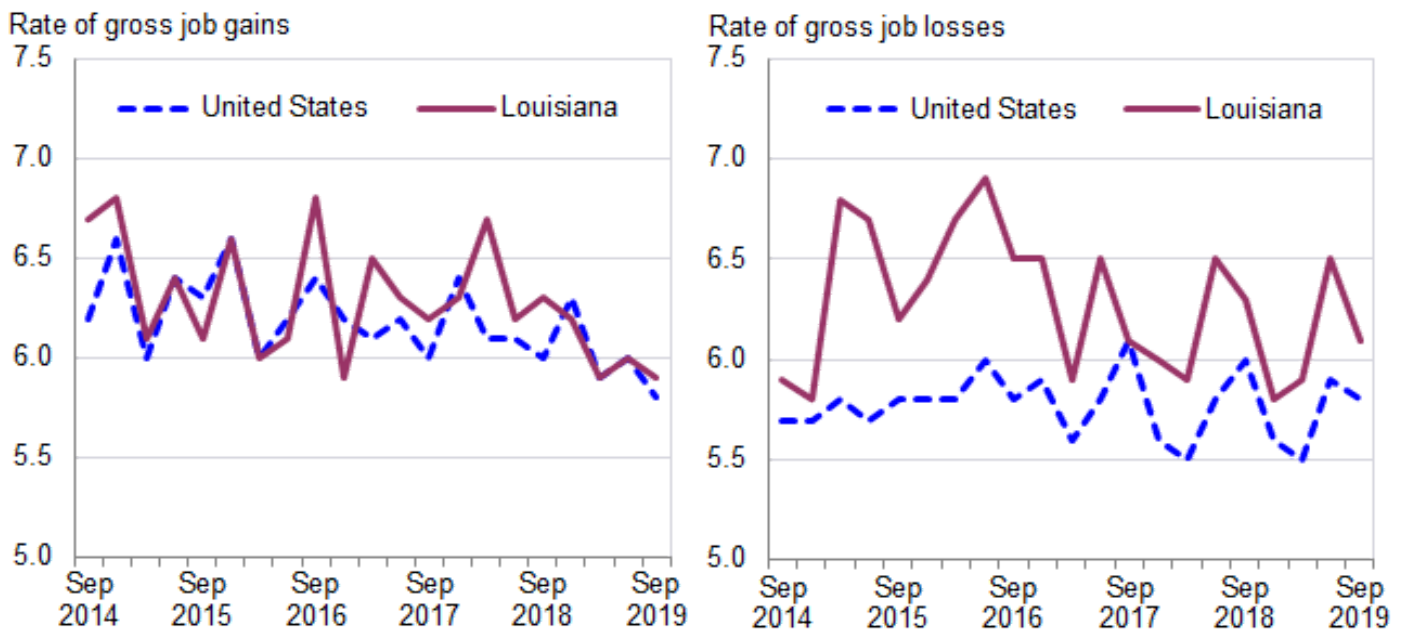
In the third quarter of 2019, gross job gains represented 5.9 percent of private-sector employment in Louisiana; nationally, gross job gains accounted for 5.8 percent of private-sector employment. (See [chart 2.](#)) Gross job gains are the sum of increases in employment due to expansions at existing establishments and the addition of new jobs at opening establishments. In Louisiana, gross job gains at **expanding** establishments

totaled 79,842 in the third quarter of 2019, an increase of 883 jobs compared to the previous quarter. (See [table 1](#).) **Opening** establishments accounted for 14,927 jobs gained in the third quarter of 2019, a decrease of 3,483 jobs from the previous quarter.

### Gross job losses

In the third quarter of 2019, gross job losses represented 6.1 percent of private-sector employment in Louisiana; nationally, gross job losses accounted for 5.8 percent of private-sector employment. (See [chart 2](#).) Gross job losses are the result of contractions in employment at existing establishments and the loss of jobs at closing establishments. In Louisiana, **contracting** establishments lost 82,188 jobs in the third quarter of 2019, a decrease of 8,500 jobs from the prior quarter. **Closing** establishments lost 16,832 jobs, an increase of 1,536 jobs from the previous quarter.

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



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Industries

Gross job gains exceeded gross job losses in 6 of the 11 industry sectors in Louisiana in the third quarter of 2019. Education and health services had the largest over-the-quarter net job increase, with a gain of 2,002 jobs. This was the result of 14,023 gross job gains and 12,021 gross job losses. The transportation and warehousing sector had a net gain of 1,060 jobs. Construction showed a net loss of 2,909 jobs, the largest loss of any sector in the state. Louisiana's retail trade sector had a net loss of 1,766 jobs.

### For more information

The BED data series include gross job gains and gross job losses by industry subsector, for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as well as gross job gains and gross job losses at the firm level by employer size class. BED data for the states have been included in [table 2](#) of this release. Additional information is available online at [www.bls.gov/bdm/](http://www.bls.gov/bdm/).

**The Business Employment Dynamics for Fourth Quarter 2019 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, July 29, 2020.**

## 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 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 units 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.

The full Technical Note for the Business Employment Dynamics program, which includes information on coverage, concepts, and methodology, can be found in the current quarterly news release online at [www.bls.gov/news.release/cewbd.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cewbd.htm).

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**Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Louisiana, 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)				
	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019
<b>Total private <sup>(1)</sup></b>										
Gross job gains .....	101,284	99,438	95,919	97,369	94,769	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.9
At expanding establishments .....	84,950	80,555	79,145	78,959	79,842	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0
At opening establishments .....	16,334	18,883	16,774	18,410	14,927	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9
Gross job losses .....	100,616	92,940	94,705	105,984	99,020	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.1
At contracting establishments .....	84,506	78,395	78,349	90,688	82,188	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.6	5.1
At closing establishments .....	16,110	14,545	16,356	15,296	16,832	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	668	6,498	1,214	-8,615	-4,251	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.2
<b>Construction</b>										
Gross job gains .....	14,598	13,264	12,395	10,630	10,368	9.5	8.8	8.3	7.3	7.5
At expanding establishments .....	12,875	11,623	11,067	8,719	9,177	8.4	7.7	7.4	6.0	6.6
At opening establishments .....	1,723	1,641	1,328	1,911	1,191	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.9
Gross job losses .....	17,287	14,141	14,152	17,864	13,277	11.3	9.4	9.4	12.3	9.5
At contracting establishments .....	15,609	12,811	12,629	16,782	11,705	10.2	8.5	8.4	11.6	8.4
At closing establishments .....	1,678	1,330	1,523	1,082	1,572	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-2,689	-877	-1,757	-7,234	-2,909	-1.8	-0.6	-1.1	-5.0	-2.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Gross job gains .....	4,543	5,941	5,941	4,492	4,150	3.3	4.3	4.3	3.3	3.0
At expanding establishments .....	4,075	5,223	5,413	3,828	3,962	3.0	3.8	3.9	2.8	2.9
At opening establishments .....	468	718	528	664	188	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1
Gross job losses .....	4,944	4,193	4,507	4,869	5,316	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.8
At contracting establishments .....	4,512	3,836	3,844	4,542	4,719	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.4
At closing establishments .....	432	357	663	327	597	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-401	1,748	1,434	-377	-1,166	-0.3	1.2	1.0	-0.2	-0.8
<b>Wholesale trade</b>										
Gross job gains .....	3,036	3,088	3,176	2,833	2,819	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.1
At expanding establishments .....	2,588	2,521	2,635	2,528	2,366	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.4
At opening establishments .....	448	567	541	305	453	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.7
Gross job losses .....	3,053	2,940	3,241	3,246	2,886	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.2
At contracting establishments .....	2,500	2,437	2,652	2,757	2,430	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.5
At closing establishments .....	553	503	589	489	456	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-17	148	-65	-413	-67	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.1
<b>Retail trade</b>										
Gross job gains .....	12,720	12,014	12,580	13,348	12,049	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.9	5.4
At expanding establishments .....	10,650	10,247	10,650	11,272	10,530	4.7	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.7
At opening establishments .....	2,070	1,767	1,930	2,076	1,519	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7
Gross job losses .....	13,609	13,294	13,279	14,201	13,815	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.2
At contracting establishments .....	11,466	11,865	11,631	12,494	11,594	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.6	5.2
At closing establishments .....	2,143	1,429	1,648	1,707	2,221	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-889	-1,280	-699	-853	-1,766	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8
<b>Transportation and warehousing</b>										
Gross job gains .....	4,468	5,599	3,825	3,862	4,649	6.3	7.6	5.1	5.1	6.2
At expanding establishments .....	3,788	5,061	3,262	3,236	4,170	5.3	6.9	4.3	4.3	5.6
At opening establishments .....	680	538	563	626	479	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6
Gross job losses .....	3,217	3,221	4,042	4,822	3,589	4.5	4.4	5.4	6.4	4.8
At contracting establishments .....	2,694	2,815	3,659	4,127	3,055	3.8	3.8	4.9	5.5	4.1
At closing establishments .....	523	406	383	695	534	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,251	2,378	-217	-960	1,060	1.8	3.2	-0.3	-1.3	1.4
<b>Information</b>										
Gross job gains .....	2,010	2,251	1,711	1,769	2,290	9.1	10.1	7.6	8.0	10.6
At expanding establishments .....	1,719	2,005	1,536	1,504	1,814	7.8	9.0	6.8	6.8	8.4
At opening establishments .....	291	246	175	265	476	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.2	2.2
Gross job losses .....	2,250	1,213	1,664	2,752	2,247	10.2	5.4	7.4	12.5	10.4

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, Louisiana, 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)				
	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019
At contracting establishments .....	1,944	1,027	1,290	2,001	2,034	8.8	4.6	5.7	9.1	9.4
At closing establishments .....	306	186	374	751	213	1.4	0.8	1.7	3.4	1.0
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-240	1,038	47	-983	43	-1.1	4.7	0.2	-4.5	0.2
<b>Financial activities</b>										
Gross job gains .....	4,513	4,632	4,590	4,438	4,308	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.0
At expanding establishments .....	3,428	3,560	3,663	3,650	3,517	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.1
At opening establishments .....	1,085	1,072	927	788	791	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9
Gross job losses .....	4,656	4,602	4,289	4,113	4,117	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.8
At contracting establishments .....	3,576	3,343	3,261	3,262	3,228	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8
At closing establishments .....	1,080	1,259	1,028	851	889	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.0
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-143	30	301	325	191	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
<b>Professional and business services</b>										
Gross job gains .....	15,528	15,564	17,021	16,044	14,912	7.3	7.3	8.0	7.5	6.9
At expanding establishments .....	12,907	11,456	13,694	12,664	11,623	6.1	5.4	6.4	5.9	5.4
At opening establishments .....	2,621	4,108	3,327	3,380	3,289	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.5
Gross job losses .....	15,070	14,847	14,778	16,453	16,255	7.1	6.9	6.9	7.6	7.6
At contracting establishments .....	12,039	11,561	10,869	12,966	13,089	5.7	5.4	5.1	6.0	6.1
At closing establishments .....	3,031	3,286	3,909	3,487	3,166	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	458	717	2,243	-409	-1,343	0.2	0.4	1.1	-0.1	-0.7
<b>Education and health services</b>										
Gross job gains .....	13,986	13,871	11,579	14,746	14,023	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.9	4.6
At expanding establishments .....	12,137	11,367	9,761	12,044	12,033	4.1	3.8	3.2	4.0	3.9
At opening establishments .....	1,849	2,504	1,818	2,702	1,990	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.7
Gross job losses .....	12,023	10,428	12,451	13,004	12,021	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.0
At contracting establishments .....	9,608	8,728	9,947	11,135	9,723	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.2
At closing establishments .....	2,415	1,700	2,504	1,869	2,298	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,963	3,443	-872	1,742	2,002	0.7	1.1	-0.3	0.6	0.6
<b>Leisure and hospitality</b>										
Gross job gains .....	19,131	17,018	16,348	18,642	18,680	8.1	7.2	6.9	7.9	7.9
At expanding establishments .....	14,962	12,566	11,926	14,229	15,101	6.3	5.3	5.0	6.0	6.4
At opening establishments .....	4,169	4,452	4,422	4,413	3,579	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.5
Gross job losses .....	17,653	17,939	16,137	17,831	18,178	7.5	7.6	6.8	7.5	7.6
At contracting establishments .....	14,840	14,869	13,686	14,941	14,990	6.3	6.3	5.8	6.3	6.3
At closing establishments .....	2,813	3,070	2,451	2,890	3,188	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,478	-921	211	811	502	0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3
<b>Other services <sup>(3)</sup></b>										
Gross job gains .....	3,293	2,865	3,176	3,329	3,271	7.4	6.4	7.1	7.5	7.4
At expanding establishments .....	2,805	2,270	2,543	2,495	2,758	6.3	5.1	5.7	5.6	6.2
At opening establishments .....	488	595	633	834	513	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.2
Gross job losses .....	3,356	2,869	2,989	3,201	3,258	7.6	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.4
At contracting establishments .....	2,659	2,348	2,406	2,525	2,475	6.0	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.6
At closing establishments .....	697	521	583	676	783	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.8
Net employment change <sup>(2)</sup> .....	-63	-4	187	128	13	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.0

## Footnotes:

(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)				
	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019
United States <sup>(1)</sup>	6.0	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.8
Alabama	6.0	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.9
Alaska	8.9	11.0	10.0	10.8	9.5	10.7	9.8	9.0	10.2	10.1
Arizona	6.6	6.2	5.6	5.7	6.4	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.7	4.8
Arkansas	6.1	5.9	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.5
California	6.5	6.9	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.2	6.4	6.1
Colorado	6.6	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.6	6.8	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.4
Connecticut	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.7	4.9	5.7	5.9	5.8
Delaware	5.7	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.1	6.5	5.6	5.5	6.3	6.2
District of Columbia	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.9	5.5	5.4
Florida	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.5	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.3	5.7
Georgia	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.4	6.1
Hawaii	5.1	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.9	6.1	5.3
Idaho	6.8	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.7	6.8
Illinois	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.6	4.9	5.8	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.6
Indiana	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.8	5.7
Iowa	5.3	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6
Kansas	5.9	6.1	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.6
Kentucky	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.4	5.5	5.9	5.7
Louisiana	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.1
Maine	6.1	7.3	7.2	7.5	6.4	7.5	6.7	6.4	7.5	7.2
Maryland	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.4	5.7	6.4	6.6
Massachusetts	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.3	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.9
Michigan	5.0	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.1	6.2	5.2	4.6	5.8	6.0
Minnesota	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.8	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.8
Mississippi	5.9	6.5	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.9	5.3	6.2	6.0	5.8
Missouri	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.8	5.8
Montana	7.2	8.9	7.6	8.0	7.3	7.9	7.2	8.0	7.7	7.7
Nebraska	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.5
Nevada	6.7	6.6	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.4	6.0	5.7
New Hampshire	5.7	6.6	6.3	6.4	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.7	6.3	6.6
New Jersey	6.0	6.4	5.7	6.2	6.0	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.1
New Mexico	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.3	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.1
New York	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.3	5.9	5.9
North Carolina	5.7	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.7	6.4	5.3	5.1	5.7	5.9
North Dakota	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.1
Ohio	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.8	5.3	5.1	5.7	5.8
Oklahoma	6.7	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.1
Oregon	6.2	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.2
Pennsylvania	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.2
Rhode Island	6.2	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.6	6.7	6.2
South Carolina	5.8	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.5	5.4	6.0	6.2	5.7
South Dakota	6.0	6.3	5.7	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.4	6.0	6.0
Tennessee	5.8	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.1
Texas	6.0	6.2	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2
Utah	7.3	6.9	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.2
Vermont	6.9	7.4	6.7	6.9	6.3	7.6	6.8	6.3	7.1	7.6
Virginia	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.2	6.3	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.0
Washington	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.0
West Virginia	7.0	6.3	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.7
Wisconsin	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.5	4.8	5.9	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.8
Wyoming	8.3	10.0	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	7.8	7.8	9.6	8.7
Puerto Rico	7.2	6.0	7.1	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.8	5.1	5.8	5.4

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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

State	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019	Sept. 2018	Dec. 2018	Mar. 2019	June 2019	Sept. 2019
Virgin Islands.....	12.8	7.9	11.9	8.8	11.2	5.9	7.1	7.4	6.1	6.6

Footnotes:

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