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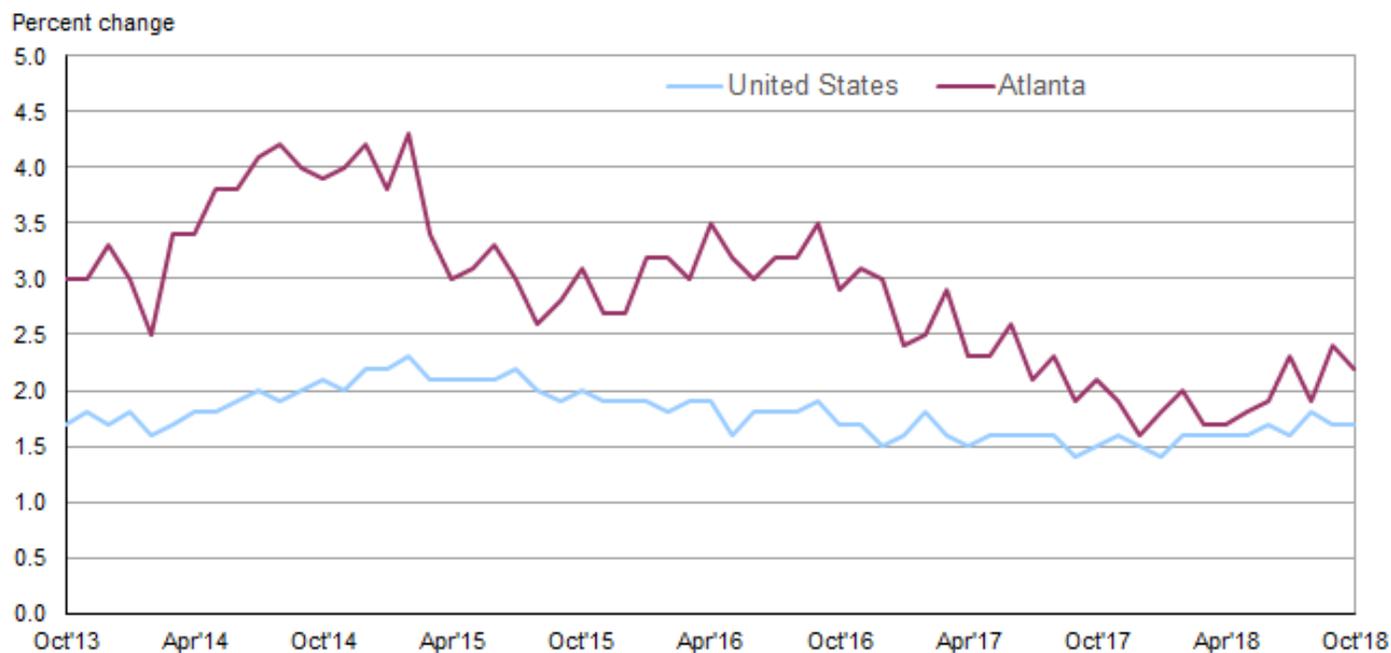
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## **Atlanta Area Employment – October 2018** **Local Rate of Employment Growth Above the National Average**

Total nonfarm employment for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 2,813,000 in October 2018, up 60,800, or 2.2 percent, over the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. During the same period, the national rate of job growth was 1.7 percent. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the Atlanta area has had over-the-year employment gains each month since July 2010. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#); the [Technical Note](#) at the end of this release contains metropolitan area definitions. All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year analysis is used throughout.)

**Chart 1. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year percent change in the United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, October 2013–October 2018**

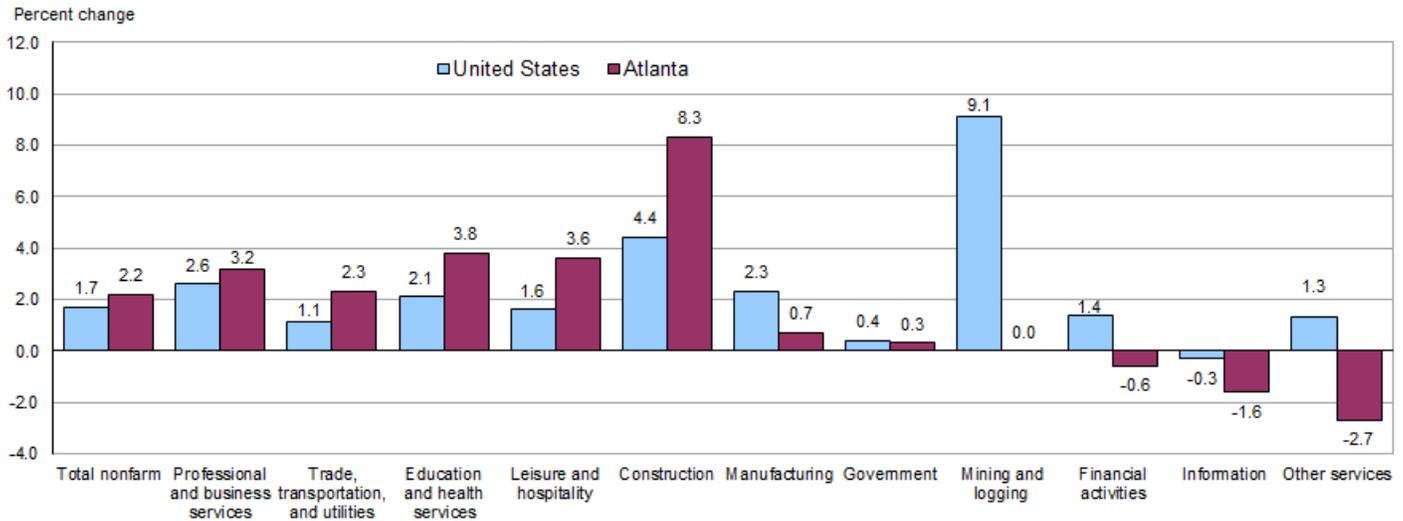


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Industry employment

In the Atlanta metropolitan area, the professional and business services industry had the largest employment gain from October 2017 to October 2018, up 15,900, or 3.2 percent. Local job gains in the industry were concentrated in the employment services (+6,200) and computer systems design and related services (+2,500) industry groups. Nationwide, employment in the professional and business services industry rose 2.6 percent over the year. (See [chart 2.](#))

**Chart 2. Total nonfarm and selected industry supersector employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, October 2018**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Atlanta’s trade, transportation, and utilities supersector added 13,900 jobs, a 2.3-percent increase over the 12-month period. Local job gains in the industry were primarily in the transportation and warehousing sector (+6,700). The local wholesale and retail trade sectors also added jobs over-the-year, up 3,700 and 3,600, respectively. Employment nationwide in trade, transportation, and utilities increased 1.1 percent from October a year ago.

In the Atlanta area, the education and health services supersector added 13,300 jobs, an increase of 3.8 percent for the year ended October 2018. Local employment gains were primarily in the ambulatory health care services (+6,400) and hospitals (+6,200) subsectors. Nationally, employment in education and health services was up 2.1 percent over the year.

Two more supersectors gained at least 10,000 jobs over the year in the local area—leisure and hospitality (+10,600) and construction (+10,300).

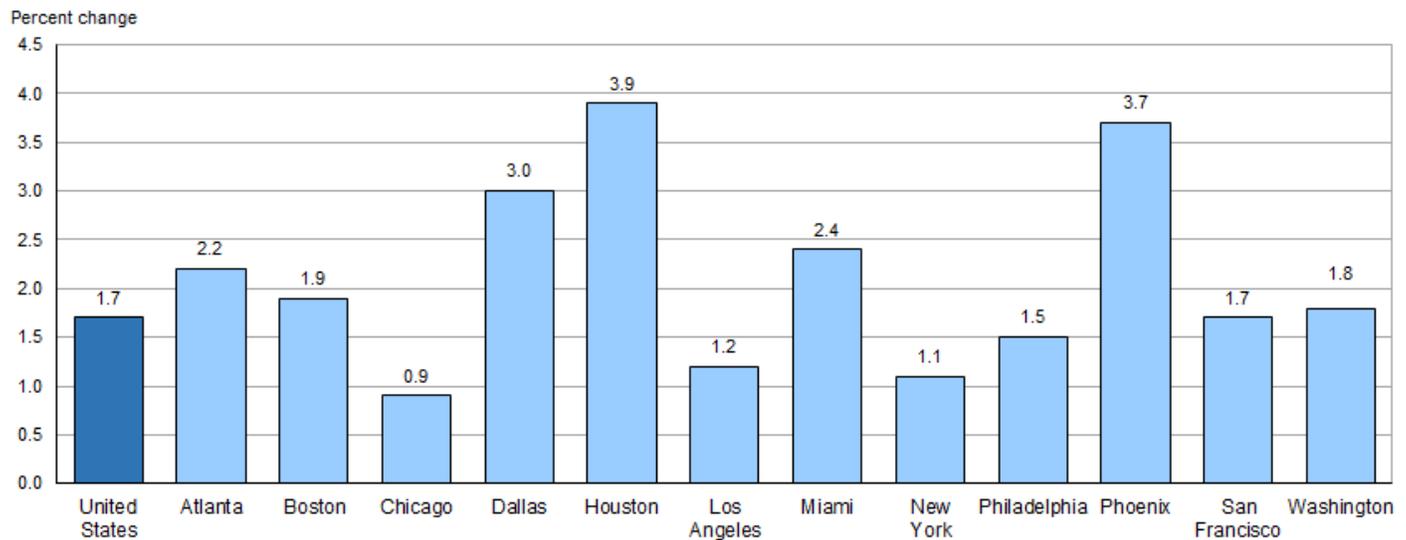
Since October 2017, three industry supersectors in the Atlanta area lost over 1,000 jobs: other services (-2,700), information (-1,600), and financial activities (-1,100). Over the year, U.S. employment was up in other services (+1.3 percent) and financial activities (1.4 percent); while down in information (-0.3 percent).

## Employment in the 12 largest metropolitan areas

Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell was 1 of the nation’s 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in October 2018. All 12 areas had over-the-year job growth during the period, with the rates of job growth in 8 areas matching or exceeding the national increase of 1.7 percent. Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land (+3.9 percent), Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale (+3.7 percent), and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (+3.0 percent) had the fastest rates

of job growth. Chicago-Naperville-Elgin (+0.9 percent), New York-Newark-Jersey City (+1.1 percent), and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (+1.2 percent) had the slowest rates of job growth. (See [chart 3](#) and [table 2](#).)

**Chart 3. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and 12 largest metropolitan areas, October 2018**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Houston added the largest number of jobs over the year, 117,800, followed by Dallas (+109,000) and New York (+108,500). Chicago had the smallest employment gain over the year, 41,300, followed by San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward (+41,700) and Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington (+43,600). Annual job gains in the remaining six metropolitan areas ranged from 76,700 in Phoenix to 53,100 in Boston-Cambridge-Nashua.

Over the year, professional and business services added the most jobs in six areas: Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria. Construction gained the most jobs in three areas: Chicago, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, and Phoenix.

The other services sector recorded the largest employment loss in three areas: Atlanta, Chicago, and San Francisco. Information lost the most jobs in three other areas: Houston, New York, and Philadelphia. Dallas and Washington were the only metropolitan areas to record gains in all supersectors.

**Metropolitan area employment data for November 2018 are scheduled to be released on Friday, December 21, 2018.**

### Technical Note

This release presents nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. The CES survey is a Federal-State cooperative endeavor between State employment security agencies and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Definitions.** Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2017 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

**Method of estimation.** CES State and Area employment data are produced using several estimation procedures. Where possible these data are produced using a "weighted link relative" estimation technique in which a ratio of current-month weighted employment to that of the previous-month weighted employment is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are then obtained by multiplying these ratios by the previous month's employment estimates. The weighted link relative technique is utilized for data series where the sample size meets certain statistical criteria.

**Annual revisions.** Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

**Reliability of the estimates.** The estimates presented in this release are based on sample 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 are also subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the special estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding.

**Employment estimates.** Measures of sampling error for the total private employment series are available for metropolitan areas and metropolitan divisions at [www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm](http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm). Measures of sampling error for more detailed series at the area and division level are available upon request. Measures of sampling error for states down to the supersector level are available on the BLS website at [www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm](http://www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm). Measures of nonsampling error are not available for the areas contained in this release. Information on recent benchmark revisions is available online at [www.bls.gov/web/laus/benchmark.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/web/laus/benchmark.pdf).

**Area definitions.** The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on July 15, 2015. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at [www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm](http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm).

The **Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. Metropolitan Statistical Area** includes the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton in Georgia.

## **Additional information**

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in *Employment and Earnings*, which is available online at [www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm). Industry employment data for states and metropolitan areas from the Current Employment Statistics program are also available in the above mentioned news releases and from the Internet at [www.bls.gov/sae/](http://www.bls.gov/sae/).

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**Table 1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, United States and the Atlanta metropolitan area, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands), October 2018**

Area and Industry	Oct 2017	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018(p)	Oct 2017 to Oct 2018(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
<b>United States</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	148,203	149,406	149,738	150,753	2,550	1.7
Mining and logging .....	700	763	759	764	64	9.1
Construction .....	7,182	7,529	7,474	7,500	318	4.4
Manufacturing.....	12,509	12,823	12,791	12,800	291	2.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	27,604	27,797	27,715	27,910	306	1.1
Information .....	2,784	2,787	2,753	2,776	-8	-0.3
Financial activities .....	8,499	8,654	8,606	8,616	117	1.4
Professional and business services .....	20,815	21,217	21,185	21,352	537	2.6
Education and health services .....	23,515	23,430	23,691	24,018	503	2.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	16,100	17,076	16,530	16,360	260	1.6
Other services .....	5,808	5,910	5,864	5,886	78	1.3
Government.....	22,687	21,420	22,370	22,771	84	0.4
<b>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,752.2	2,789.6	2,796.5	2,813.0	60.8	2.2
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	124.8	132.2	133.5	135.1	10.3	8.3
Manufacturing.....	167.8	169.1	169.3	169.0	1.2	0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	607.7	616.9	620.1	621.6	13.9	2.3
Information .....	99.7	96.5	97.6	98.1	-1.6	-1.6
Financial activities .....	170.9	170.0	169.0	169.8	-1.1	-0.6
Professional and business services .....	503.1	507.0	508.5	519.0	15.9	3.2
Education and health services .....	346.5	356.2	358.3	359.8	13.3	3.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	290.7	308.1	302.9	301.3	10.6	3.6
Other services .....	100.5	98.6	98.4	97.8	-2.7	-2.7
Government.....	338.9	333.4	337.3	339.9	1.0	0.3

Footnotes

(p) Preliminary

**Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, 12 largest metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)**

Area and Industry	Oct 2017	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018(p)	Oct 2017 to Oct 2018(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
<b>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,752.2	2,789.6	2,796.5	2,813.0	60.8	2.2
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	124.8	132.2	133.5	135.1	10.3	8.3
Manufacturing.....	167.8	169.1	169.3	169.0	1.2	0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	607.7	616.9	620.1	621.6	13.9	2.3
Information .....	99.7	96.5	97.6	98.1	-1.6	-1.6
Financial activities .....	170.9	170.0	169.0	169.8	-1.1	-0.6
Professional and business services .....	503.1	507.0	508.5	519.0	15.9	3.2
Education and health services .....	346.5	356.2	358.3	359.8	13.3	3.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	290.7	308.1	302.9	301.3	10.6	3.6
Other services .....	100.5	98.6	98.4	97.8	-2.7	-2.7
Government.....	338.9	333.4	337.3	339.9	1.0	0.3
<b>Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,767.5	2,805.7	2,800.6	2,820.6	53.1	1.9
Mining, logging, and construction.....	118.6	125.2	124.2	125.3	6.7	5.6
Manufacturing.....	187.3	192.2	190.5	191.8	4.5	2.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	427.2	426.5	424.6	428.9	1.7	0.4
Information .....	79.3	81.7	79.7	80.2	0.9	1.1
Financial activities .....	185.0	186.4	184.1	183.5	-1.5	-0.8
Professional and business services .....	489.0	515.6	511.9	515.6	26.6	5.4
Education and health services .....	586.0	585.1	588.1	597.5	11.5	2.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	275.4	298.2	279.9	276.0	0.6	0.2
Other services .....	105.0	108.4	104.8	105.3	0.3	0.3
Government.....	314.7	286.4	312.8	316.5	1.8	0.6
<b>Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	4,754.6	4,766.3	4,751.5	4,795.9	41.3	0.9
Mining and logging .....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	182.6	191.8	191.1	193.2	10.6	5.8
Manufacturing.....	416.2	423.0	423.7	424.8	8.6	2.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	955.6	953.0	944.7	959.1	3.5	0.4
Information .....	77.9	74.9	74.2	76.1	-1.8	-2.3
Financial activities .....	305.8	312.5	309.6	310.0	4.2	1.4
Professional and business services .....	842.3	844.0	838.0	844.9	2.6	0.3
Education and health services .....	735.5	720.5	726.2	738.7	3.2	0.4
Leisure and hospitality.....	482.6	507.5	490.2	486.0	3.4	0.7
Other services .....	195.2	194.5	191.7	191.6	-3.6	-1.8
Government.....	559.3	543.0	560.5	569.9	10.6	1.9
<b>Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,643.4	3,714.1	3,720.8	3,752.4	109.0	3.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	216.6	231.5	229.9	231.1	14.5	6.7
Manufacturing.....	273.8	279.3	279.5	281.1	7.3	2.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	778.1	787.4	786.7	791.1	13.0	1.7
Information .....	82.6	83.9	83.6	84.2	1.6	1.9
Financial activities .....	296.8	299.8	302.8	303.8	7.0	2.4
Professional and business services .....	600.3	626.7	623.5	629.5	29.2	4.9
Education and health services .....	446.6	456.8	457.3	461.1	14.5	3.2
Leisure and hospitality.....	382.9	397.5	392.4	396.3	13.4	3.5
Other services .....	124.0	128.0	126.8	127.4	3.4	2.7
Government.....	441.7	423.2	438.3	446.8	5.1	1.2
<b>Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,041.0	3,122.1	3,135.2	3,158.8	117.8	3.9
Mining and logging .....	77.1	80.7	80.4	81.6	4.5	5.8
Construction .....	220.2	243.9	243.7	245.8	25.6	11.6

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, 12 largest metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands) - Continued**

Area and Industry	Oct 2017	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018(p)	Oct 2017 to Oct 2018(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Manufacturing.....	216.7	231.2	232.6	232.8	16.1	7.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	619.9	634.5	629.8	635.9	16.0	2.6
Information .....	31.2	31.1	30.8	31.0	-0.2	-0.6
Financial activities .....	160.4	164.3	164.6	165.2	4.8	3.0
Professional and business services .....	488.8	518.0	517.0	519.4	30.6	6.3
Education and health services .....	386.3	394.6	394.1	395.1	8.8	2.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	319.9	325.9	324.1	323.6	3.7	1.2
Other services .....	108.5	111.9	112.5	114.6	6.1	5.6
Government.....	412.0	386.0	405.6	413.8	1.8	0.4
<b>Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	6,121.5	6,105.4	6,135.3	6,193.9	72.4	1.2
Mining and logging .....	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1	3.4
Construction .....	246.0	249.3	248.0	249.7	3.7	1.5
Manufacturing.....	505.4	504.9	504.7	501.8	-3.6	-0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	1,109.2	1,101.1	1,097.2	1,106.2	-3.0	-0.3
Information .....	247.1	248.5	244.4	246.6	-0.5	-0.2
Financial activities .....	339.8	340.9	341.0	340.4	0.6	0.2
Professional and business services .....	931.7	946.3	946.3	961.2	29.5	3.2
Education and health services .....	1,027.1	1,027.8	1,036.6	1,046.8	19.7	1.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	752.5	781.8	780.7	783.4	30.9	4.1
Other services .....	205.2	201.9	203.3	205.4	0.2	0.1
Government.....	754.6	700.0	730.1	749.4	-5.2	-0.7
<b>Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,636.0	2,664.1	2,668.6	2,700.0	64.0	2.4
Mining and logging .....	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	14.3
Construction .....	132.5	144.8	145.6	147.3	14.8	11.2
Manufacturing.....	90.4	98.0	96.1	97.5	7.1	7.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	595.5	601.5	600.3	607.3	11.8	2.0
Information .....	50.0	50.5	50.2	51.0	1.0	2.0
Financial activities .....	177.1	182.2	181.1	182.2	5.1	2.9
Professional and business services .....	440.6	434.6	437.9	446.1	5.5	1.2
Education and health services .....	396.2	395.6	398.0	404.0	7.8	2.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	314.2	321.6	321.7	325.6	11.4	3.6
Other services .....	124.1	125.2	126.6	127.6	3.5	2.8
Government.....	314.7	309.3	310.3	310.6	-4.1	-1.3
<b>New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	9,770.9	9,795.8	9,782.2	9,879.4	108.5	1.1
Mining, logging, and construction.....	408.0	416.4	415.6	415.5	7.5	1.8
Manufacturing.....	364.2	365.0	364.9	365.5	1.3	0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	1,759.1	1,748.2	1,746.8	1,764.0	4.9	0.3
Information .....	288.6	286.9	285.1	286.4	-2.2	-0.8
Financial activities .....	780.7	787.7	779.7	778.9	-1.8	-0.2
Professional and business services .....	1,560.8	1,582.3	1,571.6	1,580.4	19.6	1.3
Education and health services .....	1,956.4	1,922.1	1,965.7	2,017.2	60.8	3.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	917.9	1,000.0	953.1	929.7	11.8	1.3
Other services .....	424.0	430.2	424.7	431.8	7.8	1.8
Government.....	1,311.2	1,257.0	1,275.0	1,310.0	-1.2	-0.1
<b>Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,947.4	2,942.9	2,968.2	2,991.0	43.6	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction.....	118.4	123.0	122.2	122.8	4.4	3.7
Manufacturing.....	180.7	181.0	181.6	181.9	1.2	0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	525.5	525.3	525.7	531.9	6.4	1.2
Information .....	44.9	44.7	44.1	43.7	-1.2	-2.7

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Area and Industry	Oct 2017	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018(p)	Oct 2017 to Oct 2018(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
Financial activities .....	215.0	218.5	218.4	217.1	2.1	1.0
Professional and business services .....	476.0	481.7	483.1	488.2	12.2	2.6
Education and health services .....	658.2	644.8	662.3	671.4	13.2	2.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	268.4	286.2	270.7	267.6	-0.8	-0.3
Other services .....	118.9	121.6	120.0	120.6	1.7	1.4
Government.....	341.4	316.1	340.1	345.8	4.4	1.3
<b>Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,067.1	2,101.6	2,123.8	2,143.8	76.7	3.7
Mining and logging .....	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	117.2	130.4	131.0	133.9	16.7	14.2
Manufacturing.....	125.2	131.0	131.8	132.3	7.1	5.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	396.5	400.5	400.7	401.1	4.6	1.2
Information .....	35.5	37.0	37.8	38.3	2.8	7.9
Financial activities .....	188.3	190.8	191.2	192.3	4.0	2.1
Professional and business services .....	353.8	358.2	361.8	368.0	14.2	4.0
Education and health services .....	313.3	318.6	321.5	325.1	11.8	3.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	223.0	228.4	229.0	233.0	10.0	4.5
Other services .....	64.9	65.3	65.0	65.8	0.9	1.4
Government.....	246.2	238.2	250.8	250.8	4.6	1.9
<b>San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	2,418.3	2,442.6	2,448.9	2,460.0	41.7	1.7
Mining and logging .....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction .....	121.4	125.0	124.7	124.9	3.5	2.9
Manufacturing.....	141.9	143.7	143.6	142.1	0.2	0.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	385.4	389.1	387.3	386.3	0.9	0.2
Information .....	107.7	112.3	111.9	111.9	4.2	3.9
Financial activities .....	142.9	144.7	143.6	143.4	0.5	0.3
Professional and business services .....	482.1	499.4	496.7	502.4	20.3	4.2
Education and health services .....	354.5	352.3	356.1	359.5	5.0	1.4
Leisure and hospitality.....	272.5	278.6	278.7	277.0	4.5	1.7
Other services .....	86.9	85.7	85.0	85.4	-1.5	-1.7
Government.....	322.5	311.3	320.8	326.6	4.1	1.3
<b>Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV</b>						
Total nonfarm.....	3,292.7	3,334.0	3,339.6	3,353.4	60.7	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction.....	162.5	169.7	169.2	168.6	6.1	3.8
Manufacturing.....	54.9	55.8	55.9	56.1	1.2	2.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	406.0	414.2	413.8	415.6	9.6	2.4
Information .....	73.2	74.0	73.7	74.4	1.2	1.6
Financial activities .....	158.1	161.4	161.6	160.6	2.5	1.6
Professional and business services .....	749.8	777.7	768.3	770.1	20.3	2.7
Education and health services .....	448.4	439.1	446.1	449.8	1.4	0.3
Leisure and hospitality.....	328.8	349.6	339.5	338.5	9.7	3.0
Other services .....	207.4	211.0	209.5	210.7	3.3	1.6
Government.....	703.6	681.5	702.0	709.0	5.4	0.8

Footnotes

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