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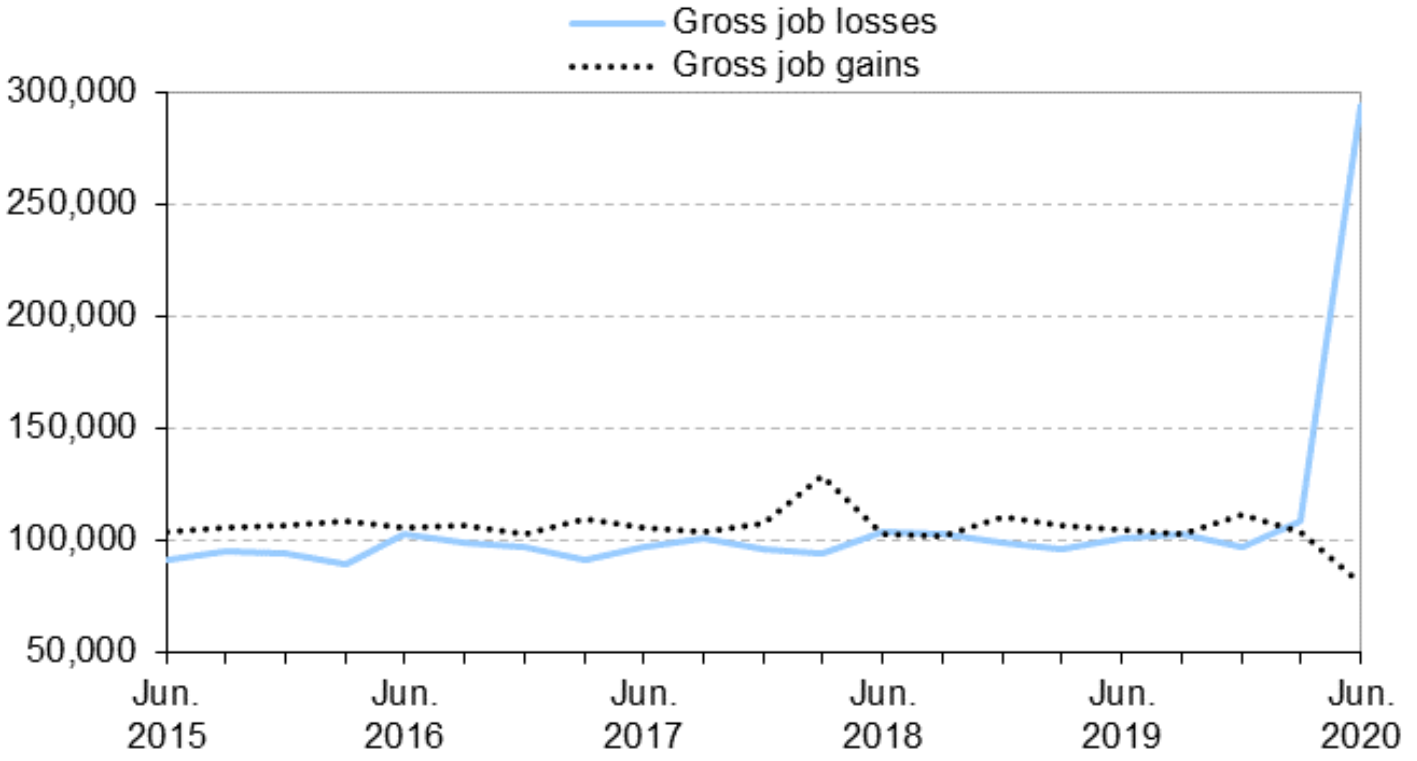
Business Employment Dynamics in Oregon – Second Quarter 2020

From March 2020 to June 2020, **gross job gains** from opening and expanding private-sector establishments in Oregon were 80,081, while **gross job losses** from closing and contracting private-sector establishments were 293,842, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Richard Holden noted that the difference between the number of gross job gains and the number of gross job losses yielded a **net employment loss** of 213,761 jobs in the private sector during the second quarter of 2020. During the previous quarter, gross job losses exceeded gross job gains by 4,275. (See chart 1.)

Chart 1. Private sector gross job gains and losses in Oregon, June 2015–June 2020, seasonally adjusted

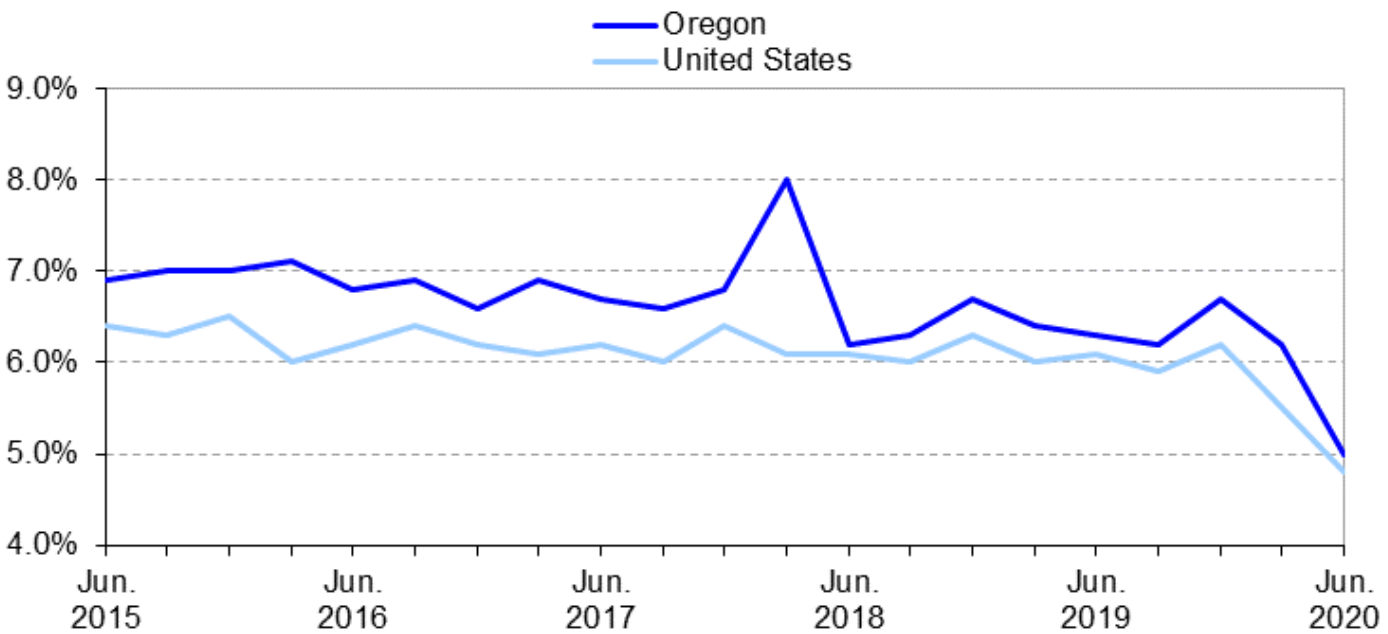


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Gross job gains

In the second quarter of 2020, gross job gains represented 5.0 percent of private-sector employment in Oregon; nationally, gross job gains accounted for 4.8 percent of private-sector employment. (See chart 2.) Gross job gains are the sum of increases in employment due to expansions at existing establishments and the addition of new jobs at opening establishments. In Oregon, gross job gains at **expanding** establishments totaled 63,674 in the second quarter of 2020, a decrease of 22,608 jobs compared to the previous quarter. (See table 1.) **Opening** establishments accounted for 16,407 jobs gained in the second quarter of 2020, a decrease of 1,338 jobs from the previous quarter.

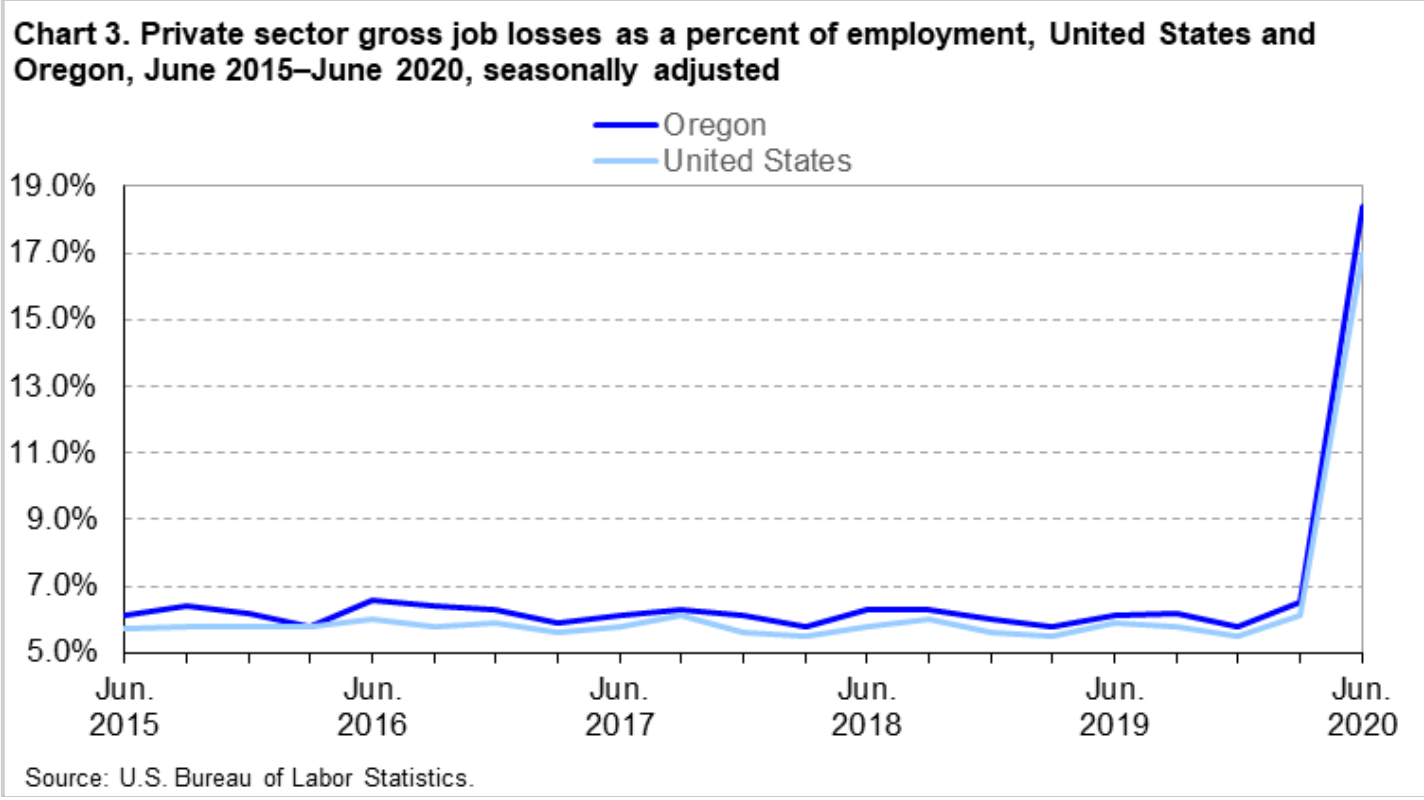
Chart 2. Private sector gross job gains as a percent of employment, United States and Oregon, June 2015–June 2020, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Gross job losses

In the second quarter of 2020, gross job losses represented 18.4 percent of private-sector employment in Oregon; nationally, gross job losses accounted for 17.0 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 Oregon, c**ontracting** establishments lost 240,925 jobs in the second quarter of 2020, an increase of 151,082 jobs from the prior quarter. **Closing** establishments lost 52,917 jobs, an increase of 34,458 jobs from the previous quarter.



Industries

Gross job losses exceeded gross job gains in all 11 industry sectors in Oregon in the second quarter of 2020. Leisure and hospitality had the largest over-the-quarter net job decrease, with a loss of 85,488 jobs. This was the result of 6,519 gross job gains and 92,007 gross job losses. Education and health services showed the second largest net loss of 26,246 jobs, followed by professional and business services (25,313) and retail trade (24,590). Job losses among the remaining sectors ranged from 16,917 in manufacturing to 1,519 in transportation and warehousing.

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 Third Quarter 2020 are scheduled to be released on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

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, Oregon, seasonally adjusted

Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020
Total private [1]										
Gross job gains	104,398	103,032	111,629	104,027	80,081	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.2	5.0
At expanding establishments	87,581	85,809	93,198	86,282	63,674	5.3	5.2	5.6	5.1	4.0
At opening establishments	16,817	17,223	18,431	17,745	16,407	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Gross job losses	100,951	102,740	96,963	108,302	293,842	6.1	6.2	5.8	6.5	18.4
At contracting establishments	82,831	85,377	79,709	89,843	240,925	5.0	5.2	4.8	5.4	15.1
At closing establishments	18,120	17,363	17,254	18,459	52,917	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	3.3
Net employment change [2]	3,447	292	14,666	-4,275	-213,761	0.2	0.0	0.9	-0.3	-13.4
Construction										
Gross job gains	10,095	9,096	11,121	11,111	7,796	9.2	8.5	10.3	9.9	7.1
At expanding establishments	7,890	7,170	8,555	8,751	5,902	7.2	6.7	7.9	7.8	5.4
At opening establishments	2,205	1,926	2,566	2,360	1,894	2.0	1.8	2.4	2.1	1.7
Gross job losses	9,131	10,201	8,643	9,281	15,595	8.4	9.6	8.0	8.3	14.3
At contracting establishments	7,107	7,883	6,367	7,237	12,013	6.5	7.4	5.9	6.5	11.0
At closing establishments	2,024	2,318	2,276	2,044	3,582	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.8	3.3
Net employment change [2]	964	-1,105	2,478	1,830	-7,799	0.8	-1.1	2.3	1.6	-7.2
Manufacturing										
Gross job gains	7,044	5,643	7,224	6,286	4,776	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.2	2.5
At expanding establishments	6,482	5,044	6,560	5,832	4,193	3.3	2.6	3.4	3.0	2.2
At opening establishments	562	599	664	454	583	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Gross job losses	7,511	8,257	6,242	8,454	21,693	3.8	4.2	3.2	4.3	11.6
At contracting establishments	6,770	7,307	5,457	7,865	19,705	3.4	3.7	2.8	4.0	10.5
At closing establishments	741	950	785	589	1,988	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.1
Net employment change [2]	-467	-2,614	982	-2,168	-16,917	-0.2	-1.3	0.5	-1.1	-9.1
Wholesale trade										
Gross job gains	3,556	2,990	3,622	3,389	2,390	4.7	4.0	4.7	4.4	3.3
At expanding establishments	3,027	2,418	3,134	2,916	1,977	4.0	3.2	4.1	3.8	2.7
At opening establishments	529	572	488	473	413	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Gross job losses	3,421	3,378	3,003	3,187	7,218	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.1	9.7
At contracting establishments	2,609	2,712	2,315	2,485	6,023	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.2	8.1
At closing establishments	812	666	688	702	1,195	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.6
Net employment change [2]	135	-388	619	202	-4,828	0.2	-0.5	0.8	0.3	-6.4
Retail trade										
Gross job gains	11,491	12,008	9,910	13,324	13,015	5.4	5.7	4.8	6.3	6.4
At expanding establishments	10,187	10,526	8,689	12,003	11,928	4.8	5.0	4.2	5.7	5.9
At opening establishments	1,304	1,482	1,221	1,321	1,087	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
Gross job losses	12,430	12,500	12,435	10,091	37,605	5.9	5.9	6.0	4.9	18.5
At contracting establishments	10,774	10,957	10,808	8,685	33,921	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.2	16.7
At closing establishments	1,656	1,543	1,627	1,406	3,684	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.8
Net employment change [2]	-939	-492	-2,525	3,233	-24,590	-0.5	-0.2	-1.2	1.4	-12.1
Transportation and warehousing										
Gross job gains	3,407	5,308	7,310	3,304	7,256	5.5	8.4	10.9	4.8	10.9
At expanding establishments	2,995	4,900	6,886	2,674	6,751	4.8	7.8	10.3	3.9	10.1
At opening establishments	412	408	424	630	505	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.8
Gross job losses	3,374	3,055	2,642	5,414	8,775	5.5	4.8	3.9	7.9	13.1
At contracting establishments	2,771	2,661	2,295	5,040	7,691	4.5	4.2	3.4	7.4	11.5
At closing establishments	603	394	347	374	1,084	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.6
Net employment change [2]	33	2,253	4,668	-2,110	-1,519	0.0	3.6	7.0	-3.1	-2.2
Information										
Gross job gains	2,406	2,149	2,146	2,235	1,500	6.9	6.1	6.2	6.4	4.5
At expanding establishments	1,745	1,686	1,564	1,715	972	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.9	2.9
At opening establishments	661	463	582	520	528	1.9	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.6
Gross job losses	1,571	2,450	1,866	2,089	4,840	4.6	7.0	5.3	6.0	14.6

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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

Category	Gross job gains and job losses (3 months ended)					Gross job gains and job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020	June 2019	Sept 2019	Dec. 2019	Mar. 2020	June 2020
At contracting establishments	1,201	1,577	1,439	1,602	3,991	3.5	4.5	4.1	4.6	12.0
At closing establishments	370	873	427	487	849	1.1	2.5	1.2	1.4	2.6
Net employment change [2]	835	-301	280	146	-3,340	2.3	-0.9	0.9	0.4	-10.1
Financial activities										
Gross job gains	4,383	4,273	4,645	4,856	3,382	5.1	5.0	5.4	5.7	4.0
At expanding establishments	3,331	3,268	3,610	3,576	2,378	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.2	2.8
At opening establishments	1,052	1,005	1,035	1,280	1,004	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2
Gross job losses	4,460	4,111	4,164	4,504	8,038	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.2	9.6
At contracting establishments	3,292	2,940	2,971	3,295	6,197	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.8	7.4
At closing establishments	1,168	1,171	1,193	1,209	1,841	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.2
Net employment change [2]	-77	162	481	352	-4,656	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	-5.6
Professional and business services										
Gross job gains	16,959	15,939	18,974	14,624	11,544	6.7	6.3	7.4	5.7	4.7
At expanding establishments	13,550	12,645	15,593	12,074	8,115	5.4	5.0	6.1	4.7	3.3
At opening establishments	3,409	3,294	3,381	2,550	3,429	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.4
Gross job losses	15,664	16,202	15,392	16,924	36,857	6.2	6.4	6.1	6.6	15.2
At contracting establishments	12,107	13,174	11,898	13,745	30,343	4.8	5.2	4.7	5.4	12.5
At closing establishments	3,557	3,028	3,494	3,179	6,514	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	2.7
Net employment change [2]	1,295	-263	3,582	-2,300	-25,313	0.5	-0.1	1.3	-0.9	-10.5
Education and health services										
Gross job gains	11,791	13,117	12,280	11,686	8,534	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.0	2.9
At expanding establishments	10,157	11,444	10,558	9,991	6,236	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.4	2.1
At opening establishments	1,634	1,673	1,722	1,695	2,298	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8
Gross job losses	11,871	11,282	10,388	11,210	34,780	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.7	11.8
At contracting establishments	10,175	9,420	8,580	9,359	27,808	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.1	9.4
At closing establishments	1,696	1,862	1,808	1,851	6,972	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.4
Net employment change [2]	-80	1,835	1,892	476	-26,246	-0.1	0.7	0.7	0.3	-8.9
Leisure and hospitality										
Gross job gains	17,781	15,519	16,629	15,635	6,519	8.3	7.3	7.8	7.3	3.7
At expanding establishments	14,769	12,533	13,606	12,453	4,742	6.9	5.9	6.4	5.8	2.7
At opening establishments	3,012	2,986	3,023	3,182	1,777	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.0
Gross job losses	16,660	17,834	15,319	20,778	92,007	7.8	8.3	7.1	9.7	51.8
At contracting establishments	13,497	15,175	12,875	17,089	72,762	6.3	7.1	6.0	8.0	41.0
At closing establishments	3,163	2,659	2,444	3,689	19,245	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.7	10.8
Net employment change [2]	1,121	-2,315	1,310	-5,143	-85,488	0.5	-1.0	0.7	-2.4	-48.1
Other services [3]										
Gross job gains	4,280	4,259	4,494	4,127	2,555	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.4	4.3
At expanding establishments	3,561	3,399	3,622	3,325	1,778	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.2	3.0
At opening establishments	719	860	872	802	777	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3
Gross job losses	4,309	4,223	3,904	4,932	12,739	6.7	6.6	6.1	7.6	21.6
At contracting establishments	3,384	3,461	3,155	3,760	9,424	5.3	5.4	4.9	5.8	16.0
At closing establishments	925	762	749	1,172	3,315	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.8	5.6
Net employment change [2]	-29	36	590	-805	-10,184	-0.1	0.0	0.9	-1.2	-17.3

Footnotes:
(1) Includes unclassified sector not shown separately.
(2) The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses. See the Technical Note for further information.
(3) Except public administration.

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

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

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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