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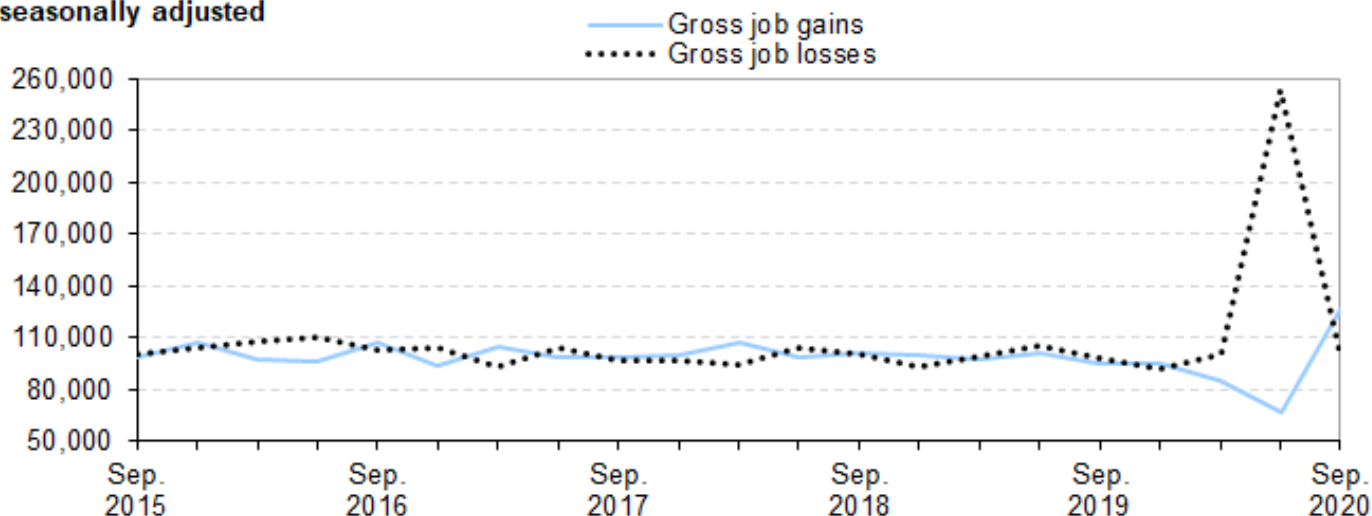
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Business Employment Dynamics in Louisiana – Third Quarter 2020

From June 2020 to September 2020, **gross job gains** from opening and expanding private-sector establishments in Louisiana totaled 126,510, while **gross job losses** from closing and contracting private-sector establishments were 101,773, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Michael Hirniak noted that the difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses yielded a **net employment gain** of 24,737 jobs in the private sector during the third quarter of 2020. This was the third-highest level of net job gains since the series began in 1992. During the previous quarter, gross job losses exceeded gross job gains by 186,733. (See [chart 1.](#))

Chart 1. Private-sector gross job gains and losses in Louisiana, September 2015–September 2020, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

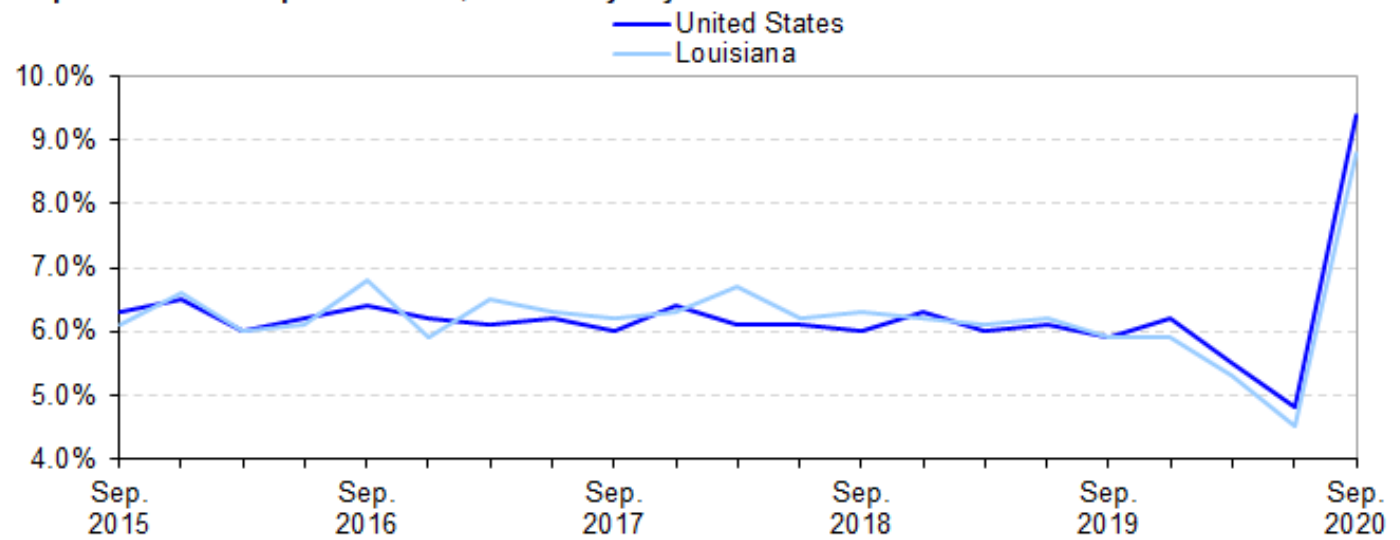
The change in the number of jobs over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occur at all private businesses in the economy. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) statistics track these changes in employment at private-sector establishments from the third month of one quarter 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 2020, gross job gains represented 8.8 percent of private-sector employment in Louisiana; nationally, gross job gains accounted for 9.4 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 101,695 in the third quarter of 2020, an increase of 49,425 jobs compared to the previous quarter. **Opening** establishments accounted for 24,815 jobs gained in the third quarter of 2020, an increase of 10,246 jobs from the previous quarter. (See [table 1.](#))

Chart 2. Private-sector gross job gains as a percent of employment, United States and Louisiana, September 2015–September 2020, seasonally adjusted

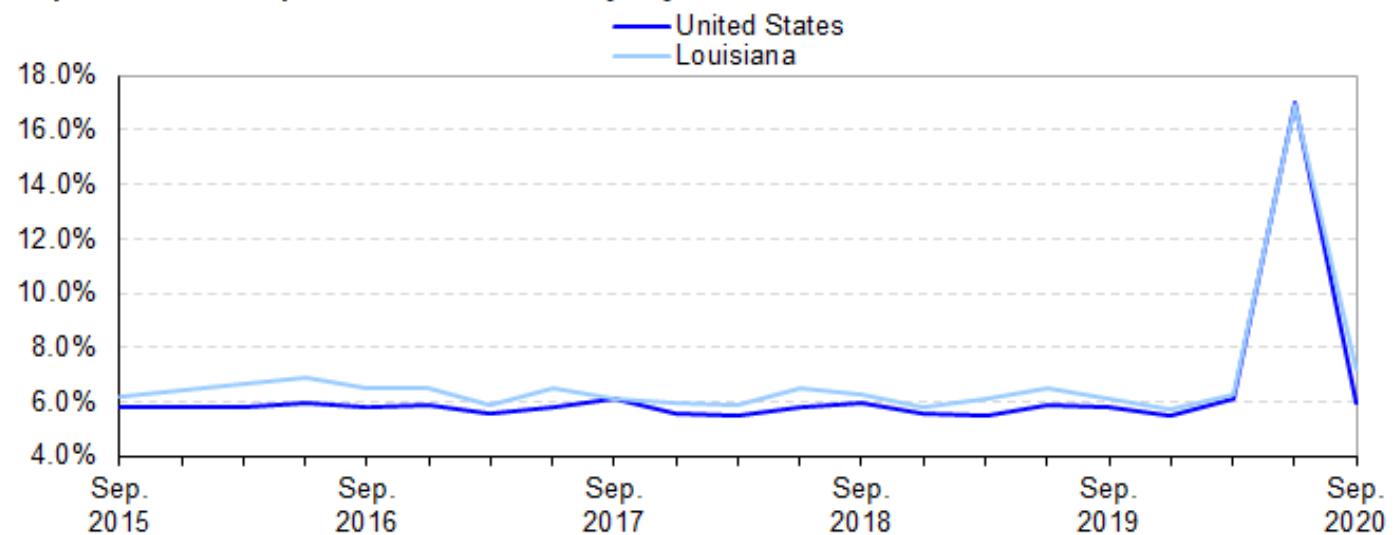


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Gross job losses

In the third quarter of 2020, gross job losses represented 7.2 percent of private-sector employment in Louisiana; nationally, gross job losses accounted for 6.0 percent of private-sector employment. (See [chart 3.](#)) 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 82,166 jobs in the third quarter of 2020, a decrease of 132,806 jobs from the prior quarter. **Closing** establishments lost 19,607 jobs, a decrease of 18,993 jobs from the previous quarter.

Chart 3. Private-sector gross job losses as a percent of employment, United States and Louisiana, September 2015–September 2020, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Industries

Gross job gains exceeded gross job losses in 8 of the 11 industry sectors in Louisiana in the third quarter of 2020. Leisure and hospitality had the largest over-the-quarter net job increase, with a gain of 10,144 jobs. This was the result of 29,844 gross job gains and 19,700 gross job losses. The retail trade sector had a net gain of 6,384 jobs. Manufacturing showed a net loss of 1,835 jobs, the largest net loss of any sector in the state. Louisiana's financial activities industry sector had a net loss of 757 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/.

The Business Employment Dynamics for Fourth Quarter 2020 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Effect on Third Quarter 2020 Business Employment Dynamics

Data collection and processing methods have been impacted because of the COVID-19 pandemic. More detail can be found at www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-business-employment-dynamics.htm.

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.

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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 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	Sept 2020	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	Sept 2020
Total private ⁽¹⁾										
Gross job gains	95,554	94,925	84,883	66,839	126,510	5.9	5.9	5.3	4.5	8.8
At expanding establishments	80,422	78,264	69,114	52,270	101,695	5.0	4.9	4.3	3.5	7.1
At opening establishments	15,132	16,661	15,769	14,569	24,815	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7
Gross job losses	98,111	92,085	100,952	253,572	101,773	6.1	5.7	6.3	16.9	7.2
At contracting establishments	82,143	76,928	84,278	214,972	82,166	5.1	4.8	5.3	14.3	5.8
At closing establishments	15,968	15,157	16,674	38,600	19,607	1.0	0.9	1.0	2.6	1.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-2,557	2,840	-16,069	-186,733	24,737	-0.2	0.2	-1.0	-12.4	1.6
Construction										
Gross job gains	10,485	11,271	10,613	7,345	13,899	7.6	8.2	7.8	5.9	12.1
At expanding establishments	9,262	9,991	9,265	5,754	11,413	6.7	7.3	6.8	4.6	9.9
At opening establishments	1,223	1,280	1,348	1,591	2,486	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	2.2
Gross job losses	13,193	11,501	13,971	28,041	12,293	9.5	8.4	10.2	22.5	10.7
At contracting establishments	11,770	10,294	12,826	26,192	11,048	8.5	7.5	9.4	21.0	9.6
At closing establishments	1,423	1,207	1,145	1,849	1,245	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.5	1.1
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-2,708	-230	-3,358	-20,696	1,606	-1.9	-0.2	-2.4	-16.6	1.4
Manufacturing										
Gross job gains	4,184	4,844	4,304	3,168	4,784	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.4	3.7
At expanding establishments	3,984	4,445	3,914	2,493	4,382	2.9	3.2	2.8	1.9	3.4
At opening establishments	200	399	390	675	402	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
Gross job losses	5,277	4,156	4,595	12,889	6,619	3.8	3.0	3.3	9.6	5.2
At contracting establishments	4,706	3,863	4,020	11,661	6,162	3.4	2.8	2.9	8.7	4.8
At closing establishments	571	293	575	1,228	457	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.4
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-1,093	688	-291	-9,721	-1,835	-0.8	0.5	-0.2	-7.2	-1.5
Wholesale trade										
Gross job gains	2,810	3,214	2,841	1,998	2,924	4.1	4.7	4.2	3.0	4.6
At expanding establishments	2,360	2,587	2,388	1,642	2,483	3.4	3.8	3.5	2.5	3.9
At opening establishments	450	627	453	356	441	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7
Gross job losses	2,870	2,855	3,017	7,183	3,462	4.2	4.1	4.4	10.9	5.4
At contracting establishments	2,439	2,351	2,453	5,938	2,686	3.6	3.4	3.6	9.0	4.2
At closing establishments	431	504	564	1,245	776	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.9	1.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-60	359	-176	-5,185	-538	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	-7.9	-0.8
Retail trade										
Gross job gains	12,465	12,870	11,941	14,082	19,058	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.5	9.0
At expanding establishments	10,823	11,426	10,566	13,237	16,813	4.8	5.1	4.8	6.1	7.9
At opening establishments	1,642	1,444	1,375	845	2,245	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.1
Gross job losses	13,854	12,576	12,631	27,646	12,674	6.2	5.7	5.7	12.8	5.9
At contracting establishments	11,811	10,902	11,125	24,401	10,887	5.3	4.9	5.0	11.3	5.1
At closing establishments	2,043	1,674	1,506	3,245	1,787	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.5	0.8
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-1,389	294	-690	-13,564	6,384	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	-6.3	3.1
Transportation and warehousing										
Gross job gains	4,641	4,471	3,689	2,974	4,580	6.3	5.9	4.9	4.1	6.8
At expanding establishments	4,148	4,087	3,260	2,523	4,105	5.6	5.4	4.3	3.5	6.1
At opening establishments	493	384	429	451	475	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Gross job losses	3,630	3,857	4,885	11,417	4,462	4.8	5.1	6.4	16.1	6.6
At contracting establishments	3,147	3,223	4,246	10,162	3,747	4.2	4.3	5.6	14.3	5.5
At closing establishments	483	634	639	1,255	715	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.8	1.1
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	1,011	614	-1,196	-8,443	118	1.5	0.8	-1.5	-12.0	0.2
Information										
Gross job gains	2,487	1,488	1,406	487	2,600	11.5	6.9	6.5	2.6	15.6
At expanding establishments	1,996	1,230	1,226	372	2,055	9.2	5.7	5.7	2.0	12.3
At opening establishments	491	258	180	115	545	2.3	1.2	0.8	0.6	3.3
Gross job losses	2,283	1,510	1,728	5,944	951	10.6	7.0	8.1	31.9	5.7

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 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	Sept 2020	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	Sept 2020
At contracting establishments	2,033	1,318	1,407	4,567	583	9.4	6.1	6.6	24.5	3.5
At closing establishments	250	192	321	1,377	368	1.2	0.9	1.5	7.4	2.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	204	-22	-322	-5,457	1,649	0.9	-0.1	-1.6	-29.3	9.9
Financial activities										
Gross job gains	4,376	4,443	3,776	3,022	5,304	5.2	5.2	4.5	3.7	6.7
At expanding establishments	3,556	3,480	2,862	2,132	4,239	4.2	4.1	3.4	2.6	5.4
At opening establishments	820	963	914	890	1,065	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3
Gross job losses	4,093	4,518	4,370	8,310	6,061	4.8	5.4	5.2	10.2	7.7
At contracting establishments	3,241	3,535	3,357	6,993	4,911	3.8	4.2	4.0	8.6	6.2
At closing establishments	852	983	1,013	1,317	1,150	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.5
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	283	-75	-594	-5,288	-757	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	-6.5	-1.0
Professional and business services										
Gross job gains	14,911	15,175	15,557	11,412	21,030	6.9	7.0	7.3	5.6	10.6
At expanding establishments	11,589	11,902	12,879	7,869	16,637	5.4	5.5	6.0	3.9	8.4
At opening establishments	3,322	3,273	2,678	3,543	4,393	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.7	2.2
Gross job losses	15,508	15,412	15,465	30,711	15,709	7.2	7.1	7.2	15.1	8.0
At contracting establishments	12,480	12,510	11,973	25,867	11,360	5.8	5.8	5.6	12.7	5.8
At closing establishments	3,028	2,902	3,492	4,844	4,349	1.4	1.3	1.6	2.4	2.2
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	-597	-237	92	-19,299	5,321	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-9.5	2.6
Education and health services										
Gross job gains	14,038	13,729	11,560	9,107	15,314	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.0	5.2
At expanding establishments	12,062	11,198	8,922	6,668	12,601	4.0	3.6	2.9	2.2	4.3
At opening establishments	1,976	2,531	2,638	2,439	2,713	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Gross job losses	11,966	11,363	12,709	28,450	13,310	3.9	3.7	4.1	9.5	4.6
At contracting establishments	9,815	9,272	10,243	25,393	10,668	3.2	3.0	3.3	8.5	3.7
At closing establishments	2,151	2,091	2,466	3,057	2,642	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	2,072	2,366	-1,149	-19,343	2,004	0.7	0.7	-0.3	-6.5	0.6
Leisure and hospitality										
Gross job gains	18,721	17,328	13,792	9,489	29,844	7.9	7.3	5.9	4.7	17.3
At expanding establishments	15,197	13,172	9,423	6,668	21,536	6.4	5.5	4.0	3.3	12.5
At opening establishments	3,524	4,156	4,369	2,821	8,308	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.4	4.8
Gross job losses	18,365	17,636	21,211	76,097	19,700	7.7	7.5	9.1	38.2	11.4
At contracting establishments	15,061	14,191	17,474	59,311	14,885	6.3	6.0	7.5	29.8	8.6
At closing establishments	3,304	3,445	3,737	16,786	4,815	1.4	1.5	1.6	8.4	2.8
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	356	-308	-7,419	-66,608	10,144	0.2	-0.2	-3.2	-33.5	5.9
Other services ⁽³⁾										
Gross job gains	3,340	3,058	2,784	1,927	4,513	7.5	6.8	6.3	4.7	11.6
At expanding establishments	2,801	2,199	2,163	1,320	3,222	6.3	4.9	4.9	3.2	8.3
At opening establishments	539	859	621	607	1,291	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	3.3
Gross job losses	3,156	3,440	3,195	8,485	2,907	7.1	7.7	7.3	20.8	7.5
At contracting establishments	2,489	2,688	2,330	6,658	2,174	5.6	6.0	5.3	16.3	5.6
At closing establishments	667	752	865	1,827	733	1.5	1.7	2.0	4.5	1.9
Net employment change ⁽²⁾	184	-382	-411	-6,558	1,606	0.4	-0.9	-1.0	-16.1	4.1

(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

Category	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	Sept. 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	Sept. 2020	Sept. 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	Sept. 2020
United States ⁽¹⁾	5.9	6.2	5.5	4.8	9.4	5.8	5.5	6.1	17.0	6.0
Alabama	5.8	6.2	5.5	4.8	7.8	5.9	5.5	5.9	12.6	5.9
Alaska	9.6	10.3	9.2	6.9	12.2	10.1	10.2	9.5	24.5	9.9
Arizona	6.3	6.4	5.6	5.7	7.9	4.9	5.2	5.9	11.7	6.2
Arkansas	5.6	6.5	5.1	4.8	7.5	5.8	4.9	5.5	12.0	5.6
California	6.3	6.8	6.1	5.2	8.7	6.0	6.0	6.7	18.6	7.3
Colorado	6.6	6.7	6.3	5.8	10.0	6.4	6.2	7.0	14.9	6.3
Connecticut	5.5	5.5	5.2	4.3	11.2	5.8	5.6	5.9	19.7	5.1
Delaware	6.2	6.7	6.2	4.9	10.3	6.3	6.2	6.6	17.7	6.3
District of Columbia	5.5	5.4	5.2	3.3	8.3	5.3	4.7	5.3	22.4	5.8
Florida	6.6	6.6	5.4	6.1	9.5	5.8	5.9	6.2	13.9	6.8
Georgia	6.2	6.5	5.6	5.4	9.2	6.0	5.5	5.9	15.0	6.4
Hawaii	5.6	5.7	5.2	3.6	7.4	5.2	5.2	5.8	29.8	12.7
Idaho	7.0	7.7	7.6	6.4	8.4	6.8	6.3	6.1	11.2	6.5
Illinois	5.0	5.6	5.0	4.6	9.7	5.6	5.2	6.0	18.4	5.6
Indiana	5.4	6.0	4.9	4.7	8.3	5.6	5.1	6.0	13.7	5.4
Iowa	5.3	5.8	5.2	4.4	7.4	5.7	5.5	5.9	13.0	5.6
Kansas	5.6	6.3	5.4	5.0	7.9	5.7	5.7	6.0	13.3	6.0
Kentucky	5.9	6.2	5.3	4.6	8.8	5.7	5.6	6.1	15.3	5.0
Louisiana	5.9	5.9	5.3	4.5	8.8	6.1	5.7	6.3	16.9	7.2
Maine	6.5	7.3	6.4	5.4	12.0	7.3	6.9	7.0	21.7	6.0
Maryland	6.2	6.4	5.7	4.7	11.0	6.3	5.9	6.7	21.9	5.9
Massachusetts	5.3	5.8	5.2	3.7	12.5	5.9	5.6	6.0	24.2	5.6
Michigan	5.1	5.8	5.0	4.0	10.9	5.9	5.3	5.7	20.7	4.8
Minnesota	5.4	5.8	5.0	4.3	9.0	5.8	5.6	5.6	17.6	5.4
Mississippi	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.1	8.7	5.7	5.6	6.2	12.9	5.5
Missouri	5.8	6.2	5.2	4.7	8.5	5.8	5.3	5.7	14.3	5.7
Montana	7.4	8.6	7.7	6.8	9.9	7.7	7.2	7.7	13.8	7.2
Nebraska	5.7	6.2	5.8	4.9	8.1	5.5	5.8	6.1	12.1	5.9
Nevada	6.1	6.8	5.4	5.3	12.8	5.5	5.0	6.3	29.2	6.4
New Hampshire	5.8	6.6	6.0	4.5	11.9	6.6	6.0	6.4	18.8	5.1
New Jersey	6.0	6.5	5.7	4.6	15.7	6.2	5.8	6.3	28.1	5.8
New Mexico	6.8	7.0	6.1	4.5	8.3	6.1	6.3	6.5	17.6	6.0
New York	5.8	6.0	5.5	3.9	13.3	5.9	5.7	6.4	26.9	5.9
North Carolina	5.8	6.3	5.8	4.8	8.5	6.0	5.4	5.7	14.5	5.6
North Dakota	6.5	6.7	6.8	5.2	8.8	7.1	6.6	7.0	17.2	6.9
Ohio	5.3	5.7	5.1	4.5	7.7	5.9	5.3	5.6	14.4	5.3
Oklahoma	6.4	6.5	5.4	5.6	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.7	12.3	6.4
Oregon	6.2	6.7	6.2	5.0	9.0	6.2	5.8	6.5	18.4	6.2
Pennsylvania	5.2	5.4	4.9	3.6	10.3	5.1	4.9	5.6	18.2	5.0
Rhode Island	6.0	6.5	6.1	4.5	12.9	6.2	5.9	6.5	25.2	5.3
South Carolina	6.0	6.5	5.5	5.1	8.8	5.9	5.9	6.6	14.9	6.1
South Dakota	5.9	6.4	6.0	5.1	8.6	6.0	5.8	6.6	11.6	5.5
Tennessee	5.5	5.7	4.9	4.4	8.1	5.1	5.0	5.3	13.7	5.4
Texas	5.9	6.0	5.0	4.7	7.2	5.3	5.1	5.5	13.6	6.0
Utah	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5	9.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	10.9	6.2
Vermont	6.3	6.9	5.8	4.6	12.3	7.6	6.4	7.6	18.5	5.7
Virginia	5.5	6.5	5.6	4.7	10.2	6.3	5.5	6.1	18.2	5.3
Washington	6.1	6.6	7.4	4.9	8.9	6.1	5.8	7.4	16.9	6.2
West Virginia	5.9	6.2	6.0	5.1	8.8	6.7	7.1	6.8	13.8	7.0
Wisconsin	4.8	5.4	5.0	4.4	7.6	5.9	5.0	5.3	14.4	5.2
Wyoming	8.6	9.4	8.6	6.4	10.7	8.9	8.7	9.3	18.1	7.7
Puerto Rico	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.0	11.0	5.5	4.9	5.2	16.9	5.1
Virgin Islands	12.0	10.3	7.2	5.3	8.4	6.4	7.3	8.3	19.8	12.3

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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