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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: AUGUST 2004

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. All four regions and 40 states and the District of Columbia recorded shifts of 0.3 percentage point or less in their jobless rates from July, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, unemployment rates declined in all four regions and in 45 states. The national unemployment rate, 5.4 percent in August, was little changed from July. Nonfarm payroll employment rose in 30 states and the District of Columbia over the month.

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four regions, the South again reported the lowest unemployment rate in August, 5.0 percent. The Midwest and West posted the highest rates, 5.6 percent each. All regions posted over-the-year jobless rate declines: the West (-1.0 percentage point), the South (-0.8 point), the Northeast (-0.6 point), and the Midwest (-0.4 point). (See table 1.)

In August, the South Atlantic division registered the lowest unemployment rate among the nine geographic divisions, 4.6 percent, followed by the Mountain and West North Central divisions, 4.7 percent each, and New England, 4.9 percent. The East North Central and Pacific divisions recorded the highest unemployment rates, 6.0 and 5.9 percent, respectively. Over the month, the Pacific division registered the largest rate change (-0.3 percentage point). All nine divisions recorded over-the-year jobless rate declines of at least 0.4 percentage point, with the largest decreases in the West South Central (-1.3 percentage points), Pacific (-1.1 points), and Mountain divisions (-1.0 point).

Hurricane Charley

Hurricane Charley struck Florida during the August survey reference period. BLS made additional data collection efforts for the hurricane-affected counties to ensure that payroll survey response rates were at normal levels. An examination of the data suggests there were no discernable weather-related effects on payroll employment in Florida since the storm hit late in the reporting period for most of the survey respondents. For the storm to have affected payroll employment, people would have to be off work and unpaid for the entire pay period. (In the labor force data, people who miss work for weather-related events are counted as employed, whether or not they are paid for the time off.)

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hawaii again reported the lowest unemployment rate, 2.9 percent, in August. Eight additional states recorded rates below 4.0 percent. Alaska and Oregon again posted the highest state jobless rates, 7.6 and 7.4 percent, respectively. The District of Columbia had an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent. Six additional states reported rates of 6.0 percent or more in August. (See table 3 and chart 1.)

Compared with July, unemployment rates were higher in 25 states, lower in 15 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 10 states. Oregon and Montana posted the largest over-the-month jobless rate increases (+0.6 and +0.5 percentage point, respectively). The largest rate decrease was in Louisiana (-1.1 percentage points). No other state had a rate decrease of one-half percentage point or more.

Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in 45 states, higher in 4 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 1 state. Louisiana recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease (-1.8 percentage points), followed by Oklahoma (-1.7 points) and Hawaii (-1.6 points). Sixteen additional states recorded over-the-year rate declines of 1.0 to 1.5 percentage points. No state posted an unemployment rate increase from August 2003 larger than 0.4 percentage point.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

From July to August, total nonfarm employment increased in 30 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 20 states. The largest employment increases occurred in Florida (+16,600), Georgia (+15,000), Texas (+14,400), Arizona (+10,200), and Colorado (+8,200). North Dakota posted the largest over-the-month percentage increase in employment (+0.7 percent), followed by Maine (+0.6 percent), Vermont (+0.5 percent), and Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, and Hawaii (+0.4 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in Ohio (-11,800), Kentucky (-6,700), South Carolina (-6,000), Missouri (-5,500), and Louisiana (-4,900). The largest over-the-month percentage decreases in employment were reported in Kentucky (-0.4 percent), Alaska, Louisiana, and South Carolina (-0.3 percent each), and Missouri, Ohio, and Rhode Island (-0.2 percent each). (See table 5.)

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 47 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 3 states. The largest over-the-year gains in employment occurred in Florida (+155,400), Texas (+116,600), California (+112,300), Virginia (+85,000), and New York (+69,500). The largest percentage gains were reported in Nevada (+4.3 percent), Idaho (+2.8 percent), Hawaii (+2.7 percent), and Utah (+2.5 percent). Over-the-year employment decreases were registered in Michigan (-45,000, -1.0 percent), Ohio (-37,300, -0.7 percent), and Massachusetts (-100, 0.0 percent). (See chart 2.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for August is scheduled to be issued on September 29. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for September is scheduled to be issued on October 22.

Correction of Nonfarm Payroll Employment Data for Missouri

On August 27, BLS published corrections to Missouri total nonfarm and government employment data for July 2004. The same estimation error that affected the July 2004 data also was found to have affected the July and August 2001-03 data as well. As a result, not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm and government employment data for Missouri have been corrected for July and August of 2001-03. In addition, 5 years of new seasonal factors have been calculated to reflect the corrected data. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm and government employment data for Missouri have been revised from January 1999 forward to reflect the corrections to the unadjusted data and the new seasonal factors. The data for Missouri shown in tables 5 and 6 of this release reflect these corrections. The complete corrected time series are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/sae/>.

The corrections did not materially affect the overall trends in the employment data previously published for Missouri, only the magnitude of the summer layoffs and the return from layoff over the June-September time period for each year.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (tables 1-4). Also presented are nonfarm payroll employment estimates by state and major industry from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program (tables 5 and 6). The LAUS and CES programs are both Federal-State cooperative endeavors.

Labor force and unemployment—from the LAUS program

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The labor force includes both the employed and the unemployed. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the survey reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who have a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who did not work at all (in the reference week), have actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the survey reference week), and are currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Effective January 1996, estimates for all states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Effective January 1998, estimates for census regions and divisions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component states and then calculating the unemployment rate.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data shown for the prior year reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and any revisions in the other data sources. In addition, data for all states, the District of Columbia, and the two large substate areas noted are adjusted annually to equal the CPS annual averages, usually effective with January estimates. The regional and state data will not sum to national totals obtained from the CPS, since the monthly state estimates are not based directly on the CPS.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of state (and Los Angeles-Long Beach and New York City) labor force levels are computed by aggregating independently seasonally adjusted employment and unemployment levels. Unemployment rates are then computed from these independently adjusted levels. Region and

division levels are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component states. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are usually made at the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with January estimates.

Employment—from the CES program

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 2002 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

Method of estimation. The employment data are estimated using a “link relative” technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios.

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.

Seasonal adjustment. Payroll employment data are seasonally adjusted at the statewide supersector level. In some states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is computed by aggregating the independently adjusted supersector series. In other states, the seasonally adjusted payroll employment total is independently adjusted. Revisions of historical data for the most recent 5 years are made once a year, coincident with annual benchmark adjustments.

Caution on aggregating state data. State estimation procedures are designed to produce accurate data for each individual state. BLS independently develops a national employment series; state estimates are not forced to sum to national totals. Because each state series is subject to larger sampling and nonsampling errors than the national series, summing them cumulates individual state level errors and can cause significant distortions at an aggregate level. Due to these statistical limitations, BLS does not compile a “sum-of-states” employment series, and cautions users that such a series is subject to a relatively large and volatile error structure.

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 also are 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. With respect to the LAUS program, unemployment rates are computed, in most instances, from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Measures of sampling error, in the form of standard errors for state annual average estimates derived from the CPS, are available in the annual BLS bulletin, *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment*. Measures of nonsampling error for CPS data are not available, but additional information on the subject is provided in the BLS monthly periodical, *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data at the total nonfarm level are available on the BLS Web site at

(<http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm>). Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

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 by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (telephone 202-512-1800), and from the *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2490, August 1997.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment for over 330 metropolitan areas are available in the news release, *Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment*. Estimates of labor force, employment, and unemployment for all states, metropolitan areas, labor market areas, counties, cities with a population of 25,000 or more, and other areas used in the administration of various federal economic assistance programs are available on the BLS Web site at (<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>). Employment data from the CES program are available at (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/>).

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone: 1-800-877-8339.

Table 1. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004 ^P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004 ^P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004 ^P
Northeast	27,388.4	27,502.5	27,580.8	27,564.4	1,604.1	1,497.9	1,473.9	1,459.5	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.3
New England	7,555.1	7,553.4	7,565.2	7,556.1	414.9	363.8	366.0	368.2	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.9
Middle Atlantic	19,833.4	19,949.1	20,015.6	20,008.3	1,189.1	1,134.2	1,107.9	1,091.3	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.5
South	51,339.5	51,746.5	51,822.9	51,825.1	2,985.1	2,608.2	2,569.6	2,570.4	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
South Atlantic	27,074.6	27,375.0	27,388.6	27,405.1	1,417.2	1,275.4	1,227.7	1,252.1	5.2	4.7	4.5	4.6
East South Central	8,339.8	8,381.1	8,405.8	8,406.3	505.8	425.9	437.9	452.9	6.1	5.1	5.2	5.4
West South Central	15,925.0	15,990.4	16,028.4	16,013.7	1,062.1	906.9	904.0	865.5	6.7	5.7	5.6	5.4
Midwest	34,315.6	34,350.3	34,450.1	34,450.7	2,055.4	1,837.2	1,892.7	1,921.9	6.0	5.3	5.5	5.6
East North Central	23,584.1	23,526.1	23,584.8	23,565.8	1,512.0	1,354.0	1,394.8	1,406.3	6.4	5.8	5.9	6.0
West North Central	10,731.5	10,824.2	10,865.3	10,884.9	543.4	483.2	497.9	515.6	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.7
West	33,300.2	33,729.7	33,759.4	33,737.7	2,199.3	1,962.9	1,932.9	1,874.2	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.6
Mountain	9,869.4	10,032.1	10,048.9	10,067.9	563.7	476.4	472.5	473.1	5.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Pacific	23,430.8	23,697.6	23,710.5	23,669.8	1,635.5	1,486.4	1,460.3	1,401.0	7.0	6.3	6.2	5.9

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: The States (including the District of Columbia) that compose the various census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central:

Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census regions and divisions, not seasonally adjusted¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Northeast	27,917.2	28,078.4	27,694.3	27,867.2	1,674.3	1,529.3	1,572.9	1,429.5	6.0	5.4	5.7	5.1
New England	7,708.3	7,715.1	7,664.2	7,668.4	424.6	375.8	408.5	363.3	5.5	4.9	5.3	4.7
Middle Atlantic	20,208.9	20,363.3	20,030.1	20,198.8	1,249.7	1,153.4	1,164.5	1,066.2	6.2	5.7	5.8	5.3
South	51,987.0	52,468.1	51,674.0	52,165.0	3,235.3	2,746.0	3,026.2	2,609.5	6.2	5.2	5.9	5.0
South Atlantic	27,425.4	27,751.1	27,313.5	27,654.4	1,542.0	1,313.3	1,451.4	1,287.1	5.6	4.7	5.3	4.7
East South Central	8,423.3	8,482.8	8,354.6	8,419.2	536.0	455.4	499.3	447.4	6.4	5.4	6.0	5.3
West South Central	16,138.3	16,234.3	16,006.0	16,091.3	1,157.3	977.3	1,075.6	875.0	7.2	6.0	6.7	5.4
Midwest	34,949.2	35,029.4	34,548.9	34,677.6	2,167.4	1,975.8	1,971.6	1,838.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.3
East North Central	24,045.3	24,009.3	23,787.1	23,763.1	1,613.8	1,474.4	1,451.2	1,343.9	6.7	6.1	6.1	5.7
West North Central	10,903.9	11,020.2	10,761.8	10,914.5	553.6	501.3	520.4	494.4	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.5
West	33,668.5	34,135.9	33,533.1	33,969.7	2,320.0	2,026.9	2,170.9	1,847.6	6.9	5.9	6.5	5.4
Mountain	9,968.2	10,160.4	9,958.2	10,158.6	594.9	494.8	568.0	477.1	6.0	4.9	5.7	4.7
Pacific	23,700.2	23,975.4	23,574.9	23,811.2	1,725.1	1,532.1	1,602.9	1,370.4	7.3	6.4	6.8	5.8

¹ These estimates are obtained by summing the state estimates. The composition of the regions and divisions is described in table 1.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

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Table 3. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected areas, seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P
Alabama	2,156.6	2,157.0	2,167.4	2,169.6	126.2	115.0	122.5	130.5	5.8	5.3	5.7	6.0
Alaska	333.2	344.1	344.3	345.8	26.9	25.2	24.8	26.2	8.1	7.3	7.2	7.6
Arizona	2,698.6	2,751.0	2,762.7	2,764.9	152.6	128.2	119.8	122.8	5.7	4.7	4.3	4.4
Arkansas	1,262.3	1,315.2	1,318.2	1,321.1	81.2	75.2	73.5	70.9	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.4
California	17,471.4	17,658.6	17,684.9	17,631.4	1,181.9	1,117.6	1,097.9	1,021.9	6.8	6.3	6.2	5.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,792.0	4,838.0	4,830.6	4,792.0	344.5	325.8	307.5	282.7	7.2	6.7	6.4	5.9
Colorado	2,485.7	2,518.8	2,517.2	2,521.6	151.5	124.6	128.9	127.5	6.1	4.9	5.1	5.1
Connecticut	1,803.5	1,792.8	1,793.9	1,788.2	101.3	82.0	82.3	82.8	5.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Delaware	417.7	427.1	426.8	423.9	19.2	16.4	16.4	15.2	4.6	3.8	3.9	3.6
District of Columbia	301.8	298.6	297.5	300.9	21.6	21.3	23.2	22.6	7.1	7.1	7.8	7.5
Florida	8,192.3	8,381.5	8,382.5	8,395.9	423.2	401.2	375.0	380.9	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.5
Georgia	4,433.3	4,413.2	4,423.5	4,438.6	205.0	176.6	180.0	186.9	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.2
Hawaii	622.0	629.4	630.3	630.7	27.8	19.3	18.7	18.0	4.5	3.1	3.0	2.9
Idaho	693.5	705.9	706.1	710.6	37.8	35.3	34.5	35.7	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.0
Illinois	6,336.6	6,342.4	6,385.1	6,387.2	430.0	375.7	389.2	390.8	6.8	5.9	6.1	6.1
Indiana	3,195.3	3,178.0	3,170.9	3,146.1	168.2	153.1	162.5	159.6	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.1
Iowa	1,598.9	1,623.1	1,626.0	1,632.3	73.6	70.3	71.6	74.2	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.5
Kansas	1,436.3	1,464.7	1,466.3	1,470.6	77.7	68.2	68.3	70.6	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.8
Kentucky	1,960.2	1,986.4	1,990.0	1,980.7	121.8	110.1	106.2	101.2	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.1
Louisiana	2,030.8	2,031.8	2,048.0	2,032.9	138.3	121.0	125.5	100.7	6.8	6.0	6.1	5.0
Maine	695.6	699.9	697.5	701.6	35.7	28.6	29.2	31.9	5.1	4.1	4.2	4.5
Maryland	2,906.5	2,945.7	2,951.8	2,949.4	131.1	115.9	121.4	126.1	4.5	3.9	4.1	4.3
Massachusetts	3,407.7	3,409.2	3,415.2	3,413.6	201.1	179.4	180.9	183.9	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.4
Michigan	5,037.3	5,038.2	5,047.0	5,040.6	378.2	328.4	344.0	335.7	7.5	6.5	6.8	6.7
Minnesota	2,926.2	2,952.8	2,953.1	2,968.7	147.2	129.4	130.4	142.4	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.8
Mississippi	1,316.6	1,316.7	1,328.1	1,325.5	83.3	70.7	78.4	78.2	6.3	5.4	5.9	5.9
Missouri	3,019.8	3,022.8	3,056.7	3,048.6	175.5	157.4	168.8	167.2	5.8	5.2	5.5	5.5
Montana	478.3	481.3	481.8	484.3	23.1	23.2	20.8	23.0	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.8
Nebraska	977.5	986.4	989.1	990.2	39.8	32.6	33.5	36.0	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.6
Nevada	1,144.5	1,183.8	1,187.7	1,185.6	61.5	50.1	52.3	47.0	5.4	4.2	4.4	4.0
New Hampshire	723.1	729.0	731.7	729.6	31.0	28.4	28.8	26.7	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.7
New Jersey	4,383.9	4,402.0	4,422.5	4,424.6	258.1	206.9	222.9	214.4	5.9	4.7	5.0	4.8
New Mexico	900.3	906.4	905.7	910.5	59.5	49.3	48.4	49.0	6.6	5.4	5.3	5.4
New York	9,296.4	9,308.3	9,329.7	9,309.5	593.4	575.3	552.7	525.5	6.4	6.2	5.9	5.6
New York City	3,662.2	3,685.2	3,705.7	3,689.5	307.5	288.7	279.0	248.7	8.4	7.8	7.5	6.7
North Carolina	4,249.2	4,197.3	4,191.5	4,182.6	277.5	231.2	212.2	207.8	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.0
North Dakota	347.4	349.8	349.1	350.6	13.9	10.8	10.9	11.5	4.0	3.1	3.1	3.3
Ohio	5,923.2	5,850.5	5,872.9	5,878.4	360.1	341.7	353.5	370.2	6.1	5.8	6.0	6.3
Oklahoma	1,695.9	1,709.9	1,709.2	1,697.4	98.5	83.6	76.1	69.5	5.8	4.9	4.5	4.1
Oregon	1,861.4	1,849.2	1,855.2	1,850.7	156.6	127.9	125.7	136.9	8.4	6.9	6.8	7.4
Pennsylvania	6,153.1	6,238.8	6,263.4	6,274.1	337.6	351.9	332.3	351.4	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.6
Rhode Island	574.3	569.2	572.6	568.8	29.6	33.3	33.0	31.1	5.2	5.8	5.8	5.5
South Carolina	2,007.6	2,064.9	2,066.9	2,067.0	136.9	136.8	124.6	132.4	6.8	6.6	6.0	6.4
South Dakota	425.5	424.6	425.1	424.0	15.7	14.5	14.3	13.6	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.2
Tennessee	2,906.5	2,921.0	2,920.3	2,930.4	174.6	130.1	130.7	143.0	6.0	4.5	4.5	4.9
Texas	10,935.9	10,933.5	10,953.0	10,962.4	744.0	627.1	628.8	624.4	6.8	5.7	5.7	5.7
Utah	1,188.6	1,206.0	1,208.2	1,210.1	65.6	55.7	57.7	57.8	5.5	4.6	4.8	4.8
Vermont	350.9	353.4	354.2	354.4	16.3	12.2	11.8	11.9	4.6	3.4	3.3	3.4
Virginia	3,778.5	3,847.8	3,847.0	3,844.4	153.7	133.5	132.8	136.2	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.5
Washington	3,142.9	3,216.3	3,195.8	3,211.2	242.3	196.4	193.2	198.1	7.7	6.1	6.0	6.2
West Virginia	787.6	799.0	801.1	802.4	49.1	42.6	41.7	43.8	6.2	5.3	5.2	5.5
Wisconsin	3,091.7	3,117.0	3,109.0	3,113.6	175.6	155.1	145.6	150.1	5.7	5.0	4.7	4.8
Wyoming	280.0	279.0	279.6	280.2	12.1	10.1	10.1	10.4	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.7
Puerto Rico ¹	1,387.7	1,397.1	1,400.2	1,391.2	158.6	135.2	135.6	149.6	11.4	9.7	9.7	10.8

¹ August 2004 data reflect the introduction of Census 2000-based population controls. Historical data will be revised in the near future to reflect the controls.

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NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

**LABOR FORCE DATA
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Table 4. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected areas, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and Area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P	2003	2004	2003	2004P
Alabama	2,156.3	2,169.7	2,155.9	2,167.8	130.1	126.3	131.7	134.8	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.2
Alaska	344.7	357.6	340.2	353.1	24.9	23.1	23.7	23.3	7.2	6.5	7.0	6.6
Arizona	2,710.1	2,778.2	2,719.8	2,787.3	174.1	138.0	167.7	137.3	6.4	5.0	6.2	4.9
Arkansas	1,286.1	1,342.6	1,272.5	1,329.7	87.8	81.6	76.9	67.5	6.8	6.1	6.0	5.1
California	17,639.4	17,850.4	17,584.0	17,742.3	1,268.8	1,171.1	1,171.1	1,011.3	7.2	6.6	6.7	5.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	4,844.3	4,875.7	4,807.4	4,808.3	385.9	344.5	361.1	300.3	8.0	7.1	7.5	6.2
Colorado	2,512.4	2,545.7	2,519.8	2,556.7	154.1	128.9	148.6	124.3	6.1	5.1	5.9	4.9
Connecticut	1,850.2	1,838.8	1,833.1	1,818.4	109.4	89.5	102.2	84.0	5.9	4.9	5.6	4.6
Delaware	423.2	432.4	420.9	426.9	19.1	17.1	20.1	16.2	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8
District of Columbia	314.0	308.1	306.1	304.4	23.7	25.5	22.2	23.2	7.6	8.3	7.3	7.6
Florida	8,266.6	8,476.0	8,313.3	8,520.6	449.9	396.4	452.6	409.5	5.4	4.7	5.4	4.8
Georgia	4,436.6	4,430.5	4,415.5	4,423.0	231.7	195.5	205.5	188.3	5.2	4.4	4.7	4.3
Hawaii	625.5	636.4	625.5	633.8	30.1	21.2	30.0	19.9	4.8	3.3	4.8	3.1
Idaho	704.9	717.6	700.9	718.0	35.3	31.4	33.8	31.9	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.4
Illinois	6,441.0	6,483.4	6,370.9	6,418.0	443.1	403.6	431.0	391.5	6.9	6.2	6.8	6.1
Indiana	3,258.3	3,225.5	3,218.4	3,169.1	182.4	167.8	163.0	154.0	5.6	5.2	5.1	4.9
Iowa	1,625.7	1,642.3	1,601.4	1,633.2	69.0	65.9	66.9	68.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.2
Kansas	1,465.1	1,493.0	1,435.8	1,468.9	83.0	69.8	74.6	67.5	5.7	4.7	5.2	4.6
Kentucky	1,999.7	2,024.0	1,968.3	1,990.0	133.2	109.2	111.1	93.0	6.7	5.4	5.6	4.7
Louisiana	2,067.7	2,080.7	2,039.6	2,041.8	153.2	134.0	139.9	103.0	7.4	6.4	6.9	5.0
Maine	714.2	718.0	712.2	718.7	31.6	24.9	30.2	26.3	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7
Maryland	2,968.0	3,011.3	2,931.3	2,974.7	139.8	127.4	128.9	124.3	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.2
Massachusetts	3,471.4	3,474.8	3,455.7	3,462.9	207.0	188.8	201.1	184.7	6.0	5.4	5.8	5.3
Michigan	5,140.9	5,134.2	5,080.9	5,083.5	419.5	384.2	354.6	312.7	8.2	7.5	7.0	6.2
Minnesota	2,973.4	2,997.8	2,949.2	2,991.4	144.3	125.4	135.1	130.0	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.3
Mississippi	1,332.0	1,341.2	1,305.3	1,314.7	89.8	81.1	81.4	76.6	6.7	6.0	6.2	5.8
Missouri	3,052.0	3,084.2	3,007.7	3,038.8	185.2	179.1	178.9	172.1	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.7
Montana	489.3	494.5	486.1	492.2	21.2	19.2	19.2	19.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9
Nebraska	995.0	1,005.7	978.2	990.6	43.8	36.7	37.4	33.3	4.4	3.7	3.8	3.4
Nevada	1,156.8	1,201.3	1,148.4	1,188.5	64.3	54.4	60.2	45.9	5.6	4.5	5.2	3.9
New Hampshire	735.3	745.4	732.1	738.7	30.4	27.9	31.3	27.0	4.1	3.7	4.3	3.7
New Jersey	4,461.7	4,490.4	4,406.8	4,446.0	293.7	247.7	258.7	213.8	6.6	5.5	5.9	4.8
New Mexico	908.3	914.2	899.2	910.0	64.7	52.9	59.7	49.4	7.1	5.8	6.6	5.4
New York	9,474.7	9,501.0	9,398.5	9,409.5	601.0	561.5	580.9	512.4	6.3	5.9	6.2	5.4
New York City	3,709.9	3,748.4	3,678.7	3,703.9	312.7	283.6	307.9	249.2	8.4	7.6	8.4	6.7
North Carolina	4,311.0	4,253.5	4,280.8	4,217.0	299.3	230.4	276.0	206.5	6.9	5.4	6.4	4.9
North Dakota	356.5	359.2	356.2	359.6	12.8	10.3	13.1	10.9	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.0
Ohio	6,049.3	5,990.2	5,994.2	5,948.7	388.8	371.5	337.9	346.9	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.8
Oklahoma	1,717.4	1,729.6	1,698.7	1,700.5	101.7	77.0	93.4	64.4	5.9	4.4	5.5	3.8
Oregon	1,894.0	1,877.2	1,884.0	1,871.0	158.0	122.5	147.1	127.8	8.3	6.5	7.8	6.8
Pennsylvania	6,272.5	6,371.9	6,224.8	6,343.3	355.0	344.2	324.9	340.0	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.4
Rhode Island	582.8	580.3	578.8	573.6	31.0	33.6	28.9	30.5	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.3
South Carolina	2,048.2	2,104.9	2,030.3	2,090.6	157.6	138.6	139.7	135.6	7.7	6.6	6.9	6.5
South Dakota	438.2	438.0	433.2	432.0	15.5	14.1	14.5	12.6	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.9
Tennessee	2,935.3	2,947.8	2,925.0	2,946.8	183.0	138.9	175.1	143.0	6.2	4.7	6.0	4.9
Texas	11,067.1	11,081.3	10,995.3	11,019.3	814.5	684.8	765.4	640.0	7.4	6.2	7.0	5.8
Utah	1,201.0	1,223.0	1,200.6	1,222.0	70.4	61.1	68.7	60.4	5.9	5.0	5.7	4.9
Vermont	354.4	357.8	352.3	356.2	15.3	11.0	14.8	10.9	4.3	3.1	4.2	3.1
Virginia	3,855.7	3,921.1	3,820.3	3,887.4	169.5	140.0	159.9	142.1	4.4	3.6	4.2	3.7
Washington	3,196.8	3,253.8	3,141.2	3,211.0	243.2	194.3	231.0	188.1	7.6	6.0	7.4	5.9
West Virginia	801.9	813.3	795.2	809.8	51.3	42.4	46.5	41.5	6.4	5.2	5.8	5.1
Wisconsin	3,155.8	3,175.9	3,122.6	3,143.8	179.9	147.4	164.7	138.8	5.7	4.6	5.3	4.4
Wyoming	285.5	286.0	283.4	283.8	10.9	8.9	10.2	8.6	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.0
Puerto Rico ¹	1,398.1	1,398.1	1,378.5	1,382.1	173.0	140.4	168.4	157.8	12.4	10.0	12.2	11.4

¹ August 2004 data reflect the introduction of Census 2000-based population controls. Historical data will be revised in the near future to reflect the controls.

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NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. Data for Puerto Rico are derived from a monthly household survey similar to the Current Population Survey. All estimates are provisional and will be revised when new benchmark and population information becomes available.

Table 5. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P
Alabama	1,872.3	1,880.6	1,883.4	1,886.5	98.3	100.6	100.7	101.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	299.2	303.7	303.6	302.8	16.6	17.6	17.8	17.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,293.8	2,337.0	2,338.2	2,348.4	177.1	191.5	192.7	192.8	172.7	172.4	171.1	171.0
Arkansas	1,142.9	1,150.9	1,152.2	1,155.1	50.1	50.3	50.6	50.9	204.4	204.2	203.0	203.8
California	14,411.4	14,529.9	14,520.6	14,523.7	789.5	817.3	814.2	817.9	1,528.0	1,530.5	1,534.4	1,531.0
Colorado	2,147.0	2,171.5	2,168.2	2,176.4	147.8	144.0	144.4	146.0	154.8	155.7	155.1	153.5
Connecticut	1,640.2	1,642.4	1,638.1	1,642.7	61.8	61.8	62.4	62.6	197.5	194.8	195.8	195.5
Delaware ³	413.8	420.6	419.5	419.1	24.5	25.1	25.5	25.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	659.3	669.1	672.0	674.0	12.6	13.7	13.7	13.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,300.8	7,449.1	7,439.6	7,456.2	447.2	467.5	466.1	467.7	386.5	387.7	385.2	383.5
Georgia	3,863.3	3,880.9	3,882.4	3,897.4	194.6	199.0	197.7	198.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	566.8	576.3	579.8	582.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	571.7	586.3	586.3	587.8	36.4	39.2	40.1	40.4	61.3	61.2	60.5	60.6
Illinois	5,811.2	5,820.8	5,822.0	5,822.7	276.8	274.9	275.4	277.0	710.8	710.2	708.9	705.7
Indiana	2,907.6	2,913.5	2,912.0	2,913.9	144.7	151.4	151.4	151.8	570.2	569.0	568.5	568.0
Iowa	1,438.4	1,444.2	1,446.4	1,449.8	65.0	65.9	67.0	66.6	219.1	219.8	220.8	221.2
Kansas	1,308.5	1,321.9	1,322.1	1,320.9	62.2	62.7	63.4	63.5	170.1	170.6	171.5	170.9
Kentucky	1,779.6	1,792.0	1,800.7	1,794.0	82.7	88.6	87.8	88.0	265.2	264.5	259.0	262.8
Louisiana	1,894.7	1,910.8	1,914.5	1,909.6	118.4	116.8	117.0	116.1	154.4	155.1	154.9	153.8
Maine	607.0	610.1	611.4	614.9	30.6	31.4	31.5	32.0	63.2	61.1	60.5	61.0
Maryland ³	2,484.7	2,526.9	2,536.8	2,536.0	168.4	177.1	178.3	177.2	145.7	144.9	144.3	144.5
Massachusetts	3,178.7	3,171.4	3,182.9	3,178.6	138.0	140.0	139.5	138.4	322.8	323.6	326.2	324.3
Michigan	4,401.7	4,375.3	4,349.5	4,356.7	191.1	191.6	194.5	190.0	723.4	701.3	685.3	705.5
Minnesota	2,659.3	2,675.8	2,672.6	2,676.3	126.6	127.0	128.0	130.2	343.0	350.9	351.4	349.3
Mississippi	1,116.6	1,124.1	1,125.3	1,125.5	51.0	50.8	49.9	50.3	175.8	180.4	181.0	180.8
Missouri ⁴	2,679.4	2,733.0	2,714.5	2,709.0	132.1	140.2	138.3	134.4	312.0	317.5	314.0	318.1
Montana	401.2	406.7	409.1	408.5	23.5	24.0	24.4	24.2	18.6	19.2	19.3	19.0
Nebraska	902.1	906.0	907.1	906.5	46.7	47.6	48.2	47.8	101.7	101.3	101.7	101.5
Nevada	1,093.4	1,130.3	1,137.1	1,139.9	101.6	110.3	111.3	112.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Hampshire	619.6	626.6	626.6	626.1	29.8	30.4	30.5	30.3	80.0	78.3	78.6	77.8
New Jersey	3,982.2	4,042.8	4,045.4	4,048.1	160.7	162.9	164.2	164.7	350.7	346.7	347.0	346.4
New Mexico	776.7	790.6	790.8	793.1	47.4	49.3	49.5	49.4	36.3	36.2	35.9	35.5
New York	8,386.7	8,464.9	8,451.0	8,456.2	318.9	322.1	321.0	324.9	607.7	596.6	590.5	592.2
North Carolina	3,817.1	3,849.8	3,860.5	3,863.4	212.6	215.6	215.9	218.8	596.5	582.6	585.4	581.3
North Dakota	334.1	335.0	332.2	334.5	16.0	16.3	16.1	16.1	24.3	24.0	24.2	24.0
Ohio	5,403.9	5,371.0	5,378.4	5,366.6	231.0	231.3	229.9	228.8	838.5	824.7	829.1	825.0
Oklahoma	1,439.5	1,461.0	1,460.0	1,458.2	62.5	64.0	64.0	64.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,564.4	1,597.6	1,599.6	1,598.7	77.4	82.0	81.0	81.3	192.8	200.7	198.9	199.0
Pennsylvania	5,599.6	5,639.6	5,636.2	5,642.6	245.6	252.0	252.1	252.2	709.2	695.9	694.6	693.4
Rhode Island	484.8	488.7	490.3	489.3	21.2	22.1	22.2	22.5	58.2	58.5	58.7	58.0
South Carolina	1,814.9	1,840.6	1,836.0	1,830.0	112.1	115.4	113.7	113.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	381.0	381.0	382.0	381.5	19.0	19.1	19.3	19.1	38.2	38.6	38.8	38.5
Tennessee	2,671.3	2,686.2	2,683.9	2,688.5	115.5	117.1	116.4	116.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Texas	9,349.5	9,450.4	9,451.7	9,466.1	546.6	550.2	549.9	551.8	893.4	890.3	886.9	885.3
Utah	1,074.9	1,089.9	1,099.2	1,102.2	67.1	69.1	70.4	70.9	111.6	113.1	112.8	112.3
Vermont	299.4	301.5	299.9	301.4	15.5	15.6	15.6	15.7	37.3	37.3	37.2	37.2
Virginia	3,503.7	3,589.6	3,590.4	3,588.7	218.7	230.2	231.6	231.4	302.6	296.7	295.5	293.5
Washington	2,659.7	2,708.8	2,718.0	2,715.0	156.2	164.1	165.1	165.0	263.7	261.1	261.8	260.9
West Virginia	727.2	732.0	733.2	734.3	32.5	33.2	33.5	33.6	64.3	63.5	63.2	63.5
Wisconsin	2,794.1	2,832.2	2,839.4	2,838.3	123.5	124.3	125.9	125.7	506.1	514.4	517.0	516.6
Wyoming	250.7	254.1	255.8	256.6	20.0	19.2	19.8	19.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P
Alabama	373.4	377.5	378.5	379.5	96.9	96.4	96.0	96.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	60.9	61.9	61.8	61.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	22.8	23.4	22.9	22.9
Arizona	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	160.0	160.8	161.1	161.6	321.1	329.2	330.1	329.9
Arkansas	239.2	239.9	240.8	241.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	103.0	104.9	103.8	104.3
California	2,725.5	2,752.5	2,747.1	2,745.9	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,107.9	2,161.5	2,167.2	2,170.1
Colorado	403.7	406.7	405.8	406.8	155.3	154.7	153.9	155.5	287.0	297.0	297.5	301.8
Connecticut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	143.6	143.5	143.2	143.6	195.2	194.0	193.8	194.2
Delaware ³	78.4	78.9	78.6	78.4	45.4	45.5	45.5	45.6	58.5	60.5	60.0	60.1
District of Columbia ³	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	141.2	144.5	145.6	145.6
Florida	1,462.7	1,475.2	1,471.4	1,471.0	487.8	496.0	496.6	498.5	1,265.9	1,312.8	1,311.7	1,316.3
Georgia	825.0	830.1	831.6	828.7	218.2	218.9	218.3	218.6	493.5	497.5	499.2	503.0
Hawaii ³	107.7	110.5	111.1	111.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Idaho	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	70.0	75.0	74.8	74.9
Illinois	1,185.5	1,182.7	1,184.9	1,187.0	403.3	406.4	404.0	405.1	767.3	771.1	770.1	770.8
Indiana	573.3	571.3	570.1	571.1	141.9	140.5	140.8	140.8	254.8	259.1	259.8	259.9
Iowa	302.9	300.2	300.1	301.8	95.3	99.6	100.0	100.2	105.6	103.7	104.4	104.3
Kansas	261.7	261.8	262.0	261.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Kentucky	372.0	372.3	371.4	371.0	86.5	87.1	86.8	86.9	153.1	153.9	154.3	153.9
Louisiana	378.9	382.9	383.5	382.9	101.6	100.8	101.0	100.8	179.0	178.6	178.3	178.0
Maine	123.6	124.4	124.3	125.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	50.7	50.8	50.9	51.4
Maryland ³	464.0	466.2	464.3	464.8	156.4	158.5	158.2	158.3	359.6	372.0	373.1	375.5
Massachusetts	570.7	566.3	567.5	567.3	223.1	221.6	221.7	222.3	435.6	433.0	433.6	432.8
Michigan	815.3	804.2	806.9	797.5	220.4	214.9	214.1	214.1	586.9	592.2	586.6	591.8
Minnesota	518.7	522.9	522.9	523.4	176.0	176.8	176.9	176.6	294.7	298.8	297.0	300.3
Mississippi	219.6	218.0	217.2	218.0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Missouri	532.7	532.6	533.7	532.2	163.0	164.9	163.8	163.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Montana	84.3	85.5	85.9	85.3	20.5	20.8	20.9	20.9	32.9	33.8	33.9	33.7
Nebraska	194.5	194.7	196.2	193.8	61.6	61.9	62.4	62.6	91.4	92.8	92.3	92.2
Nevada	193.6	200.5	200.1	200.2	58.9	61.2	62.2	61.5	122.9	127.5	130.6	130.9
New Hampshire	139.6	142.3	141.2	141.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
New Jersey	872.2	881.8	876.4	875.7	277.9	285.9	286.8	286.7	574.5	587.9	586.9	587.7
New Mexico	135.8	137.5	137.2	138.2	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.5	88.4	89.4	89.7	90.2
New York	1,471.5	1,477.1	1,476.4	1,475.5	697.8	704.5	704.6	704.9	1,039.2	1,057.1	1,060.7	1,058.6
North Carolina	722.8	728.7	729.6	729.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	425.4	443.7	441.1	443.3
North Dakota	72.0	72.3	72.3	72.4	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.5	23.8	23.5	23.7	23.8
Ohio	1,045.0	1,041.5	1,040.3	1,038.3	312.4	312.5	313.7	314.4	606.5	607.2	607.3	606.3
Oklahoma	275.5	277.6	275.0	276.5	83.5	84.9	84.2	84.7	154.7	159.5	158.6	159.6
Oregon	315.2	319.9	317.9	316.9	98.1	98.6	98.7	98.5	170.5	177.0	178.5	179.1
Pennsylvania	1,114.6	1,123.8	1,121.5	1,121.8	338.4	339.4	339.4	340.2	597.6	604.7	605.7	607.1
Rhode Island	80.8	82.0	81.6	81.6	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	50.1	49.8	49.5	48.7
South Carolina	346.7	350.7	350.7	349.5	93.6	94.5	93.4	93.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
South Dakota	77.0	77.5	78.1	78.1	27.4	27.9	27.7	27.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tennessee	581.0	587.0	586.5	587.4	139.6	139.5	140.2	140.0	287.6	286.0	285.8	287.4
Texas	1,922.3	1,946.0	1,950.9	1,954.9	587.6	589.5	588.6	589.5	1,037.4	1,051.8	1,057.4	1,063.1
Utah	213.6	217.8	218.5	218.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	132.1	138.6	138.4	139.6
Vermont	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20.4	20.6	20.7	20.7
Virginia	636.2	654.7	654.3	653.8	188.9	192.5	192.7	192.5	549.6	576.7	579.8	582.0
Washington	511.4	522.3	521.5	521.6	154.1	157.3	157.8	157.1	291.4	301.9	303.5	304.9
West Virginia	135.8	137.0	137.2	137.4	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	56.0	57.1	57.0	57.1
Wisconsin	543.9	550.5	551.2	550.6	158.1	159.8	161.1	161.0	246.5	260.6	261.2	263.6
Wyoming	48.6	49.3	49.3	49.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	15.8	15.9	15.8	15.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Government			
	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P	Aug. 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004P
Alabama	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	154.8	154.7	155.4	155.9	359.4	359.6	359.3	359.7
Alaska	33.0	34.3	35.0	35.1	29.7	29.6	30.2	30.2	81.2	81.4	81.0	80.9
Arizona	247.9	258.3	255.1	258.8	230.9	234.4	235.5	236.3	396.8	396.1	396.9	404.2
Arkansas	140.2	142.9	143.3	145.2	88.3	90.6	91.5	91.7	198.8	198.4	199.4	198.7
California	1,539.7	1,563.7	1,564.0	1,560.3	1,400.5	1,417.4	1,417.9	1,418.7	2,425.6	2,391.6	2,395.2	2,390.9
Colorado	213.6	219.8	219.5	219.6	245.1	247.5	248.5	250.9	355.3	360.8	359.1	359.7
Connecticut	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	246.8	244.7	242.4	245.5
Delaware ³	49.7	51.6	51.5	51.7	39.3	39.3	39.5	39.7	56.1	57.4	57.0	57.6
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	48.8	50.4	50.4	50.5	229.5	229.8	230.0	235.5
Florida	889.0	906.3	906.9	910.7	806.6	830.8	826.7	829.9	1,059.3	1,069.0	1,072.3	1,077.4
Georgia	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	350.9	352.8	351.2	354.0	633.2	632.2	635.6	647.2
Hawaii ³	65.4	67.1	67.5	67.8	99.6	102.6	103.0	103.3	119.1	119.2	120.4	121.0
Idaho	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	54.5	55.8	56.5	56.8	112.8	114.5	113.7	113.5
Illinois	720.7	723.3	727.4	728.7	503.7	509.3	512.0	511.9	855.0	853.7	852.8	853.3
Indiana	367.7	371.3	371.1	371.0	275.5	272.2	272.4	274.7	424.9	423.6	423.0	421.6
Iowa	189.5	192.3	193.9	194.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	244.6	243.6	241.8	243.6
Kansas	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	109.0	113.4	113.4	112.4	250.1	251.6	250.0	250.6
Kentucky	226.6	229.9	230.5	229.7	156.8	163.8	164.9	165.4	310.0	303.4	317.1	307.5
Louisiana	244.7	248.9	248.4	248.5	198.6	201.5	200.0	198.3	373.0	378.1	383.3	383.7
Maine	107.2	108.5	109.1	108.7	58.5	58.8	59.2	59.4	103.6	104.3	104.5	105.2
Maryland ³	339.2	349.6	348.4	349.7	218.3	232.4	234.6	236.9	468.0	462.9	473.7	464.4
Massachusetts	576.1	575.9	579.8	580.1	287.3	291.8	292.7	292.7	417.5	412.3	413.8	413.6
Michigan	542.2	546.0	544.1	547.5	402.9	406.0	407.3	407.8	669.8	668.0	659.3	654.6
Minnesota	369.3	373.9	375.1	375.5	234.7	242.4	240.1	239.8	408.8	398.0	395.7	396.1
Mississippi	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	122.9	122.8	123.3	123.1	245.4	246.7	246.8	244.7
Missouri ⁴	347.9	366.6	369.2	372.7	267.5	271.1	268.6	267.9	429.9	436.1	425.6	419.0
Montana	53.2	53.7	53.0	53.9	52.3	53.1	53.6	53.7	86.4	86.1	87.1	86.6
Nebraska	111.5	111.6	110.5	110.6	78.4	79.4	79.5	79.1	158.5	158.4	158.3	160.4
Nevada	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	306.5	311.1	312.9	313.8	134.9	138.0	138.1	138.2
New Hampshire	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	63.4	65.9	65.7	65.9	89.5	90.0	89.7	90.4
New Jersey	541.7	551.0	555.9	556.3	321.2	328.2	327.7	328.5	626.0	640.2	642.9	643.8
New Mexico	99.2	103.0	104.2	104.3	81.8	83.7	84.1	84.0	195.0	198.5	197.5	198.4
New York	1,496.6	1,525.9	1,527.0	1,530.2	641.9	656.8	658.6	659.3	1,481.0	1,487.6	1,473.4	1,472.5
North Carolina	436.8	443.6	446.4	453.2	334.2	339.2	339.1	342.0	648.8	656.1	655.3	654.3
North Dakota	48.1	47.8	47.9	47.9	30.6	30.3	30.4	30.5	74.2	76.2	72.8	74.7
Ohio	727.7	731.5	732.8	732.2	499.4	485.8	485.0	485.8	805.5	801.5	804.9	801.5
Oklahoma	173.7	177.9	178.6	177.5	125.7	126.8	128.3	126.6	287.7	293.0	292.3	291.1
Oregon	190.5	192.3	194.1	194.2	151.4	153.8	157.4	157.4	267.7	271.8	272.0	271.5
Pennsylvania	979.2	991.6	992.4	993.2	472.7	480.3	482.9	484.7	739.7	746.7	743.2	745.2
Rhode Island	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	49.6	50.3	51.3	51.1	66.6	66.8	66.5	66.4
South Carolina	178.8	188.0	190.4	190.9	188.2	194.5	193.6	192.3	330.7	331.0	333.2	329.9
South Dakota	55.7	55.5	55.8	56.0	41.4	40.2	39.9	39.9	74.8	74.7	74.7	74.1
Tennessee	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	248.7	253.8	252.5	254.2	414.4	413.1	413.7	413.7
Texas	1,121.7	1,151.2	1,154.5	1,159.0	857.0	872.4	871.8	876.5	1,649.2	1,660.5	1,642.6	1,652.0
Utah	118.4	120.4	119.7	120.2	99.8	101.2	102.4	102.4	198.3	196.7	199.8	199.6
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	51.9	52.3	51.7	51.9
Virginia	368.6	378.5	375.7	375.3	307.8	313.3	312.0	312.6	638.2	648.9	651.4	649.8
Washington	313.2	317.8	320.0	320.4	248.5	249.3	251.3	251.7	521.2	527.8	528.9	525.3
West Virginia	108.6	108.7	107.7	108.2	66.5	67.8	68.7	68.3	142.8	141.9	143.1	144.0
Wisconsin	369.6	375.4	380.0	380.5	251.0	255.5	255.2	255.2	410.0	407.6	406.1	403.5
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	30.4	30.4	30.5	31.2	63.5	64.4	64.9	64.4

¹ Includes natural resources and mining, information, and other services, except public administration, not shown separately.

² This series is not published seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

³ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

⁴ Seasonally adjusted total and government employment data for Missouri have been corrected from January 1999 forward.

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted

(In thousands)

State	Total				Natural resources and mining				Construction				Manufacturing			
	July		August		July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Alabama	1,862.1	1,872.5	1,869.3	1,877.1	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	98.8	101.9	99.7	102.6	290.9	289.1	291.9	290.4
Alaska	319.4	324.3	319.7	323.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	20.2	21.1	20.7	21.9	19.6	20.3	17.9	17.9
Arizona	2,232.9	2,285.4	2,265.6	2,320.0	8.1	8.5	8.0	8.4	177.6	194.0	179.7	195.4	173.4	171.6	173.3	171.7
Arkansas	1,129.3	1,139.3	1,139.8	1,147.9	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	52.0	52.0	52.5	52.3	204.5	203.5	205.0	204.0
California	14,299.3	14,454.3	14,360.7	14,461.3	22.9	23.0	23.0	23.0	801.4	833.6	815.7	847.0	1,536.2	1,541.9	1,545.6	1,550.6
Colorado	2,153.8	2,171.2	2,161.5	2,178.0	13.5	13.9	13.6	14.3	156.2	152.9	156.2	153.2	155.8	155.2	155.8	153.1
Connecticut	1,632.9	1,634.0	1,630.6	1,633.7	.8	.8	.7	.8	65.6	66.0	65.9	66.4	196.9	194.7	197.1	195.1
Delaware	417.2	424.1	417.2	422.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	25.4	26.5	25.5	26.2	35.0	35.5	35.6	34.9
District of Columbia	672.0	679.5	661.6	674.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.0	13.8	13.0	13.8	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
Florida	7,167.6	7,327.3	7,275.4	7,430.7	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	445.3	468.2	448.7	469.2	383.8	382.9	385.1	382.2
Georgia	3,832.8	3,873.5	3,873.3	3,904.0	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.4	196.9	202.2	197.9	202.6	446.3	447.3	447.2	448.3
Hawaii	560.8	575.2	562.0	575.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	28.1	28.8	28.4	29.0	14.9	15.3	14.9	15.3
Idaho	575.0	589.5	578.4	592.2	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.4	39.4	43.3	40.1	44.2	62.1	61.2	62.1	61.4
Illinois	5,823.8	5,840.6	5,827.3	5,839.6	9.7	10.2	9.8	10.1	292.8	293.4	295.6	296.0	713.0	708.5	712.3	706.9
Indiana	2,861.1	2,878.6	2,890.7	2,897.8	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3	152.2	160.4	153.6	160.8	565.9	566.6	573.5	571.3
Iowa	1,427.3	1,436.3	1,430.9	1,439.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	71.1	73.8	72.0	73.6	220.1	222.4	220.6	222.2
Kansas	1,299.6	1,309.3	1,293.7	1,306.3	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.5	66.6	67.9	65.7	67.1	171.3	172.1	171.2	172.0
Kentucky	1,766.7	1,780.0	1,782.8	1,791.4	18.7	19.5	18.9	19.5	86.4	91.3	86.4	91.1	262.7	257.5	266.0	262.9
Louisiana	1,889.5	1,900.9	1,894.1	1,895.2	47.4	47.7	47.6	47.4	119.4	117.1	119.5	116.7	154.4	155.4	155.2	154.8
Maine	617.1	621.2	618.9	623.4	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.6	33.1	34.2	33.1	34.5	62.9	60.2	64.5	61.9
Maryland	2,471.9	2,521.1	2,484.8	2,520.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	172.4	182.1	173.7	182.1	146.1	144.8	146.5	144.9
Massachusetts	3,188.6	3,179.1	3,176.6	3,168.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	146.4	147.1	146.0	146.4	320.7	323.8	322.6	323.8
Michigan	4,362.0	4,307.1	4,374.4	4,330.0	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.2	207.8	211.3	207.0	206.0	709.6	675.5	727.9	709.9
Minnesota	2,661.7	2,679.1	2,662.5	2,679.7	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.0	140.1	143.1	142.7	146.4	346.4	354.5	349.0	355.2
Mississippi	1,109.9	1,119.7	1,115.6	1,124.5	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.9	51.1	51.0	51.9	51.2	177.1	180.3	175.7	180.6
Missouri ²	2,644.8	2,687.7	2,652.1	2,686.2	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.5	141.3	147.4	141.3	143.6	306.3	310.9	312.9	319.2
Montana	404.2	411.1	407.5	412.6	6.2	7.0	6.1	7.1	25.8	26.5	26.1	26.6	19.2	19.4	19.0	19.3
Nebraska	901.2	904.8	899.1	903.9	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	48.6	51.4	49.9	51.0	101.9	102.2	101.9	101.7
Nevada	1,083.6	1,131.6	1,093.1	1,139.6	9.0	9.3	9.0	9.2	102.3	113.3	104.5	115.7	43.8	45.7	44.1	45.8
New Hampshire	618.7	628.3	621.2	627.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	31.2	32.2	31.5	32.1	78.4	77.8	79.9	77.7
New Jersey	4,002.8	4,062.3	3,983.7	4,048.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	167.2	170.9	167.5	171.6	350.7	345.3	351.2	346.9
New Mexico	772.4	788.7	777.4	793.5	14.3	14.8	14.3	15.0	48.6	50.9	49.1	51.1	36.8	36.3	37.6	37.2
New York	8,382.6	8,453.8	8,359.5	8,429.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	337.3	340.2	339.3	346.6	606.8	591.7	610.5	595.2
North Carolina	3,764.1	3,807.2	3,811.5	3,858.3	7.7	7.0	7.9	7.0	217.6	220.3	216.1	222.4	598.6	583.9	597.7	582.5
North Dakota	327.5	328.4	330.6	330.9	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	18.4	18.9	19.0	19.1	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.6
Ohio	5,385.6	5,369.4	5,395.7	5,367.5	11.9	12.3	11.9	12.1	245.6	246.5	248.3	246.3	834.7	823.6	841.6	828.1
Oklahoma	1,426.0	1,447.9	1,433.6	1,449.0	29.0	31.8	29.4	31.4	64.8	65.6	64.5	65.3	141.2	141.2	142.2	141.3
Oregon	1,548.7	1,589.1	1,559.7	1,594.0	9.6	10.0	9.8	10.1	80.3	84.4	82.8	86.6	197.0	203.8	198.5	204.5
Pennsylvania	5,580.0	5,616.9	5,573.0	5,616.8	18.2	18.4	18.3	18.5	260.7	268.1	262.7	269.3	713.4	696.8	713.2	697.4
Rhode Island	482.1	486.7	484.7	489.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	22.7	23.9	22.8	24.1	55.5	55.3	58.1	58.2
South Carolina	1,786.8	1,816.9	1,813.3	1,829.1	5.1	4.5	5.1	4.5	112.9	115.1	113.8	114.7	274.8	270.8	274.3	270.5
South Dakota	381.7	385.6	383.4	385.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	21.9	22.1	21.8	21.9	38.1	38.7	38.0	38.3
Tennessee	2,650.4	2,672.7	2,673.9	2,691.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	118.5	119.8	119.2	120.6	411.2	413.1	413.6	414.8
Texas	9,289.4	9,395.0	9,341.1	9,439.6	147.9	149.8	148.8	150.0	553.6	558.4	556.3	559.6	896.9	888.1	896.4	887.1
Utah	1,064.3	1,088.8	1,071.6	1,096.4	6.9	7.2	6.8	7.4	70.3	74.3	71.7	75.8	112.1	113.4	112.3	113.9
Vermont	293.7	295.2	294.7	296.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	17.2	17.2	17.4	17.4	37.7	37.4	37.7	37.5
Virginia	3,493.4	3,582.6	3,499.2	3,577.9	10.1	10.5	10.1	10.7	224.1	237.6	225.7	237.3	302.6	293.6	302.8	294.2
Washington	2,663.1	2,719.6	2,664.4	2,715.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	8.9	163.2	171.8	166.9	175.5	268.3	264.3	268.0	265.2
West Virginia	728.5	733.2	729.8	733.8	22.0	23.0	21.7	23.1	34.5	35.3	34.9	35.6	64.9	63.6	64.6	63.8
Wisconsin	2,797.6	2,846.6	2,804.8	2,851.3	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	135.9	138.7	135.7	137.9	511.7	522.0	513.7	524.5
Wyoming	257.3	263.2	258.7	263.3	18.9	20.8	19.2	21.2	21.1	21.5	22.3	21.6	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.7
Puerto Rico	1,005.1	1,006.0	989.8	1,001.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	70.2	67.0	70.8	67.3	114.7	114.5	115.4	114.8

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Trade, transportation, and utilities				Information				Financial activities				Professional and business services			
	July		August		July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Alabama	372.4	376.7	373.1	376.9	31.8	30.5	31.5	30.3	97.7	96.6	97.7	96.5	186.0	189.3	187.5	189.8
Alaska	65.8	66.7	65.9	66.7	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	24.4	24.5	24.7	24.8
Arizona	438.0	444.1	439.4	444.9	49.5	46.8	48.9	46.4	159.8	160.6	159.8	161.3	320.7	329.2	321.4	330.2
Arkansas	238.6	240.4	239.6	240.8	20.4	20.2	20.4	20.2	50.9	51.5	50.9	51.5	102.5	104.7	105.3	106.2
California	2,704.1	2,739.4	2,720.8	2,741.8	461.6	454.3	471.0	459.7	891.5	900.2	896.4	902.9	2,097.4	2,174.4	2,122.3	2,180.7
Colorado	403.4	407.2	405.2	408.7	84.8	82.1	84.4	81.2	155.3	155.6	155.8	156.5	291.5	301.5	294.2	305.5
Connecticut	301.3	302.3	300.1	301.1	39.7	39.7	39.6	39.6	145.4	144.5	144.9	144.8	196.6	194.7	197.7	195.7
Delaware	78.8	79.5	79.1	79.1	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	46.5	46.3	46.0	46.2	59.0	60.4	58.9	60.5
District of Columbia	27.6	27.9	27.9	28.0	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	31.1	31.3	30.8	31.1	142.7	147.1	141.7	146.3
Florida	1,446.9	1,456.7	1,449.8	1,457.9	171.0	169.5	171.2	168.8	487.6	497.6	488.4	499.2	1,259.3	1,309.7	1,264.1	1,314.5
Georgia	819.4	819.4	823.1	820.6	125.8	127.1	126.4	127.2	218.8	220.0	219.6	220.7	493.8	502.5	500.0	506.3
Hawaii	107.2	111.1	107.6	111.3	10.0	10.5	10.0	10.7	28.6	28.9	28.7	28.8	69.3	70.7	70.1	70.8
Idaho	115.4	117.6	116.3	118.6	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.4	27.5	27.6	27.6	27.8	70.9	75.6	72.4	76.6
Illinois	1,178.6	1,181.5	1,183.6	1,185.3	135.5	131.3	134.9	131.3	404.9	407.4	405.5	407.2	771.0	774.4	773.7	777.5
Indiana	572.6	569.8	572.8	570.5	41.3	41.1	41.6	40.8	142.9	141.7	142.6	141.5	255.1	261.5	258.2	263.2
Iowa	304.9	302.0	304.9	303.9	34.0	33.4	33.6	33.0	95.9	100.6	96.1	100.8	106.2	104.8	107.3	105.0
Kansas	261.7	261.7	261.4	261.0	46.9	47.6	45.7	47.1	70.5	71.4	70.4	71.4	125.0	126.4	125.0	126.5
Kentucky	370.3	370.4	372.8	370.7	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	86.3	87.1	87.2	87.5	152.4	154.7	155.8	155.2
Louisiana	377.6	381.5	379.3	381.9	28.3	29.1	28.9	28.8	101.6	101.1	102.0	101.1	178.5	177.4	179.2	177.1
Maine	126.2	128.0	127.1	128.9	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.2	35.5	35.5	35.4	35.5	51.5	52.2	51.9	52.7
Maryland	460.3	466.4	462.7	466.1	50.1	50.5	49.7	50.1	157.7	159.7	157.8	159.6	363.6	374.7	365.7	377.9
Massachusetts	570.5	566.1	568.1	564.1	91.2	88.0	91.1	87.5	226.0	224.0	225.9	224.5	443.2	438.1	442.3	438.6
Michigan	816.7	807.7	819.0	801.4	70.6	68.2	70.3	67.1	223.3	217.4	224.0	217.8	592.7	589.7	593.3	598.3
Minnesota	521.3	525.6	520.9	525.5	64.0	63.0	62.4	61.6	179.1	178.6	177.5	178.2	296.8	299.8	297.6	303.3
Mississippi	219.3	217.0	219.6	218.0	14.7	14.6	14.9	14.5	46.2	46.6	46.6	46.7	78.9	82.4	80.5	82.8
Missouri	530.3	533.3	531.5	530.8	66.4	66.2	66.1	65.0	164.0	164.8	164.3	164.3	304.4	310.6	305.7	312.2
Montana	85.1	86.8	85.6	86.3	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.9	20.6	21.1	20.8	21.1	33.6	34.5	34.0	34.9
Nebraska	193.5	195.2	194.4	193.7	21.8	21.3	21.4	21.3	62.6	63.0	61.9	62.9	90.8	91.7	91.2	91.9
Nevada	194.1	201.8	195.9	202.6	15.7	15.6	15.6	15.6	59.1	61.6	59.1	61.7	120.1	128.6	123.8	131.9
New Hampshire	138.9	141.4	139.9	142.0	11.8	11.5	11.7	11.5	37.6	38.7	37.7	38.8	54.8	54.6	55.2	54.7
New Jersey	873.1	875.0	871.3	874.6	102.7	101.4	103.0	101.5	280.6	289.4	280.4	289.2	577.1	591.9	580.4	593.8
New Mexico	134.9	137.1	136.1	138.4	16.0	14.6	15.8	14.5	34.3	34.8	34.5	34.8	88.8	90.9	89.1	91.1
New York	1,458.0	1,466.2	1,460.4	1,467.5	272.9	278.3	279.8	278.5	705.6	711.9	704.5	711.0	1,049.3	1,068.5	1,049.3	1,065.9
North Carolina	720.9	730.0	724.7	731.6	75.3	75.3	75.5	74.8	194.8	198.6	195.3	199.6	423.9	441.9	427.2	445.2
North Dakota	71.7	72.1	71.9	72.3	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.7	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.6	23.7	23.8	24.2	24.2
Ohio	1,043.3	1,039.6	1,045.6	1,038.8	98.2	95.6	97.7	95.3	315.5	316.7	315.2	317.1	610.2	611.5	613.8	613.5
Oklahoma	274.3	275.6	275.6	275.5	31.9	31.9	31.6	32.0	84.2	84.7	84.5	85.1	156.5	160.7	157.1	160.8
Oregon	314.8	318.3	317.0	318.8	33.4	32.9	33.8	32.9	98.4	99.7	99.7	100.0	170.7	180.1	173.6	182.5
Pennsylvania	1,108.3	1,114.0	1,108.1	1,115.2	123.9	122.5	124.1	122.4	341.6	343.2	341.7	343.4	601.5	611.3	604.6	614.6
Rhode Island	80.2	81.2	80.4	81.2	11.1	10.8	11.1	10.7	34.0	33.3	34.0	33.3	50.6	49.8	51.1	50.0
South Carolina	346.7	351.1	347.8	350.6	26.7	25.9	26.8	25.7	94.3	94.4	94.1	94.2	188.4	193.3	190.1	192.9
South Dakota	77.3	78.5	77.7	78.8	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.7	27.3	28.0	27.6	27.9	23.7	23.9	23.9	24.1
Tennessee	576.9	583.9	580.0	586.5	51.7	50.9	51.6	50.8	140.1	140.6	140.5	140.9	284.4	285.2	289.8	289.6
Texas	1,912.8	1,946.2	1,926.8	1,955.7	235.9	232.3	235.0	231.5	589.5	592.4	591.4	593.3	1,040.7	1,064.2	1,048.6	1,069.5
Utah	212.7	217.9	214.2	219.6	30.1	30.0	30.2	30.1	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.2	132.9	139.4	134.9	141.6
Vermont	57.8	58.1	58.1	58.2	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.6	13.5	13.2	13.5	13.3	21.0	21.1	21.1	21.2
Virginia	632.9	653.8	636.3	654.9	101.6	100.9	101.1	100.4	190.2	194.8	190.6	194.5	551.4	583.6	555.7	588.0
Washington	513.9	525.6	514.8	527.1	92.4	97.8	93.2	98.2	155.1	159.0	156.0	159.0	293.0	305.3	297.4	308.5
West Virginia	135.8	137.4	136.4	137.6	12.9	12.5	12.8	12.3	31.0	31.5	31.0	31.4	56.5	57.3	56.7	56.9
Wisconsin	541.0	550.5	545.2	552.1	50.2	48.2	49.5	48.5	159.0	162.2	159.0	161.9	249.4	265.5	253.0	270.8
Wyoming	50.2	50.7	50.3	50.9	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	10.5	10.8	10.5	10.9	16.6	16.4	16.7	16.4
Puerto Rico	177.1	181.0	177.1	181.5	21.4	23.0	21.3	22.8	41.4	41.6	41.6	41.4	95.7	93.1	95.1	92.9

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Table 6. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, not seasonally adjusted—Continued

(In thousands)

State	Education and health services				Leisure and hospitality				Other services				Government			
	July		August		July		August		July		August		July		August	
	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P	2003	2004	2003	2004 ^P
Alabama	185.1	186.3	185.3	187.1	158.4	160.0	159.3	159.5	84.2	83.6	84.4	83.8	344.4	346.0	346.4	347.7
Alaska	33.0	35.2	33.2	35.3	35.5	36.1	35.5	36.1	11.5	10.8	11.5	10.7	77.0	77.1	77.8	77.5
Arizona	243.3	254.3	247.3	258.3	225.8	230.4	225.9	231.3	85.3	87.9	85.6	88.0	351.4	358.0	376.3	384.1
Arkansas	136.7	141.0	138.9	143.1	91.8	93.5	91.9	93.6	41.1	41.3	41.0	41.1	183.8	184.1	187.2	187.9
California	1,509.0	1,540.7	1,510.7	1,534.6	1,426.9	1,443.4	1,434.4	1,443.4	505.5	502.6	506.0	502.9	2,342.8	2,300.8	2,314.8	2,274.7
Colorado	212.3	217.2	213.0	218.2	255.9	258.1	257.9	260.0	87.2	88.5	86.7	87.1	337.9	339.0	338.7	340.2
Connecticut	259.0	260.8	256.1	258.4	136.0	140.7	134.6	139.5	63.7	64.1	63.1	63.5	227.9	225.7	230.8	228.8
Delaware	48.9	50.8	49.2	51.2	42.7	43.1	42.9	43.3	18.7	18.9	18.9	18.8	54.8	55.7	53.6	55.0
District of Columbia	86.0	86.2	84.6	84.7	49.2	51.2	48.4	50.4	56.2	56.3	55.7	55.7	238.9	238.5	232.3	236.9
Florida	875.0	897.2	883.3	905.1	793.9	817.1	797.2	820.4	316.3	325.6	317.2	324.9	981.3	995.4	1,063.1	1,081.2
Georgia	383.3	391.0	388.2	394.3	356.3	361.8	359.3	362.7	175.2	177.3	176.2	177.5	604.7	612.5	623.0	631.4
Hawaii	65.1	67.3	64.7	66.6	99.6	103.5	100.2	103.5	24.1	24.5	24.3	24.5	113.9	114.6	113.1	115.1
Idaho	61.8	63.0	62.0	63.6	58.2	59.8	59.1	60.5	18.7	19.0	18.9	19.1	107.7	108.6	106.5	106.6
Illinois	713.9	721.4	713.3	721.3	522.0	532.8	524.1	532.5	255.5	255.1	255.0	253.5	826.9	824.6	819.5	818.0
Indiana	354.0	358.9	355.9	359.3	283.4	281.4	285.4	285.0	107.6	107.6	106.6	107.8	378.9	382.3	393.3	390.3
Iowa	180.3	184.0	180.6	184.5	132.3	133.1	133.7	134.2	56.7	57.5	56.7	57.8	223.8	222.6	223.3	222.0
Kansas	154.7	156.7	154.4	156.9	112.1	116.1	112.2	115.7	53.0	53.4	53.1	53.6	231.3	229.6	228.0	228.5
Kentucky	224.6	228.7	225.7	229.0	162.4	170.5	163.5	170.7	77.3	79.3	78.0	79.2	295.5	290.8	298.3	295.4
Louisiana	239.4	244.3	241.7	245.5	200.6	202.4	201.7	200.5	70.6	71.1	70.7	71.6	371.7	373.8	368.3	369.8
Maine	106.4	108.0	105.9	107.5	74.1	75.2	74.2	75.3	22.0	22.1	22.0	22.0	91.5	92.0	90.9	91.3
Maryland	336.4	346.0	335.1	345.1	235.4	249.4	235.8	249.8	120.1	119.7	118.2	119.2	429.8	427.8	439.6	425.5
Massachusetts	560.6	564.7	557.7	561.6	314.3	319.7	314.1	319.3	121.2	120.8	119.8	120.7	392.6	385.0	387.1	379.8
Michigan	533.8	535.7	532.4	537.5	424.8	429.0	424.0	429.6	171.7	174.8	171.2	172.8	602.6	589.5	596.9	581.4
Minnesota	362.2	368.4	362.0	368.1	248.2	254.6	250.4	255.8	119.8	117.6	119.8	118.0	377.4	367.9	374.3	361.6
Mississippi	113.5	117.3	113.7	118.5	125.4	125.9	125.5	125.7	37.2	37.1	36.8	36.6	237.7	238.8	241.7	241.0
Missouri ²	340.2	361.2	339.9	364.2	278.2	279.5	277.3	278.0	119.3	121.8	118.8	120.8	389.7	387.4	389.6	383.6
Montana	51.6	52.1	52.2	53.1	58.3	58.9	58.8	59.1	16.1	16.4	16.0	16.4	80.1	80.6	81.2	80.8
Nebraska	111.1	109.4	110.8	109.9	80.7	82.4	80.7	81.9	35.5	35.8	34.5	35.4	153.3	151.1	150.9	152.8
Nevada	74.7	79.1	75.4	79.5	307.0	314.2	308.1	315.4	31.0	32.4	31.0	32.4	126.8	130.0	126.6	129.8
New Hampshire	92.7	94.9	92.5	95.0	71.4	75.0	72.0	74.8	20.5	20.1	20.2	19.8	80.4	81.1	79.6	80.4
New Jersey	538.0	551.4	533.7	548.2	352.3	359.4	349.7	357.1	155.9	158.1	155.1	157.6	603.6	617.9	589.8	606.2
New Mexico	95.3	100.1	96.2	101.0	84.9	86.6	85.3	87.0	30.5	31.1	30.3	30.9	188.0	191.5	189.1	192.5
New York	1,455.8	1,491.3	1,447.0	1,483.5	687.0	701.1	684.0	700.7	349.9	352.0	347.6	350.6	1,454.3	1,446.9	1,431.3	1,423.8
North Carolina	424.8	439.3	429.0	445.4	353.7	361.4	353.5	361.6	167.1	165.8	165.0	164.1	579.7	583.7	619.6	624.1
North Dakota	48.2	47.7	47.9	47.7	31.2	31.2	31.5	31.4	15.3	15.1	15.5	15.4	65.5	65.9	67.1	67.3
Ohio	713.1	720.1	714.5	719.0	522.3	516.9	523.8	519.4	228.5	227.0	228.0	226.6	762.3	759.6	755.3	751.3
Oklahoma	171.6	175.8	173.1	176.2	128.4	131.2	129.5	131.3	73.7	74.9	73.3	74.0	270.4	274.5	272.8	276.1
Oregon	185.3	187.3	183.7	187.3	157.2	163.7	158.4	164.4	57.7	58.3	57.4	58.0	244.3	250.6	245.0	248.9
Pennsylvania	958.0	970.5	953.8	967.9	500.9	514.0	502.0	514.9	264.8	268.1	263.0	266.9	688.7	690.0	681.5	686.3
Rhode Island	86.8	89.5	86.3	89.6	55.0	56.0	54.9	55.9	23.6	24.2	23.4	24.0	62.4	62.5	62.4	62.0
South Carolina	171.8	184.3	174.7	186.5	204.5	210.7	202.8	206.9	66.0	65.5	65.2	64.7	295.6	301.3	318.6	317.9
South Dakota	54.8	55.2	55.0	55.4	44.9	44.8	45.3	45.3	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.3	69.9	70.3	70.5	69.8
Tennessee	310.6	316.3	312.2	315.6	256.7	262.5	257.6	263.3	103.6	104.2	102.9	103.5	392.5	391.9	402.2	401.4
Texas	1,112.1	1,146.4	1,122.0	1,155.9	875.6	892.9	879.4	896.0	361.7	362.8	360.6	361.7	1,562.7	1,561.5	1,575.8	1,579.3
Utah	114.3	118.9	115.3	119.7	101.9	103.6	102.7	104.6	33.2	33.4	33.4	33.3	185.0	185.9	185.0	185.2
Vermont	51.7	52.9	51.7	52.9	33.8	34.2	34.6	34.7	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.4	43.2	43.0	42.8	43.0
Virginia	352.2	358.5	353.7	357.4	330.2	335.0	329.3	332.4	182.7	187.6	182.4	188.7	615.4	626.7	611.5	619.4
Washington	307.9	313.6	307.3	314.0	258.7	261.6	261.7	263.7	100.6	102.7	100.8	102.9	500.9	509.1	489.2	492.1
West Virginia	106.7	106.8	107.1	106.7	69.8	70.6	70.2	70.8	55.5	55.7	55.3	55.5	138.9	139.5	139.1	140.1
Wisconsin	364.9	375.9	365.2	376.1	267.9	272.3	269.2	274.0	131.5	128.9	131.4	128.7	382.0	378.2	378.7	372.6
Wyoming	20.8	22.0	20.8	22.0	36.6	37.4	36.2	36.8	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.6	59.2	60.4	59.2	60.1
Puerto Rico	85.9	88.0	87.3	88.4	66.6	68.7	67.7	69.4	16.2	15.9	16.3	16.0	314.7	312.0	296.0	305.7

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

² Not seasonally adjusted total and government employment data for Missouri have been corrected for July and August of 2001-03.

^P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2003 benchmark levels. Estimates subsequent to the current benchmarks are provisional and will be revised when new information becomes available.

Chart 1. Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted August 2004

(U.S. rate = 5.4 percent)

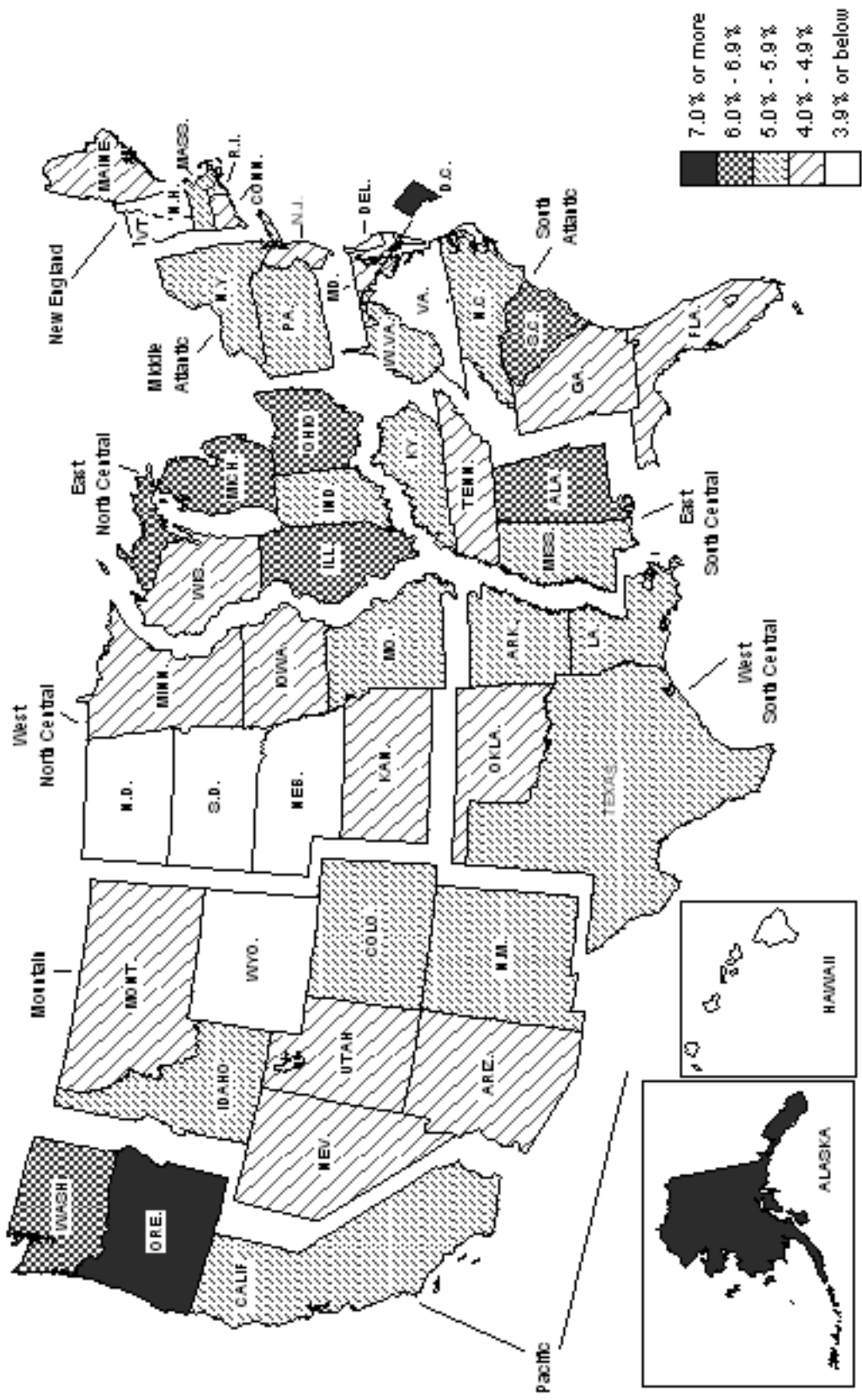


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, August 2003 – August 2004

