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REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2006

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in December. Overall, 17 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 15 states and the District of Columbia registered increases, and 18 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 38 states, up in 8 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states. The national unemployment rate was unchanged in December at 4.5 percent, but was 0.4 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 37 states, decreased in 11 states and the District of Columbia, and was unchanged in 2 states in December. The largest employment gains occurred in Florida (+18,800), California (+17,200), Texas (+15,600), Michigan (+14,900), Arizona (+13,000), and Pennsylvania (+10,300). The highest recorded percentage increases in employment were in Idaho, Nevada, and South Dakota (+0.6 percent each), followed by Arizona, Mississippi, and Wyoming (+0.5 percent each). The largest employment decreases occurred in South Carolina (-5,200), Ohio (-5,100), Hawaii (-2,500), Indiana and Oregon (-2,100 each), and New York and Minnesota (-1,800 each). Hawaii experienced the largest over-the-month percentage decline in employment (-0.4 percent), followed by South Carolina (-0.3 percent), and Delaware and New Hampshire (-0.2 percent each). Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 49 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 1 state, Michigan (-19,800 or -0.5 percent). The largest over-the-year percentage gains in employment were reported in Wyoming (+5.3 percent), Nevada (+4.8 percent), Arizona (+4.5 percent), Utah (+4.4 percent), and Montana and Idaho (+4.1 percent each).

Regional Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, the Midwest registered the highest unemployment rate among the four regions, 5.0 percent. The South reported the lowest rate, 4.3 percent, followed closely by the Northeast and West, at 4.4 and 4.5 percent, respectively. No region recorded a statistically significant unemployment rate change from November. All four regions posted significantly lower unemployment rates than a year earlier; the Northeast and South (-0.4 percentage point each) and the Midwest and West (-0.3 point each). (See table 1.)

Among the nine geographic divisions, the East North Central continued to post the highest jobless rate, 5.3 percent. The Mountain again recorded the lowest rate at 3.7 percent, followed by the South Atlantic, 4.1 percent, and Middle Atlantic and West North Central, 4.2 percent each. The West South Central registered the only statistically significant over-the-month rate change (-0.3 percentage point). Seven of the nine divisions reported significant unemployment rate declines from a year earlier: the East South Central

(-0.8 percentage point), Middle Atlantic and West South Central (-0.7 point each), Mountain (-0.5 point), East North Central (-0.4 point), and Pacific and West North Central (-0.3 point each).

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Mississippi reported the highest unemployment rate in December, 7.5 percent, followed by Michigan at 7.1 percent, Alaska at 6.7 percent, and South Carolina at 6.6 percent. The District of Columbia registered a jobless rate of 6.3 percent. Hawaii and Utah again recorded the lowest rates, 2.0 and 2.6 percent, respectively. Nine other states had rates below 3.5 percent. Two states posted the lowest jobless rates in their series—Hawaii, 2.0 percent, and New Mexico, 3.8 percent. (All state series begin in 1976.) Sixteen states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate in December. Seven states and the District of Columbia recorded measurably higher rates, and 27 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. (See tables A and 3 and chart 1.)

Minnesota registered the largest statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate increase in December (+0.3 percentage point). Kansas and Nevada recorded the only other significant rate increases from November (+0.2 percentage point each). Texas posted the only significant over-the-month jobless rate decrease (-0.2 percentage point). The remaining 46 states and the District of Columbia reported December unemployment rates that were not appreciably different from those of a month earlier, even though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as those with statistically significant changes.

Louisiana recorded the largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease from December 2005 (-2.1 percentage points). The states with the next largest decreases were Illinois and Utah (-1.4 percentage points each), Kentucky and Mississippi (-1.3 points each), Delaware and New Mexico (-1.2 points each), and Iowa, Montana, and New York (-1.0 point each). Thirteen additional states had smaller, but also statistically significant, rate decreases. Three states reported significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier: Nevada (+0.6 percentage point), Massachusetts (+0.5 point), and Arkansas (+0.4 point). Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia recorded jobless rates that were not appreciably different from those of December 2005. (See table B.)

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Between November and December, four states reported statistically significant changes in employment. Employment rose in Michigan (+14,900), Arizona (+13,000), and Nevada (+8,000). Employment decreased in Hawaii (-2,500). (See tables C and 5.)

Over the year, 32 states and the District of Columbia posted statistically significant increases in employment. The largest employment increases occurred in Texas (+213,200), Florida (+212,600), California (+170,300), and Arizona (+115,200). Five states and the District of Columbia recorded statistically significant gains in employment that were less than 15,000: Wyoming (+14,000), Hawaii (+12,000), South Dakota (+11,900), the District of Columbia (+8,200), West Virginia (+7,600), and North Dakota (+6,100). (See table D.)

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment release for December is scheduled to be issued on January 30. The Regional and State Employment and Unemployment release for January is scheduled to be issued on March 8.

Hurricane Katrina

For December, BLS and its state partners continued to make modifications to the usual estimation procedures for the LAUS program to reflect the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the labor force statistics in affected areas. These modifications included: (1) allowing the state labor force estimates for Louisiana to reflect the effects of Katrina by overriding the built-in feature of the methodology that smoothes over large shifts in a key input—nonfarm wage and salary employment; (2) modifying the state population controls to account for displacement due to Katrina; (3) developing labor force estimates for the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area using an alternative to the model-based method; and (4) not publishing labor force estimates for the parishes within the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner metropolitan area or cities within those parishes where the quality of input data was severely compromised by the hurricane.

For more information on LAUS procedures and estimates for December 2006, see *Hurricane Information: Katrina and Rita* on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/Katrina/home.htm> or call (202) 691-6392.

Revisions in the Regional and State Employment and Unemployment Data

Effective with the release of 2006 annual average estimate on February 27, the labor force data for regions, divisions, states, the District of Columbia, and the modeled substate areas presented in tables 1-4 of this news release will be revised to incorporate updated population controls, reestimation of models, adjustment to new division and national control totals, and revised seasonal adjustment factors. Both not seasonally adjusted and seasonally adjusted data will be revised back to 2002. The updated population controls reflect the annual updating of population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, effective with the release of January 2007 estimates on March 8, all non-farm payroll employment estimates for states and areas presented in tables 5 and 6 of this news release will be adjusted to 2006 benchmark levels. Not seasonally adjusted payroll data back to April 2005 and seasonally adjusted data for states back to January 2002 will be subject to revision.

Table A. States with unemployment rates significantly different from that of the U.S., December 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	December 2006
United States	4.5
Alaska	6.7
Delaware	3.4
District of Columbia	6.3
Florida	3.3
Hawaii	2.0
Idaho	3.2
Iowa	3.5
Maryland	3.9
Massachusetts	5.3
Michigan	7.1
Mississippi	7.5
Montana	2.9
Nebraska	3.1
New Hampshire	3.5
New York	4.0
North Dakota	3.2
Ohio	5.6
Oregon	5.4
South Carolina	6.6
South Dakota	3.2
Utah	2.6
Vermont	3.8
Virginia	2.9
Wyoming	3.0

Table B. States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from December 2005 to December 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	December 2005	December 2006	Over-the-year rate change
Arizona	4.7	4.1	-0.6
Arkansas	4.7	5.1	.4
California	5.1	4.8	-.3
Colorado	4.8	4.0	-.8
Delaware	4.6	3.4	-1.2
Georgia	5.3	4.6	-.7
Hawaii	2.7	2.0	-.7
Illinois	5.5	4.1	-1.4
Indiana	5.5	4.8	-.7
Iowa	4.5	3.5	-1.0
Kansas	4.9	4.5	-.4
Kentucky	6.5	5.2	-1.3
Louisiana	6.4	4.3	-2.1
Massachusetts	4.8	5.3	.5
Mississippi	8.8	7.5	-1.3
Montana	3.9	2.9	-1.0
Nebraska	3.8	3.1	-.7
Nevada	3.8	4.4	.6
New Mexico	5.0	3.8	-1.2
New York	5.0	4.0	-1.0
South Carolina	7.2	6.6	-.6
South Dakota	3.9	3.2	-.7
Tennessee	5.4	4.7	-.7
Texas	5.2	4.5	-.7
Utah	4.0	2.6	-1.4
Virginia	3.3	2.9	-.4

Table C. States with statistically significant employment changes from November 2006 to December 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	November 2006	December 2006 ^p	Over-the-month change ^p
Arizona	2,669,600	2,682,600	13,000
Hawaii	625,700	623,200	-2,500
Michigan	4,361,800	4,376,700	14,900
Nevada	1,308,700	1,316,700	8,000

p = preliminary.

Table D. States with statistically significant employment changes from December 2005 to December 2006, seasonally adjusted

State	December 2005	December 2006 ^p	Over-the-year change ^p
Arizona	2,567,400	2,682,600	115,200
California	14,918,900	15,089,200	170,300
Colorado	2,249,200	2,292,700	43,500
District of Columbia	686,600	694,800	8,200
Florida	7,943,500	8,156,100	212,600
Georgia	4,030,700	4,110,900	80,200
Hawaii	611,200	623,200	12,000
Idaho	627,000	652,800	25,800
Illinois	5,894,000	5,958,900	64,900
Iowa	1,495,700	1,520,200	24,500
Louisiana	1,738,900	1,798,300	59,400
Maryland	2,568,400	2,612,100	43,700
Minnesota	2,730,600	2,784,800	54,200
Mississippi	1,126,200	1,155,500	29,300
Montana	424,800	442,400	17,600
Nebraska	940,300	956,500	16,200
Nevada	1,256,600	1,316,700	60,100
New Mexico	821,500	839,700	18,200
New York	8,566,300	8,627,500	61,200
North Carolina	3,943,500	3,999,700	56,200
North Dakota	348,400	354,500	6,100
Oklahoma	1,529,400	1,549,600	20,200
Oregon	1,686,600	1,718,100	31,500
Pennsylvania	5,737,600	5,787,600	50,000
South Carolina	1,875,500	1,907,200	31,700
South Dakota	391,800	403,700	11,900
Tennessee	2,760,900	2,788,000	27,100
Texas	9,861,300	10,074,500	213,200
Utah	1,175,800	1,227,800	52,000
Virginia	3,699,500	3,755,100	55,600
Washington	2,822,100	2,893,200	71,100
West Virginia	752,300	759,900	7,600
Wyoming	265,900	279,900	14,000

p = preliminary.

Technical Note

This release presents labor force and unemployment data for census regions and divisions, states, and selected substate areas 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 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 had 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), had actively looked for a job (sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week), and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

Method of estimation. Estimates for all census divisions, states, the District of Columbia, the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division, and New York City are produced using estimating equations based on regression techniques. This method, which underwent substantial enhancement at the beginning of 2005, utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) data. Estimates for the six other areas contained in this release use a different regression approach. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request. Estimates for census regions are obtained by summing the model-based estimates for the component divisions 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 implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment of census division, state, and substate area model employment and unemployment levels is performed within the modeling

procedure. The model estimation is based on the classical approach to seasonal adjustment, in which the series is decomposed into trend, seasonal, irregular, and survey error. This directly yields seasonally adjusted estimates for employment and unemployment levels with reliability measures. Labor force levels and unemployment rates are calculated from these two estimates. Additionally, measures for the state of California are derived by summing the seasonally adjusted estimates for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale metropolitan division and the balance of California, and the estimates for the State of New York are the sum of the estimates for New York City and the balance of New York. Labor force estimates for census regions are calculated as the sum of the levels of the component divisions, and the unemployment rate is then calculated. In most years, historical data for the most recent 5 years are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, usually coincident with the release of January estimates.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on December 5, 2005. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available on the Web at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and also is published annually in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*.

Employment—from the CES program

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that 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 that 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, administrative data, and modeling 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 specific 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 from unrounded data rather than from data that may be displayed in the tables; differences, however, are generally insignificant.

Use of error measures. In 2005, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program introduced several improvements to its methodology. Among these was the development of model-based error measures for the monthly estimates and the estimates of over-the-month changes. The introductory section of this release preserves the long-time practice of highlighting the direction of the movements in regional and state unemployment rates and state nonfarm payroll employment regardless of their statistical significance. The remainder of the analysis in the release takes the statistical significance of monthly and annual changes into consideration.

Labor force and unemployment estimates. Model-based error measures for both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted data, and for over-the-month change, are available on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lastderr.htm>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in LAUS unemployment rates are statistically significant. The average magnitude of the over-the-month change in a state unemployment rate that is required in order to be statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level is between 0.3 and 0.4 percentage point. More details can be found on the Web site. Measures of nonsampling error 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 total nonfarm and 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>. BLS uses a 90-percent confidence level in determining whether changes in CES employment levels are statistically significant. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site 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, as well as nonfarm employment from the CES program, for over 370 metropolitan areas and metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) 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 region and division, seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006
Northeast	27,825.0	27,875.7	27,946.6	27,999.6	1,340.4	1,182.3	1,246.7	1,220.9	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.4
New England	7,583.5	7,654.0	7,681.0	7,683.8	352.2	333.5	353.1	360.0	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.7
Middle Atlantic	20,241.5	20,221.7	20,265.5	20,315.7	988.2	848.8	893.6	860.9	4.9	4.2	4.4	4.2
South	53,166.4	54,290.8	54,454.0	54,638.4	2,516.8	2,347.9	2,402.2	2,353.8	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.3
South Atlantic	28,352.2	29,075.9	29,174.0	29,297.4	1,201.6	1,171.8	1,195.7	1,194.5	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1
East South Central	8,437.9	8,588.5	8,629.0	8,679.8	482.8	401.8	431.0	429.1	5.7	4.7	5.0	4.9
West South Central	16,376.4	16,626.4	16,651.0	16,661.2	832.4	774.2	775.6	730.2	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.4
Midwest	34,730.9	35,164.4	35,089.0	35,253.4	1,847.8	1,703.7	1,699.6	1,749.5	5.3	4.8	4.8	5.0
East North Central	23,810.8	24,137.2	24,049.5	24,199.6	1,358.3	1,238.4	1,245.1	1,287.9	5.7	5.1	5.2	5.3
West North Central	10,920.1	11,027.2	11,039.5	11,053.8	489.4	465.3	454.5	461.6	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.2
West	34,445.4	34,804.1	35,000.6	35,021.7	1,664.6	1,496.2	1,541.5	1,573.1	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.5
Mountain	10,447.6	10,743.7	10,843.4	10,817.4	442.6	411.8	410.9	405.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.7
Pacific	23,997.7	24,060.3	24,157.2	24,204.3	1,222.0	1,084.4	1,130.5	1,167.9	5.1	4.5	4.7	4.8

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. 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. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 2. Civilian labor force and unemployment by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted ¹

(Numbers in thousands)

Census region and division	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Northeast	27,814.5	27,922.3	27,757.5	27,912.8	1,293.2	1,175.3	1,244.3	1,127.5	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.0
New England	7,576.3	7,671.3	7,557.5	7,651.8	332.6	328.8	322.9	332.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
Middle Atlantic	20,238.3	20,251.0	20,200.0	20,261.0	960.5	846.5	921.4	795.5	4.7	4.2	4.6	3.9
South	53,288.1	54,462.6	53,039.1	54,480.7	2,618.8	2,318.1	2,350.8	2,197.0	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.0
South Atlantic	28,318.0	29,148.0	28,250.8	29,180.6	1,209.4	1,162.8	1,118.1	1,116.3	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.8
East South Central	8,465.3	8,652.0	8,443.4	8,681.6	470.2	413.0	453.0	401.3	5.6	4.8	5.4	4.6
West South Central	16,504.9	16,662.7	16,344.9	16,618.5	939.2	742.3	779.7	679.4	5.7	4.5	4.8	4.1
Midwest	34,723.2	35,083.9	34,600.0	35,105.3	1,738.2	1,585.1	1,751.4	1,666.8	5.0	4.5	5.1	4.7
East North Central	23,808.9	24,058.1	23,735.4	24,113.0	1,269.5	1,163.0	1,288.0	1,226.7	5.3	4.8	5.4	5.1
West North Central	10,914.3	11,025.8	10,864.6	10,992.3	468.7	422.1	463.4	440.2	4.3	3.8	4.3	4.0
West	34,420.4	35,011.3	34,405.3	34,962.6	1,664.4	1,497.5	1,582.4	1,499.4	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.3
Mountain	10,426.8	10,849.4	10,435.9	10,795.6	439.0	390.7	419.0	382.2	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.5
Pacific	23,993.6	24,161.9	23,969.4	24,167.1	1,225.4	1,106.7	1,163.3	1,117.2	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.6

¹ Census region estimates are derived by summing the Census division model-based estimates.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. The composition of the regions

and divisions is described in table 1. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006
Alabama	2,164.8	2,212.4	2,216.3	2,238.5	77.3	71.2	72.0	79.9	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.6
Alaska	341.8	348.7	349.5	350.5	23.5	22.4	22.3	23.4	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.7
Arizona	2,880.2	2,970.7	3,006.5	3,006.6	136.2	115.9	122.5	124.6	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.1
Arkansas	1,376.8	1,387.2	1,388.7	1,391.3	64.4	70.6	72.7	71.0	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.1
California	17,823.4	17,827.6	17,881.4	17,941.3	911.0	793.8	824.3	865.3	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,872.1	4,841.1	4,843.3	4,847.0	266.1	209.0	204.7	219.9	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.5
Colorado	2,560.4	2,652.6	2,661.4	2,650.4	122.7	117.4	109.3	106.4	4.8	4.4	4.1	4.0
Connecticut	1,818.9	1,856.7	1,867.7	1,864.3	83.9	78.4	81.6	77.7	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.2
Delaware	443.1	449.7	451.4	451.1	20.5	16.1	16.2	15.3	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.4
District of Columbia	293.3	295.8	295.5	295.3	17.2	17.4	17.7	18.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.3
Florida	8,734.9	9,096.8	9,118.5	9,169.8	295.0	281.9	300.8	304.1	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.3
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,117.4	1,165.4	1,173.7	1,173.6	43.6	46.8	44.9	42.1	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.6
Georgia	4,637.9	4,745.1	4,761.4	4,784.4	246.1	225.1	217.7	219.6	5.3	4.7	4.6	4.6
Hawaii	644.1	657.7	660.8	661.8	17.5	13.7	14.9	13.0	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.0
Idaho	746.1	757.4	765.1	761.3	25.9	23.9	25.5	24.7	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Illinois	6,484.0	6,663.6	6,645.0	6,685.6	354.0	275.0	269.9	274.1	5.5	4.1	4.1	4.1
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,947.7	4,100.2	4,077.5	4,109.9	223.1	156.3	157.4	163.9	5.7	3.8	3.9	4.0
Indiana	3,228.5	3,274.1	3,262.0	3,280.1	176.0	162.6	155.5	157.3	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.8
Iowa	1,667.2	1,700.7	1,697.9	1,697.8	74.8	60.7	58.5	59.2	4.5	3.6	3.4	3.5
Kansas	1,479.8	1,483.8	1,481.9	1,485.3	72.2	64.5	63.3	67.2	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.5
Kentucky	2,013.4	2,044.5	2,057.5	2,061.8	130.0	105.9	112.6	106.8	6.5	5.2	5.5	5.2
Louisiana	1,909.8	1,870.2	1,874.0	1,876.1	121.4	78.7	85.1	80.0	6.4	4.2	4.5	4.3
Maine	717.4	720.9	723.6	726.6	33.7	33.6	34.1	34.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Maryland	2,955.5	3,028.3	3,038.0	3,049.8	118.4	120.4	119.0	119.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9
Massachusetts	3,366.8	3,387.4	3,398.4	3,396.2	161.9	156.7	169.2	179.2	4.8	4.6	5.0	5.3
Michigan	5,106.2	5,110.2	5,080.1	5,121.8	341.9	351.2	349.5	365.6	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.1
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,189.8	2,189.9	2,179.0	2,191.9	158.7	150.8	156.4	168.5	7.2	6.9	7.2	7.7
Minnesota	2,960.2	2,970.4	2,980.4	2,990.8	123.6	116.6	116.7	127.0	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.2
Mississippi	1,318.8	1,324.8	1,328.5	1,334.7	116.2	88.7	99.5	99.6	8.8	6.7	7.5	7.5
Missouri	3,031.2	3,077.8	3,081.0	3,083.9	157.2	166.8	158.1	150.6	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.9
Montana	496.6	505.3	505.8	504.8	19.2	18.1	14.3	14.6	3.9	3.6	2.8	2.9
Nebraska	988.4	992.2	988.3	990.1	37.7	30.1	30.7	30.4	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.1
Nevada	1,230.8	1,304.8	1,324.6	1,327.8	47.1	54.2	55.6	58.2	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4
New Hampshire	733.9	745.5	747.1	745.5	25.4	24.3	26.3	26.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.5
New Jersey	4,467.0	4,472.2	4,491.7	4,510.5	203.8	195.7	203.1	189.4	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.2
New Mexico	944.6	951.4	956.2	949.7	46.9	40.7	40.7	36.5	5.0	4.3	4.3	3.8
New York	9,457.2	9,452.4	9,445.9	9,453.7	468.8	381.1	396.4	378.1	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.0
New York City	3,761.1	3,745.7	3,731.8	3,731.6	217.5	153.3	166.8	159.0	5.8	4.1	4.5	4.3
North Carolina	4,369.5	4,476.3	4,501.4	4,512.2	223.8	209.8	222.0	222.9	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.9
North Dakota	360.5	365.8	368.2	368.9	11.9	11.8	12.3	11.9	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2
Ohio	5,911.9	5,981.5	5,965.4	5,991.5	346.5	306.1	321.1	334.7	5.9	5.1	5.4	5.6
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,091.4	1,106.1	1,104.6	1,105.2	61.7	55.3	58.5	60.8	5.7	5.0	5.3	5.5
Oklahoma	1,752.9	1,768.4	1,759.7	1,767.3	74.0	67.0	69.4	68.0	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8
Oregon	1,866.4	1,903.0	1,912.6	1,907.3	105.7	96.3	101.1	102.3	5.7	5.1	5.3	5.4
Pennsylvania	6,288.9	6,305.8	6,322.8	6,351.4	295.9	270.2	286.3	290.3	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.6
Rhode Island	574.0	578.2	578.0	579.1	29.4	28.8	30.2	29.8	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.2
South Carolina	2,106.8	2,136.0	2,148.2	2,158.2	151.6	141.4	142.1	142.3	7.2	6.6	6.6	6.6
South Dakota	433.7	437.2	437.5	439.6	16.9	14.6	13.9	14.2	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.2
Tennessee	2,916.6	3,005.7	3,028.0	3,043.4	158.3	136.3	150.0	143.0	5.4	4.5	5.0	4.7
Texas	11,310.8	11,603.2	11,629.1	11,640.1	589.9	555.5	552.0	521.9	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.5
Utah	1,282.3	1,311.5	1,330.8	1,329.9	51.0	33.0	34.7	34.3	4.0	2.5	2.6	2.6
Vermont	359.3	368.0	366.5	367.3	12.9	13.1	13.7	14.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8
Virginia	3,963.7	4,027.3	4,039.3	4,048.9	132.0	117.8	122.2	117.5	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.9
Washington	3,321.3	3,336.0	3,360.7	3,362.0	173.4	158.5	167.8	167.7	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.0
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,378.8	1,417.2	1,415.9	1,410.4	66.2	56.4	62.8	60.9	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.3
West Virginia	804.2	822.4	820.7	819.2	38.5	42.1	41.9	41.5	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.1
Wisconsin	3,047.2	3,099.6	3,087.0	3,111.4	147.3	143.2	146.2	151.5	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.9
Wyoming	285.9	291.4	292.5	291.8	9.4	9.7	8.9	8.9	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0
Puerto Rico	1,419.6	1,403.6	1,411.4	1,408.5	169.3	134.1	139.2	144.1	11.9	9.6	9.9	10.2

¹ Metropolitan division.

² Metropolitan statistical area.

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dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

Table 4. Civilian labor force and unemployment by state and selected area, not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

State and area	Civilian labor force				Unemployed							
					Number				Percent of labor force			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Alabama	2,177.8	2,225.1	2,175.3	2,242.7	74.4	68.1	70.4	73.6	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.3
Alaska	339.1	346.2	338.9	347.2	22.7	21.0	23.4	23.7	6.7	6.1	6.9	6.8
Arizona	2,882.5	3,011.7	2,886.8	3,004.2	129.1	116.4	122.0	114.6	4.5	3.9	4.2	3.8
Arkansas	1,376.1	1,383.8	1,369.0	1,380.1	57.0	65.0	59.7	68.1	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.9
California	17,809.5	17,880.7	17,805.1	17,903.5	902.7	808.3	853.3	817.7	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale ¹	4,877.1	4,857.6	4,886.7	4,855.3	250.3	196.4	245.7	202.7	5.1	4.0	5.0	4.2
Colorado	2,559.1	2,660.9	2,561.8	2,642.5	117.7	104.5	114.8	102.0	4.6	3.9	4.5	3.9
Connecticut	1,820.4	1,865.2	1,812.6	1,854.9	83.0	76.1	76.1	68.7	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.7
Delaware	443.6	452.4	443.9	451.0	17.5	14.3	18.1	13.5	3.9	3.2	4.1	3.0
District of Columbia	291.5	293.1	292.0	293.4	17.0	16.8	16.7	18.2	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.2
Florida	8,752.0	9,117.4	8,729.7	9,143.9	298.5	297.9	257.0	275.1	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall ¹	1,122.4	1,180.2	1,118.1	1,178.3	44.6	43.6	40.7	40.9	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.5
Georgia	4,647.5	4,769.7	4,657.2	4,798.2	235.9	208.0	226.1	208.0	5.1	4.4	4.9	4.3
Hawaii	644.6	661.9	644.8	661.2	17.7	15.1	15.2	10.5	2.7	2.3	2.4	1.6
Idaho	744.3	763.3	746.0	758.4	24.3	23.8	24.6	24.3	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2
Illinois	6,493.7	6,647.9	6,478.8	6,670.0	323.8	246.8	336.1	260.5	5.0	3.7	5.2	3.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ¹	3,962.8	4,081.7	3,947.1	4,101.6	208.7	150.3	212.2	156.8	5.3	3.7	5.4	3.8
Indiana	3,224.0	3,259.1	3,212.2	3,258.3	164.7	146.6	169.0	152.2	5.1	4.5	5.3	4.7
Iowa	1,673.8	1,700.7	1,666.4	1,694.6	73.0	54.3	75.9	62.1	4.4	3.2	4.6	3.7
Kansas	1,482.9	1,483.9	1,473.9	1,478.8	73.9	61.9	62.9	60.3	5.0	4.2	4.3	4.1
Kentucky	2,020.2	2,061.9	2,019.2	2,064.4	121.3	106.7	124.7	101.3	6.0	5.2	6.2	4.9
Louisiana	2,032.0	1,877.0	1,897.0	1,858.1	233.8	78.2	109.9	70.2	11.5	4.2	5.8	3.8
Maine	714.8	719.8	712.4	721.0	34.2	32.9	33.0	33.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6
Maryland	2,950.8	3,029.6	2,941.6	3,031.0	116.6	116.1	104.3	109.1	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.6
Massachusetts	3,371.5	3,394.9	3,365.0	3,387.9	152.5	155.1	150.3	165.9	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.9
Michigan	5,123.0	5,089.6	5,103.3	5,113.7	320.0	328.6	321.4	351.3	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.9
Detroit-Warren-Livonia ²	2,199.5	2,186.2	2,190.1	2,192.7	151.6	148.3	146.1	157.3	6.9	6.8	6.7	7.2
Minnesota	2,956.7	2,981.8	2,944.5	2,974.8	108.6	107.2	117.7	124.6	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.2
Mississippi	1,330.3	1,326.0	1,323.6	1,335.1	118.0	92.1	109.3	93.3	8.9	6.9	8.3	7.0
Missouri	3,026.6	3,072.3	3,013.9	3,064.0	154.2	147.3	144.5	139.7	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.6
Montana	494.3	503.0	492.3	499.1	19.2	13.8	18.6	14.7	3.9	2.7	3.8	2.9
Nebraska	985.8	987.2	982.9	983.1	32.8	27.6	35.0	28.1	3.3	2.8	3.6	2.9
Nevada	1,229.6	1,325.0	1,230.8	1,323.7	45.7	53.8	43.5	56.0	3.7	4.1	3.5	4.2
New Hampshire	734.7	746.0	732.0	742.1	25.3	24.8	23.7	24.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3
New Jersey	4,464.6	4,486.9	4,467.2	4,502.5	192.6	189.5	192.2	173.9	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.9
New Mexico	947.5	959.3	947.7	949.1	44.5	37.9	41.2	31.6	4.7	4.0	4.4	3.3
New York	9,455.8	9,421.7	9,447.8	9,420.8	475.1	380.6	458.6	359.2	5.0	4.0	4.9	3.8
New York City	3,767.4	3,727.4	3,763.6	3,724.0	223.9	163.1	211.4	149.4	5.9	4.4	5.6	4.0
North Carolina	4,378.5	4,504.0	4,353.4	4,488.8	218.9	219.1	203.5	210.3	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7
North Dakota	355.2	363.2	354.2	362.5	10.5	10.5	11.2	11.4	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.2
Ohio	5,926.3	5,977.7	5,899.9	5,971.5	331.4	307.1	326.6	321.9	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.4
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor ²	1,091.3	1,101.7	1,080.9	1,090.9	58.6	54.5	57.5	57.5	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.3
Oklahoma	1,763.0	1,767.0	1,753.2	1,763.8	69.8	66.0	69.4	65.8	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.7
Oregon	1,871.6	1,915.7	1,858.1	1,896.1	103.6	96.1	99.8	97.7	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.2
Pennsylvania	6,317.9	6,342.4	6,285.0	6,337.7	292.8	276.3	270.6	262.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.1
Rhode Island	576.7	580.1	575.7	579.0	25.7	26.8	27.6	26.9	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.6
South Carolina	2,094.6	2,136.7	2,087.1	2,137.8	144.3	137.5	140.7	136.3	6.9	6.4	6.7	6.4
South Dakota	433.3	436.6	428.8	434.6	15.8	13.2	16.2	14.0	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.2
Tennessee	2,937.0	3,039.0	2,925.2	3,042.4	156.5	146.2	148.6	133.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.4
Texas	11,333.7	11,634.9	11,325.8	11,616.5	578.6	533.0	540.8	475.3	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.1
Utah	1,283.7	1,334.2	1,285.5	1,328.8	48.8	32.1	45.0	29.9	3.8	2.4	3.5	2.3
Vermont	358.1	365.3	359.8	367.1	12.0	13.1	12.1	13.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.6
Virginia	3,953.7	4,025.3	3,944.5	4,022.4	125.0	114.6	118.2	108.1	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.7
Washington	3,328.8	3,357.4	3,322.7	3,359.1	178.7	166.3	171.6	167.6	5.4	5.0	5.2	5.0
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett ¹	1,379.3	1,411.2	1,382.7	1,411.4	67.6	64.6	62.8	59.2	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.2
West Virginia	805.6	819.8	801.3	814.1	35.7	38.5	33.6	37.7	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.6
Wisconsin	3,041.8	3,083.8	3,041.2	3,099.5	129.6	133.9	135.0	140.8	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5
Wyoming	285.8	291.9	285.0	289.8	9.7	8.5	9.3	9.1	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.1
Puerto Rico	1,433.1	1,409.2	1,415.4	1,406.6	180.4	136.2	152.6	133.6	12.6	9.7	10.8	9.5

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dated December 5, 2005, and are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and in the May issue of *Employment and Earnings*. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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

(In thousands)

State	Total ¹				Construction				Manufacturing			
	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P
Alabama	1,959.5	1,974.5	1,974.8	1,976.2	108.2	110.0	109.8	109.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Alaska	310.6	315.9	316.1	316.1	18.4	18.0	18.1	18.2	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Arizona	2,567.4	2,664.2	2,669.6	2,682.6	230.5	249.9	251.7	253.8	182.9	182.8	181.3	181.6
Arkansas	1,183.6	1,194.0	1,193.3	1,198.0	54.7	55.7	55.7	55.8	197.5	194.2	191.5	193.6
California	14,918.9	15,054.7	15,072.0	15,089.2	933.3	914.1	916.5	917.4	1,510.6	1,508.8	1,509.7	1,509.3
Colorado	2,249.2	2,280.2	2,284.9	2,292.7	164.7	165.6	165.2	167.8	150.1	151.2	151.2	151.7
Connecticut	1,668.6	1,676.9	1,678.0	1,679.2	66.4	64.3	64.6	65.2	194.0	193.4	193.5	193.1
Delaware ³	434.0	439.8	441.5	440.7	28.2	29.0	29.1	28.8	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia ³	686.6	692.7	695.3	694.8	12.1	12.9	12.8	12.5	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Florida	7,943.5	8,106.7	8,137.3	8,156.1	597.9	617.9	620.5	616.8	399.9	396.9	396.4	396.3
Georgia	4,030.7	4,097.9	4,106.9	4,110.9	214.9	218.7	219.6	219.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hawaii ³	611.2	621.3	625.7	623.2	35.7	36.1	36.3	36.8	15.4	15.3	15.2	15.3
Idaho	627.0	644.8	649.0	652.8	48.1	53.8	54.2	55.6	63.8	64.7	65.2	65.7
Illinois	5,894.0	5,951.2	5,950.6	5,958.9	274.9	278.5	279.0	279.4	687.5	678.2	678.4	678.9
Indiana	2,975.9	2,987.9	2,988.4	2,986.3	150.1	152.5	152.8	152.8	571.2	569.8	568.0	566.6
Iowa	1,495.7	1,513.0	1,516.6	1,520.2	73.8	77.4	78.1	77.6	232.4	235.1	235.3	236.6
Kansas	1,334.7	1,339.9	1,342.2	1,345.8	63.2	65.2	63.5	64.8	178.1	180.3	179.5	179.0
Kentucky	1,836.0	1,844.8	1,845.5	1,848.0	85.6	87.5	87.4	87.5	262.0	254.9	255.5	254.7
Louisiana	1,738.9	1,791.6	1,794.3	1,798.3	101.6	111.4	111.4	112.5	143.1	146.8	147.4	147.2
Maine	612.3	614.6	615.2	616.3	30.9	31.5	31.4	31.6	59.8	57.3	57.5	57.6
Maryland ³	2,568.4	2,597.2	2,604.6	2,612.1	185.6	188.6	190.1	190.7	139.3	137.1	136.1	136.3
Massachusetts	3,206.0	3,222.2	3,223.0	3,224.7	142.9	141.3	141.2	141.5	304.4	305.2	304.3	304.3
Michigan	4,396.5	4,355.8	4,361.8	4,376.7	193.4	191.5	190.6	191.2	676.9	641.0	639.6	637.5
Minnesota	2,730.6	2,777.2	2,786.6	2,784.8	130.5	132.6	130.8	131.0	349.2	348.9	347.4	345.4
Mississippi	1,126.2	1,147.4	1,150.3	1,155.5	54.2	56.8	56.6	57.2	176.1	173.8	174.5	175.0
Missouri	2,739.6	2,753.6	2,757.9	2,761.7	142.3	144.0	144.7	144.7	306.3	297.6	299.4	299.6
Montana	424.8	440.8	442.4	442.4	28.2	30.9	31.1	30.6	19.2	20.6	20.7	20.5
Nebraska ³	940.3	952.7	955.5	956.5	46.3	45.8	46.0	46.0	102.8	102.6	102.7	102.3
Nevada	1,256.6	1,303.0	1,308.7	1,316.7	143.9	151.6	152.8	154.9	48.4	49.9	49.7	50.0
New Hampshire	636.6	642.8	643.5	642.3	30.1	31.4	31.4	30.9	78.3	76.5	76.1	75.7
New Jersey	4,064.5	4,082.8	4,083.0	4,085.0	171.0	171.4	170.9	171.8	323.2	313.2	311.9	312.4
New Mexico	821.5	838.4	838.9	839.7	56.5	59.3	58.6	58.6	36.7	37.4	37.6	37.6
New York	8,566.3	8,624.5	8,629.3	8,627.5	326.9	332.7	332.9	333.7	569.7	558.8	557.8	559.4
North Carolina	3,943.5	3,992.1	3,993.8	3,999.7	235.4	244.3	244.2	244.9	563.7	552.1	552.0	550.1
North Dakota	348.4	352.9	354.4	354.5	17.5	17.6	17.8	17.5	25.8	25.3	26.1	26.0
Ohio	5,445.7	5,452.4	5,454.5	5,449.4	234.3	234.1	234.2	234.9	814.2	803.1	799.1	797.2
Oklahoma	1,529.4	1,547.8	1,548.7	1,549.6	66.8	67.9	69.3	70.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Oregon	1,686.6	1,718.0	1,720.2	1,718.1	96.2	102.6	103.5	103.6	206.9	209.4	207.4	206.8
Pennsylvania	5,737.6	5,770.5	5,777.3	5,787.6	257.9	258.3	259.1	259.5	677.2	665.5	665.6	665.4
Rhode Island	493.0	493.9	493.6	493.2	22.6	23.3	23.2	23.4	54.1	52.8	52.7	52.7
South Carolina	1,875.5	1,919.5	1,912.4	1,907.2	120.8	126.4	126.3	128.3	258.1	253.7	253.5	253.4
South Dakota	391.8	401.2	401.2	403.7	20.1	22.1	22.1	22.7	40.9	42.1	41.9	42.3
Tennessee	2,760.9	2,786.3	2,786.9	2,788.0	120.7	123.5	123.9	124.0	405.0	397.4	396.5	395.9
Texas	9,861.3	10,044.0	10,058.9	10,074.5	580.2	619.4	622.1	624.9	905.1	909.6	913.5	914.5
Utah	1,175.8	1,221.7	1,225.2	1,227.8	85.0	98.5	100.0	99.7	118.8	120.9	121.0	121.4
Vermont	306.6	309.0	308.9	308.6	16.8	17.9	17.7	17.5	36.8	36.4	36.4	36.6
Virginia	3,699.5	3,746.0	3,748.4	3,755.1	253.2	263.8	259.7	257.6	294.9	293.0	291.7	293.0
Washington	2,822.1	2,886.6	2,890.3	2,893.2	183.9	195.0	195.6	196.7	277.9	286.4	286.9	287.7
West Virginia	752.3	758.6	759.4	759.9	38.2	39.8	39.5	39.4	61.2	61.4	61.1	60.8
Wisconsin	2,861.0	2,870.0	2,872.9	2,879.6	132.9	136.2	135.3	133.4	509.0	507.0	504.6	505.2
Wyoming	265.9	278.0	278.6	279.9	20.8	23.3	23.6	23.7	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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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			
	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P
Alabama	383.5	382.7	384.8	386.3	98.2	98.1	97.9	97.7	212.2	217.4	217.7	218.0
Alaska	63.4	64.7	64.6	64.6	14.8	14.9	15.0	14.8	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.1
Arizona	496.0	512.8	514.9	515.9	177.8	184.1	183.2	183.8	385.8	404.1	407.6	412.4
Arkansas	246.3	249.3	249.5	249.4	52.0	52.8	52.9	53.1	113.7	116.2	117.0	117.3
California	2,830.3	2,835.5	2,839.3	2,841.7	937.8	946.8	947.4	947.9	2,177.9	2,215.9	2,218.6	2,222.9
Colorado	420.4	419.6	421.2	423.7	159.5	160.0	160.5	159.8	321.0	331.2	332.3	333.3
Connecticut	312.9	312.5	312.6	312.7	143.0	144.9	144.9	145.2	200.9	201.8	202.6	203.8
Delaware ³	82.3	82.5	82.8	83.1	45.0	43.8	43.6	43.7	63.9	65.3	65.6	66.0
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	148.8	151.4	151.6	151.9
Florida	1,591.2	1,610.9	1,613.4	1,615.7	534.6	546.5	548.0	549.6	1,354.8	1,399.2	1,412.1	1,417.5
Georgia	851.8	870.6	869.3	870.7	228.3	231.7	230.3	231.0	543.3	552.7	555.4	557.1
Hawaii ³	120.4	122.8	122.5	122.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Idaho	125.4	127.5	129.1	129.8	30.9	32.2	32.1	32.3	79.0	81.4	82.5	82.7
Illinois	1,191.6	1,198.7	1,199.3	1,202.4	406.5	414.1	414.7	415.5	830.6	859.4	858.2	860.7
Indiana	589.5	589.6	592.4	591.9	140.0	142.0	141.7	142.1	275.2	278.2	278.6	277.5
Iowa	309.2	309.7	311.3	312.4	99.5	101.0	101.1	101.8	114.5	118.8	118.5	118.7
Kansas	261.0	257.4	260.1	260.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	132.9	133.0	134.1	134.6
Kentucky	380.7	381.9	382.4	383.0	87.6	88.3	87.9	88.0	175.1	176.8	177.3	178.7
Louisiana	352.8	366.7	366.2	365.8	93.2	95.4	95.1	95.0	162.9	175.5	176.4	176.3
Maine	126.1	125.6	126.2	126.5	33.8	34.1	33.9	34.0	50.5	52.2	52.1	52.1
Maryland ³	473.1	471.6	475.1	475.6	159.3	161.1	161.0	160.8	388.3	393.2	395.3	396.5
Massachusetts	570.0	569.2	568.3	567.4	222.2	225.3	225.8	225.8	465.1	470.6	472.2	473.6
Michigan	804.4	787.8	789.9	792.6	219.1	220.6	220.3	219.4	598.2	603.6	607.0	614.8
Minnesota	529.2	535.2	539.2	539.5	181.6	183.6	184.8	185.5	304.8	319.4	320.7	320.5
Mississippi	222.3	225.3	224.9	226.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	89.5	89.9	89.7	91.1
Missouri	542.2	547.4	547.8	551.2	167.3	167.0	167.3	167.6	322.9	326.6	326.4	326.5
Montana	88.0	90.0	90.2	90.2	21.8	22.8	22.9	23.1	34.7	38.9	38.8	38.7
Nebraska ³	200.1	201.2	201.9	202.2	65.3	68.0	68.2	68.6	97.2	99.1	98.4	98.2
Nevada	219.7	227.9	228.6	229.3	67.3	68.6	68.8	69.2	149.3	160.4	162.2	165.1
New Hampshire	140.6	143.0	143.6	143.5	39.9	40.8	41.1	41.3	60.1	60.8	60.5	60.5
New Jersey	884.9	882.8	884.3	883.7	283.3	284.4	284.3	284.3	596.8	606.6	607.7	606.6
New Mexico	141.1	142.1	142.2	142.2	35.5	35.7	35.9	35.7	93.7	97.6	97.8	97.2
New York	1,506.9	1,510.2	1,512.0	1,507.1	719.2	725.4	726.1	727.0	1,090.8	1,104.8	1,104.7	1,104.2
North Carolina	733.0	735.5	735.5	735.0	200.9	207.5	208.0	208.2	451.3	457.9	458.7	461.6
North Dakota	75.6	76.8	76.8	76.9	19.1	19.8	19.7	19.7	27.2	27.2	27.5	27.8
Ohio	1,043.2	1,036.9	1,040.4	1,038.7	309.8	310.7	310.6	310.7	650.5	657.1	658.1	657.6
Oklahoma	282.5	285.5	285.6	284.7	85.0	85.2	85.1	84.3	175.0	175.1	175.5	175.9
Oregon	334.8	340.3	341.0	339.0	104.4	107.4	107.4	108.4	188.2	192.2	192.5	191.1
Pennsylvania	1,131.7	1,131.2	1,132.8	1,137.3	336.1	335.7	336.1	336.8	665.9	673.2	676.0	680.0
Rhode Island	79.5	79.0	79.1	78.7	35.2	36.9	37.2	37.2	56.1	57.2	57.4	56.8
South Carolina	358.9	367.9	367.7	364.4	100.3	104.8	105.3	104.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
South Dakota	78.8	80.6	80.0	81.1	28.6	29.5	30.0	30.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Tennessee	602.9	612.6	612.4	612.7	144.7	145.3	145.6	145.7	317.6	320.2	319.8	319.6
Texas	2,012.5	2,025.7	2,021.5	2,028.2	618.3	634.3	634.5	637.6	1,185.9	1,228.0	1,234.3	1,231.9
Utah	230.1	237.1	237.5	238.2	69.8	72.9	73.2	73.3	154.2	161.1	162.6	163.1
Vermont	59.7	59.8	60.2	59.9	13.3	13.1	13.2	13.2	22.0	22.4	22.4	22.5
Virginia	658.7	660.6	664.6	666.1	195.1	197.7	197.4	197.3	618.6	625.0	628.1	630.1
Washington	538.7	546.5	547.3	548.3	157.0	157.2	157.2	157.5	325.5	342.5	343.4	343.1
West Virginia	139.8	142.1	142.4	141.9	30.0	29.7	29.6	29.8	59.9	59.7	60.2	60.1
Wisconsin	539.1	538.5	538.7	542.3	157.2	158.6	159.2	160.1	262.8	270.4	272.0	273.8
Wyoming	50.9	52.9	52.7	53.1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	15.8	16.8	16.8	17.0

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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			
	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P	Dec. 2005	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006P
Alabama	201.9	207.0	206.1	207.1	167.2	171.1	171.4	170.8	362.0	364.5	364.4	363.9
Alaska	36.1	37.4	37.4	37.6	30.9	31.6	31.3	31.8	82.1	82.2	82.0	81.9
Arizona	280.5	290.1	290.5	291.4	260.0	272.6	272.9	273.9	403.8	414.5	414.4	416.6
Arkansas	148.2	151.0	151.2	152.1	94.8	96.7	97.1	97.7	206.5	207.2	207.6	207.9
California	1,597.4	1,622.9	1,625.5	1,630.7	1,492.9	1,525.1	1,526.4	1,526.3	2,425.5	2,463.6	2,463.6	2,464.6
Colorado	226.5	231.0	231.3	231.7	258.3	265.2	264.3	265.1	365.2	369.7	370.3	370.6
Connecticut	273.2	279.2	278.8	277.8	129.6	131.2	131.1	131.1	247.2	248.5	248.8	248.9
Delaware ³	54.3	55.6	55.8	55.8	41.7	41.8	42.4	42.0	59.4	60.4	60.4	60.1
District of Columbia ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	55.1	56.5	56.4	56.2	231.9	230.6	231.8	230.5
Florida	953.3	975.9	979.1	985.0	907.1	929.6	936.6	940.2	1,091.8	1,106.4	1,111.5	1,115.2
Georgia	426.8	440.1	441.3	442.3	372.7	385.1	386.2	385.6	655.3	664.7	665.3	667.4
Hawaii ³	70.8	71.0	70.9	71.2	107.5	108.4	108.4	108.5	119.7	122.0	125.9	122.1
Idaho	69.0	70.7	70.7	71.0	60.4	62.0	62.8	63.0	116.5	117.2	117.0	117.1
Illinois	752.7	758.9	759.2	761.2	518.7	532.1	531.9	531.8	843.5	844.5	843.0	841.8
Indiana	381.1	383.0	383.6	383.7	281.0	282.3	282.1	281.9	428.9	429.9	428.9	429.7
Iowa	198.3	201.1	201.4	202.0	129.2	131.5	132.2	132.2	247.2	249.0	249.0	249.2
Kansas	165.1	166.2	165.9	165.9	111.1	110.7	112.0	112.9	252.6	257.6	257.3	257.7
Kentucky	236.8	240.8	241.0	241.5	166.8	170.0	170.3	171.0	312.4	315.9	315.0	314.7
Louisiana	208.0	215.2	216.0	216.4	168.6	177.9	178.4	180.1	374.8	365.6	365.1	366.3
Maine	112.7	114.4	114.7	114.3	59.5	58.7	59.4	60.0	105.4	106.7	106.4	106.3
Maryland ³	357.9	365.6	367.1	367.8	233.1	239.4	239.7	241.3	467.5	472.0	470.5	473.1
Massachusetts	592.8	600.2	601.0	601.6	290.8	291.6	290.8	291.3	410.6	410.8	411.0	411.4
Michigan	569.8	575.8	577.3	580.2	406.3	410.2	411.1	410.6	673.1	672.6	672.3	674.9
Minnesota	390.8	401.1	404.2	405.5	243.8	252.4	251.3	253.3	418.4	418.0	420.6	416.2
Mississippi	122.2	123.3	124.0	124.0	113.4	121.2	123.2	123.6	241.2	248.6	248.9	249.0
Missouri	369.2	373.4	373.6	374.0	275.5	275.6	276.5	277.4	429.5	437.1	437.8	437.1
Montana	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	55.6	57.6	57.9	58.3	87.3	88.6	88.9	88.3
Nebraska ³	129.2	132.9	133.7	134.0	80.5	81.1	81.5	81.9	161.5	165.9	166.2	165.7
Nevada	86.3	89.0	89.1	89.8	333.8	339.2	340.0	340.1	146.1	151.3	152.2	152.5
New Hampshire	99.2	101.6	101.8	101.5	64.6	64.9	65.3	66.1	89.0	88.7	88.5	87.7
New Jersey	565.9	575.1	577.0	577.3	339.5	344.8	343.6	345.4	642.4	648.1	647.4	647.0
New Mexico	107.5	109.8	109.8	110.0	84.3	86.4	86.2	86.5	203.6	205.3	205.7	206.2
New York	1,558.1	1,582.1	1,587.1	1,587.2	670.6	678.8	679.6	678.4	1,488.9	1,495.0	1,491.2	1,492.0
North Carolina	470.0	483.3	483.2	486.0	362.0	366.0	370.5	370.6	667.9	680.5	678.9	677.8
North Dakota	49.2	49.9	49.9	50.0	31.5	32.3	32.5	32.4	74.9	76.2	76.1	75.9
Ohio	768.1	774.9	776.6	776.8	504.3	512.9	514.8	515.0	795.9	797.3	796.1	794.8
Oklahoma	184.9	187.6	186.8	187.5	133.3	133.9	133.9	134.8	313.7	321.2	320.8	320.4
Oregon	204.2	208.6	208.5	208.8	164.7	165.9	167.9	168.3	285.2	289.3	290.8	290.7
Pennsylvania	1,042.5	1,072.0	1,072.2	1,073.0	487.3	492.9	492.5	493.2	745.8	746.6	747.8	747.2
Rhode Island	96.2	97.2	97.5	97.3	50.5	50.5	50.1	50.1	64.8	64.0	64.2	64.0
South Carolina	186.5	191.9	193.5	195.2	201.4	211.8	214.3	211.6	333.3	339.6	334.6	333.1
South Dakota	58.5	59.1	59.4	59.7	41.7	42.7	42.2	42.7	75.7	75.4	75.4	75.2
Tennessee	332.7	338.9	338.6	339.1	266.4	273.4	274.4	275.3	416.2	418.9	419.7	419.8
Texas	1,204.6	1,227.0	1,228.7	1,230.7	919.0	937.6	941.2	940.9	1,688.9	1,712.8	1,711.5	1,714.4
Utah	130.8	135.4	135.7	136.0	106.0	109.6	108.9	109.3	204.4	207.4	207.5	207.6
Vermont	54.6	55.1	55.2	55.3	32.9	33.0	32.8	32.9	53.0	53.5	53.5	53.1
Virginia	400.2	410.9	412.6	412.5	329.8	339.2	337.2	337.7	665.1	670.9	671.1	675.8
Washington	336.2	340.8	341.8	340.9	267.5	272.7	273.7	275.1	526.9	532.0	530.6	529.3
West Virginia	114.7	115.2	115.4	115.5	70.7	71.4	71.5	72.1	144.0	143.9	144.2	144.5
Wisconsin	392.4	400.7	401.3	402.1	265.1	266.1	266.8	268.0	415.2	400.8	402.5	401.6
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	32.7	32.9	32.9	32.7	65.3	65.8	65.6	66.1

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.
P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected from 2005 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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	1,969.0	1,986.6	1,971.3	1,987.9	13.3	13.5	13.4	13.1	108.7	110.4	108.4	110.0	300.8	297.5	301.5	297.7
Alaska	300.9	306.5	298.6	303.9	10.9	12.8	11.0	12.9	17.8	17.5	16.4	16.2	7.7	8.0	5.9	6.2
Arizona	2,588.1	2,703.0	2,603.4	2,719.4	9.5	11.1	9.6	11.1	229.5	253.1	231.1	254.5	182.8	181.6	183.5	182.1
Arkansas	1,191.9	1,201.7	1,189.8	1,204.1	7.2	7.5	7.1	7.6	54.6	55.5	54.0	55.1	199.3	192.0	197.8	193.9
California	15,019.8	15,179.0	15,034.6	15,206.5	24.1	25.3	23.7	24.9	932.9	922.8	927.1	911.4	1,506.7	1,505.9	1,504.8	1,503.6
Colorado	2,250.4	2,293.6	2,269.6	2,313.1	17.9	21.8	18.0	21.9	165.6	166.9	162.3	165.4	150.8	151.9	150.8	152.4
Connecticut	1,685.2	1,695.7	1,691.0	1,701.8	.8	.8	.7	.7	67.7	66.1	66.0	64.8	194.7	194.0	195.0	194.1
Delaware	438.1	444.6	437.1	443.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	28.5	29.5	28.2	28.8	33.8	33.6	32.2	32.9
District of Columbia ..	689.3	698.5	689.2	697.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	12.2	12.8	12.1	12.5	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2
Florida	7,968.7	8,192.5	8,031.8	8,247.0	7.1	7.4	7.2	7.5	593.7	622.8	601.6	620.8	401.8	397.7	401.5	397.8
Georgia	4,056.0	4,138.9	4,063.9	4,145.4	12.1	12.3	12.1	12.3	213.2	219.3	214.1	218.5	446.7	448.0	447.1	446.6
Hawaii	615.6	631.7	620.4	632.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	35.2	36.5	35.6	36.7	15.3	15.2	15.4	15.3
Idaho	630.2	654.2	627.7	653.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	48.5	55.3	46.9	54.4	63.7	65.1	63.4	65.3
Illinois	5,948.2	6,006.9	5,942.1	6,007.6	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	282.3	288.2	274.3	279.1	688.4	679.2	688.2	679.7
Indiana	3,004.3	3,017.4	2,999.9	3,010.3	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	153.1	155.3	147.6	150.1	571.9	568.3	571.8	567.2
Iowa	1,508.8	1,535.7	1,509.4	1,534.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	74.8	80.9	72.1	76.0	232.0	236.0	232.4	236.6
Kansas	1,355.7	1,359.2	1,347.5	1,358.8	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.9	65.7	64.3	61.6	63.2	180.2	180.3	178.7	179.6
Kentucky	1,851.7	1,863.0	1,851.2	1,862.9	22.2	23.4	22.5	23.6	87.6	89.2	85.7	87.6	263.4	256.2	263.3	255.9
Louisiana	1,744.7	1,806.1	1,750.6	1,810.2	47.1	48.9	47.4	48.9	101.1	112.4	102.7	113.7	143.9	148.0	143.5	147.6
Maine	619.2	622.3	616.7	620.7	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1	31.6	32.2	30.3	31.0	61.2	58.8	61.1	58.8
Maryland	2,592.0	2,626.4	2,590.3	2,628.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	188.5	192.6	185.8	190.8	139.7	136.5	139.6	136.6
Massachusetts	3,234.1	3,255.2	3,238.7	3,257.4	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.0	145.9	144.9	142.6	141.2	304.6	305.1	305.4	305.2
Michigan	4,445.5	4,418.8	4,429.0	4,409.0	8.4	8.5	8.1	8.2	199.9	196.9	190.6	188.4	681.6	641.7	682.8	643.2
Minnesota	2,750.7	2,815.2	2,746.3	2,800.6	5.9	6.2	5.8	5.9	135.0	135.6	125.5	126.1	348.2	346.8	347.4	343.7
Mississippi	1,134.7	1,155.5	1,130.3	1,159.5	8.5	9.3	8.5	9.4	54.4	57.2	54.2	57.1	175.3	174.6	176.3	175.2
Missouri	2,758.9	2,782.3	2,756.7	2,779.1	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	143.4	146.1	140.5	143.0	307.6	300.6	307.1	300.3
Montana	426.1	445.2	425.3	443.1	8.1	8.9	8.0	8.8	28.9	31.9	27.6	30.0	19.3	20.7	19.4	20.8
Nebraska	949.3	965.2	947.0	963.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	47.6	46.5	44.6	44.3	102.3	103.0	103.3	102.8
Nevada	1,261.4	1,319.7	1,264.0	1,324.3	11.1	11.7	11.1	11.7	143.1	153.7	142.7	153.6	48.7	50.0	48.6	50.2
New Hampshire	639.0	646.9	642.5	648.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	30.5	31.9	30.1	30.9	78.6	76.1	78.6	76.0
New Jersey	4,092.7	4,113.8	4,101.5	4,122.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	174.5	174.9	172.6	173.4	326.4	314.0	324.9	314.1
New Mexico	822.9	843.6	826.2	844.5	18.0	19.1	18.1	19.2	55.8	58.9	56.0	58.1	36.3	37.5	36.3	37.3
New York	8,663.3	8,730.3	8,680.4	8,742.2	6.3	6.5	5.9	6.0	336.9	344.2	327.4	334.2	576.0	561.8	571.0	560.7
North Carolina	3,977.0	4,032.4	3,971.2	4,027.6	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.7	235.0	245.5	235.3	244.9	564.2	552.3	565.4	551.8
North Dakota	351.7	358.5	351.1	357.2	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.7	17.8	18.0	16.2	16.2	26.0	26.2	25.8	26.0
Ohio	5,505.0	5,508.1	5,497.3	5,500.3	11.4	10.6	11.3	10.4	241.4	241.9	233.8	234.4	816.4	800.9	817.7	800.7
Oklahoma	1,538.1	1,558.9	1,538.8	1,559.1	37.4	40.7	37.8	40.5	66.5	68.9	65.9	69.4	146.2	147.9	147.2	148.2
Oregon	1,698.3	1,737.0	1,697.2	1,728.8	9.4	8.7	8.7	8.6	95.9	104.4	95.2	102.6	206.7	207.9	205.5	205.4
Pennsylvania	5,787.5	5,838.9	5,783.6	5,833.3	19.9	20.0	19.7	19.7	261.1	264.1	252.3	253.9	679.2	666.4	678.4	666.5
Rhode Island	499.9	500.0	497.9	498.0	.3	.3	.3	.3	23.3	24.0	22.8	23.6	54.9	53.3	54.7	53.3
South Carolina	1,883.7	1,924.8	1,885.7	1,918.8	4.7	5.1	4.8	5.2	121.0	126.9	120.4	127.9	258.1	254.1	258.2	253.6
South Dakota	394.1	402.9	391.4	403.1	.9	.9	.8	.9	21.6	22.6	19.1	21.6	41.0	42.6	41.3	42.7
Tennessee	2,782.3	2,810.4	2,789.3	2,816.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	121.5	124.8	120.7	124.0	406.2	397.7	404.7	395.7
Texas	9,913.2	10,117.1	9,923.7	10,138.4	171.4	182.0	172.2	184.0	577.1	620.8	575.9	620.7	904.9	913.9	904.9	914.2
Utah	1,182.7	1,236.6	1,188.9	1,241.0	9.0	10.7	9.1	10.8	85.8	101.5	84.7	99.4	119.4	122.1	119.8	122.4
Vermont	308.6	311.1	312.5	314.6	.9	.8	.9	.8	17.5	18.2	16.5	17.2	36.9	36.7	37.1	36.9
Virginia	3,732.4	3,781.0	3,722.3	3,777.8	10.8	11.1	10.9	11.2	253.1	261.9	252.3	256.7	296.2	292.9	296.2	294.3
Washington	2,841.4	2,916.1	2,834.3	2,905.4	8.5	8.1	8.5	8.1	184.2	197.1	180.4	193.2	278.2	287.9	277.2	287.0
West Virginia	757.1	765.6	757.4	765.1	26.3	27.8	26.4	27.9	39.0	40.5	37.6	38.8	61.5	61.2	61.3	60.9
Wisconsin	2,879.2	2,899.1	2,872.0	2,890.4	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.3	136.2	139.1	129.9	130.4	507.7	504.3	507.6	503.8
Wyoming	264.0	277.1	263.6	277.5	24.0	27.8	24.2	28.2	20.7	23.8	19.8	22.7	9.9	10.4	9.7	10.4
Puerto Rico	1,046.6	1,041.0	1,075.9	1,041.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	63.3	67.7	69.5	66.7	113.7	105.8	111.7	106.0

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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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	386.8	389.9	391.0	393.8	31.1	30.8	31.1	30.9	98.7	98.2	98.5	98.0	212.3	218.2	212.1	217.9
Alaska	61.7	62.9	61.6	62.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.7	23.3	23.3	23.3	23.4
Arizona	505.5	526.4	512.8	533.4	44.9	43.3	45.0	43.0	177.9	183.8	179.4	185.4	384.7	410.9	388.1	414.9
Arkansas	249.4	253.0	251.4	254.6	20.2	20.6	20.3	20.6	51.8	52.8	52.1	53.1	113.7	117.3	113.0	116.6
California	2,890.3	2,899.2	2,920.8	2,932.9	483.0	477.3	472.9	480.5	937.3	948.3	939.8	950.0	2,183.8	2,230.1	2,191.7	2,237.1
Colorado	426.2	428.4	431.8	435.3	76.5	76.3	76.2	75.9	159.1	160.3	161.0	161.3	319.4	332.3	320.4	332.6
Connecticut	318.9	318.6	325.0	324.8	37.8	37.7	38.0	38.0	142.9	145.1	143.2	145.4	201.6	204.4	202.8	205.8
Delaware	84.8	85.2	85.2	86.0	6.9	7.4	6.9	7.4	45.0	43.7	45.1	43.8	63.3	65.7	64.2	66.3
District of Columbia ..	28.2	28.8	28.8	29.4	22.6	24.2	22.7	24.2	30.0	31.0	30.1	31.2	149.5	152.8	150.1	153.2
Florida	1,610.1	1,636.6	1,642.2	1,667.4	169.8	169.0	169.7	169.8	532.8	547.4	534.5	549.5	1,350.7	1,416.1	1,358.8	1,421.9
Georgia	874.0	891.2	880.7	899.8	115.8	116.0	116.3	116.3	228.1	231.7	229.5	232.2	545.4	559.8	546.1	559.9
Hawaii	122.2	124.5	124.3	126.5	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.0	29.7	30.4	29.8	30.6	75.5	79.6	76.1	80.2
Idaho	127.6	131.8	128.0	132.5	11.1	11.5	11.1	11.5	30.8	32.3	31.1	32.5	78.9	82.9	78.3	81.9
Illinois	1,207.2	1,218.0	1,223.3	1,234.6	117.9	116.4	117.9	116.4	407.9	416.2	408.4	417.4	841.2	869.0	836.5	866.8
Indiana	595.5	600.3	602.8	605.3	40.6	41.1	41.0	41.1	139.5	141.6	140.0	142.1	278.8	280.8	275.3	277.5
Iowa	313.6	316.8	316.1	319.5	33.2	32.2	33.3	32.3	98.8	101.0	99.6	101.9	115.4	119.4	115.3	119.5
Kansas	265.0	263.8	266.1	265.7	39.2	37.7	39.5	38.0	70.9	70.8	70.8	71.0	135.2	135.3	133.6	135.4
Kentucky	386.6	389.1	390.2	392.6	29.4	29.3	29.5	29.2	87.8	88.2	88.1	88.5	177.6	180.5	177.6	181.2
Louisiana	355.8	370.7	360.4	373.8	28.9	28.4	28.4	28.4	93.0	95.2	93.5	95.2	161.7	176.7	164.1	177.5
Maine	129.8	130.3	131.3	131.8	11.4	11.5	11.3	11.5	33.8	33.8	33.8	34.0	50.8	52.3	50.4	52.0
Maryland	483.2	486.3	490.2	492.8	50.8	50.7	50.6	50.7	158.9	160.7	159.5	160.9	389.4	397.2	388.3	396.5
Massachusetts	582.0	580.1	590.2	587.4	87.5	88.1	87.8	88.3	221.2	224.8	222.4	226.0	466.9	475.8	467.6	476.2
Michigan	819.0	805.5	824.5	812.3	66.8	66.8	67.1	67.1	217.9	219.1	218.9	219.2	598.0	614.8	594.9	611.5
Minnesota	540.6	550.4	542.7	553.1	58.9	61.6	59.1	61.3	179.9	184.5	181.7	185.6	306.7	324.9	306.1	321.8
Mississippi	224.9	227.6	227.2	231.4	13.7	13.7	13.9	13.6	45.9	46.3	46.2	46.7	89.7	90.9	89.7	91.3
Missouri	553.2	559.1	556.7	565.9	62.4	60.6	62.4	60.1	166.5	167.1	167.4	167.8	321.2	327.9	323.0	326.6
Montana	89.0	91.3	89.6	91.9	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	21.6	22.8	21.8	23.0	34.9	38.9	34.1	38.0
Nebraska	203.6	205.9	205.1	207.1	20.5	19.5	20.4	19.8	65.0	68.1	65.3	68.7	99.0	100.1	98.4	99.4
Nevada	225.2	234.7	227.4	237.4	14.4	15.1	14.4	15.3	67.1	69.0	67.6	69.5	149.8	164.3	148.9	164.7
New Hampshire	143.7	146.8	146.0	149.0	13.0	13.2	13.0	13.3	39.6	41.0	39.8	41.2	60.6	61.1	60.5	60.9
New Jersey	899.6	898.4	910.6	909.1	97.8	94.5	97.4	94.4	282.5	284.1	283.8	284.8	600.2	609.9	597.9	607.7
New Mexico	143.9	145.0	145.1	146.2	14.8	16.2	15.0	16.5	35.2	35.6	35.5	35.7	93.4	98.0	94.1	97.6
New York	1,541.7	1,546.3	1,563.4	1,563.6	273.1	271.5	273.9	272.4	719.4	726.7	721.5	729.3	1,098.7	1,113.6	1,100.4	1,113.8
North Carolina	746.3	748.3	748.7	750.6	77.7	78.5	77.5	78.8	199.8	207.3	200.8	208.1	451.1	461.0	449.0	459.2
North Dakota	76.1	77.9	77.3	78.6	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	19.2	19.7	19.2	19.8	27.0	27.7	27.0	27.6
Ohio	1,069.7	1,064.2	1,079.8	1,075.1	89.9	88.8	89.5	88.7	309.8	310.9	310.2	311.2	654.4	661.1	649.2	656.1
Oklahoma	286.3	289.6	289.0	291.2	29.9	29.2	29.8	29.4	84.8	85.1	85.1	84.4	174.0	175.2	173.3	174.3
Oregon	341.5	348.5	345.1	349.4	33.6	32.9	33.6	33.4	104.1	107.3	104.5	108.5	188.0	192.9	189.0	191.9
Pennsylvania	1,153.9	1,160.3	1,169.5	1,175.3	107.9	107.8	108.5	108.4	334.9	335.0	336.1	336.7	666.3	680.7	664.7	678.8
Rhode Island	81.9	81.4	82.6	81.8	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.2	35.0	37.1	35.2	37.2	56.9	57.8	56.7	57.4
South Carolina	360.4	371.3	366.7	372.4	26.9	29.2	27.3	29.5	99.4	104.6	99.4	103.8	212.8	210.5	209.7	209.1
South Dakota	80.0	81.1	79.8	82.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	28.5	29.9	28.5	30.4	24.1	25.9	24.2	25.8
Tennessee	615.9	625.8	623.6	633.6	49.5	49.7	50.1	50.4	144.6	145.6	145.0	146.0	320.0	322.1	320.9	323.0
Texas	2,048.8	2,053.6	2,064.3	2,080.3	225.5	216.7	224.1	215.3	617.6	634.6	619.5	638.9	1,187.4	1,238.2	1,188.3	1,234.5
Utah	234.8	242.8	237.3	245.4	34.0	34.0	33.9	33.9	69.1	72.7	70.0	73.5	153.4	163.4	154.0	162.9
Vermont	61.0	61.2	61.7	61.9	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	13.2	13.2	13.4	13.3	22.0	22.5	22.1	22.6
Virginia	673.3	680.9	679.3	686.7	92.8	91.1	92.8	91.7	194.4	196.7	194.8	197.0	622.4	630.5	619.3	630.7
Washington	548.8	558.6	553.1	563.0	96.3	101.6	96.5	101.9	156.8	157.4	157.3	157.8	326.7	345.7	325.3	342.9
West Virginia	143.0	145.1	143.2	145.4	11.6	11.9	11.7	12.0	29.9	29.8	30.1	29.9	59.4	60.3	60.5	60.7
Wisconsin	551.4	554.3	555.3	558.6	49.2	49.6	49.2	50.0	156.9	159.1	157.3	160.2	263.0	273.5	261.8	272.8
Wyoming	51.3	53.2	51.2	53.5	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	10.7	11.2	10.6	11.1	15.9	16.7	15.3	16.5
Puerto Rico	191.1	186.5	202.2	193.5	23.2	22.8	23.5	22.7	50.1	50.2	51.6	50.8	103.3	103.9	108.5	105.1

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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			
	November		December		November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P	2005	2006	2005	2006 ^P
Alabama	203.5	208.3	202.8	208.0	166.1	169.6	165.5	169.0	81.4	81.6	81.4	82.0	366.3	368.6	365.6	367.5
Alaska	35.7	37.2	36.1	37.6	27.7	28.5	28.1	28.9	11.5	11.6	11.3	11.4	83.0	83.0	83.3	83.2
Arizona	281.0	292.0	281.2	292.2	259.5	273.6	261.4	275.3	95.4	99.0	95.8	99.5	417.4	428.2	415.5	428.0
Arkansas	149.3	152.6	149.3	153.2	92.7	95.3	91.8	94.6	42.2	42.6	42.3	42.7	211.5	212.5	210.7	212.1
California	1,614.2	1,641.3	1,608.2	1,641.5	1,480.5	1,516.5	1,487.8	1,521.1	513.7	521.4	514.7	521.4	2,453.3	2,490.9	2,443.1	2,482.1
Colorado	226.7	232.2	228.0	233.2	247.7	255.6	260.8	267.6	88.3	89.7	88.8	90.7	372.2	378.2	371.5	376.8
Connecticut	278.0	282.8	277.0	281.6	126.7	128.4	127.8	129.3	62.6	62.5	62.9	62.9	253.5	255.3	252.6	254.4
Delaware	54.3	56.0	54.5	56.0	40.8	41.5	40.3	40.6	19.8	20.7	20.2	21.0	60.9	61.3	60.3	61.0
District of Columbia ..	98.5	100.1	97.6	99.2	55.4	56.7	54.9	56.0	59.5	59.7	59.5	59.7	231.4	230.2	231.4	230.0
Florida	955.1	985.6	958.9	990.8	897.4	930.4	907.5	941.1	336.9	343.9	338.0	344.7	1,113.3	1,135.6	1,111.9	1,135.7
Georgia	429.6	444.9	429.0	444.6	369.4	382.7	370.0	382.9	157.3	158.3	156.7	157.7	664.4	674.7	662.3	674.6
Hawaii	71.5	71.7	71.6	72.0	107.7	108.8	108.3	109.3	25.5	25.9	25.5	26.1	121.9	128.1	122.7	125.0
Idaho	70.0	71.8	69.9	71.9	58.0	60.3	58.9	61.5	18.2	19.6	18.2	19.6	118.8	119.2	117.5	118.1
Illinois	758.7	765.0	757.6	766.1	515.1	527.7	512.3	525.3	259.7	259.7	259.5	260.2	859.5	857.2	853.9	851.8
Indiana	386.3	388.9	386.0	388.7	277.9	279.6	277.7	278.8	110.4	111.7	110.7	112.0	443.4	442.9	440.1	440.7
Iowa	202.1	206.1	202.9	206.7	126.5	129.8	126.0	128.9	56.0	55.2	56.2	55.4	254.2	256.1	253.4	255.4
Kansas	166.7	167.6	166.5	167.3	111.4	111.8	109.7	111.4	53.1	53.7	53.0	53.5	260.5	266.2	260.5	265.8
Kentucky	238.1	243.0	238.2	242.9	164.9	169.1	163.9	168.0	76.8	75.8	77.0	76.0	317.3	319.2	315.2	317.4
Louisiana	208.8	217.7	208.9	217.3	165.4	177.7	166.2	177.7	57.3	60.6	57.8	61.1	381.7	369.8	377.7	369.0
Maine	114.1	115.7	113.3	114.8	53.2	53.6	52.4	52.8	20.0	20.0	19.9	20.0	110.3	111.1	110.0	110.9
Maryland	359.7	369.6	359.8	369.7	227.2	234.1	224.4	232.6	118.4	119.0	118.5	119.1	476.2	479.7	473.6	479.2
Massachusetts	603.5	612.8	603.0	612.0	284.4	284.7	281.1	281.5	117.7	117.5	117.8	117.7	418.5	419.3	419.0	419.9
Michigan	576.0	584.9	574.1	584.6	396.1	400.0	395.1	399.3	178.4	178.2	178.8	179.2	703.4	702.4	694.1	696.0
Minnesota	393.0	408.7	393.9	408.7	236.0	244.6	237.2	246.4	117.9	120.8	118.3	121.7	428.6	431.1	428.6	426.3
Mississippi	122.0	124.5	122.6	124.4	119.7	121.6	111.3	121.5	36.7	37.7	37.2	37.8	243.9	252.1	243.2	251.1
Missouri	372.5	377.5	371.7	376.5	271.8	273.6	268.2	270.1	117.5	118.9	117.1	118.7	437.6	446.0	437.7	445.3
Montana	57.7	59.2	57.7	59.2	52.1	54.7	53.4	56.1	16.8	17.2	17.0	17.4	90.0	91.8	88.9	90.0
Nebraska	130.1	134.9	130.7	135.6	79.2	80.7	78.7	80.1	37.1	37.4	37.0	37.8	164.9	169.1	163.5	167.7
Nevada	85.9	89.3	86.4	89.9	331.5	338.2	331.6	337.9	35.5	38.0	35.7	38.1	149.1	155.7	149.6	156.0
New Hampshire	99.5	102.4	99.9	102.2	59.6	60.8	60.5	61.9	21.0	20.8	20.9	20.8	91.8	91.6	92.2	90.9
New Jersey	566.7	580.0	569.3	580.7	329.9	335.8	329.9	335.9	157.9	160.0	158.7	160.6	655.4	660.3	654.6	659.4
New Mexico	108.7	111.2	108.4	110.9	81.9	84.5	82.8	85.0	28.8	29.3	28.8	29.3	206.1	208.3	206.1	208.7
New York	1,580.7	1,611.2	1,582.0	1,611.5	661.6	670.8	662.4	669.9	358.7	363.4	360.1	364.8	1,510.2	1,514.3	1,512.4	1,516.0
North Carolina	473.5	487.6	474.2	490.2	355.6	363.7	352.0	360.8	176.4	180.4	174.5	179.4	690.5	701.1	686.9	697.1
North Dakota	49.3	50.0	49.4	50.2	31.3	32.3	31.1	32.0	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.4	77.8	78.9	77.8	78.8
Ohio	777.2	786.8	778.0	786.9	494.2	504.7	491.3	501.7	224.4	224.7	224.7	224.7	816.2	813.5	811.8	810.4
Oklahoma	187.0	188.6	186.0	188.6	132.3	133.1	131.1	132.6	73.7	73.5	73.9	74.0	320.0	327.1	319.7	326.5
Oregon	206.7	212.4	207.1	211.9	160.5	164.7	160.2	163.7	59.1	59.2	59.0	58.7	292.8	298.1	289.3	294.7
Pennsylvania	1,057.3	1,088.3	1,054.0	1,084.8	474.6	480.2	474.4	480.0	264.5	267.0	265.2	267.4	767.9	769.1	760.8	761.8
Rhode Island	98.6	99.3	97.7	98.7	49.2	48.8	48.5	48.1	22.9	22.0	22.8	22.1	66.3	65.7	66.1	65.3
South Carolina	188.5	196.1	188.5	197.2	196.2	208.8	193.6	203.4	76.5	76.6	76.7	76.3	339.2	341.6	340.4	340.4
South Dakota	58.7	59.8	58.8	60.0	39.9	40.7	39.6	40.5	15.6	15.8	15.4	15.7	78.8	76.5	76.9	76.3
Tennessee	334.0	340.6	334.3	340.8	263.4	272.2	262.2	271.0	101.6	102.5	101.3	102.1	421.5	425.2	422.4	425.9
Texas	1,206.5	1,234.6	1,208.7	1,234.8	903.6	927.6	902.9	925.0	347.5	349.2	347.6	349.2	1,722.9	1,745.9	1,715.3	1,741.5
Utah	132.9	138.3	133.4	138.8	103.3	106.3	106.1	109.4	33.7	34.4	33.8	34.6	207.3	210.4	206.8	209.9
Vermont	55.3	55.9	55.3	56.0	29.4	29.6	33.3	33.3	9.9	10.0	9.9	10.1	56.2	56.6	56.0	56.1
Virginia	406.9	418.5	404.2	416.6	320.5	327.4	317.0	324.6	182.1	183.7	181.3	183.4	679.9	686.3	674.2	684.9
Washington	337.6	344.4	338.1	342.8	261.5	268.9	262.6	270.0	102.8	103.7	103.1	104.2	540.0	542.7	532.2	534.5
West Virginia	116.1	116.8	115.9	116.7	68.7	70.1	69.3	70.7	55.9	55.9	55.7	55.9	145.7	146.2	145.7	146.2
Wisconsin	395.9	404.9	394.7	404.5	255.6	257.9	255.0	257.8	133.5	137.5	133.7	138.2	425.7	414.3	423.7	409.8
Wyoming	22.0	23.1	22.1	22.9	28.9	29.3	30.1	30.2	9.7	10.6	9.8	10.6	66.6	66.8	66.5	67.2
Puerto Rico	100.5	101.8	103.1	101.5	72.7	74.3	75.2	74.4	22.3	24.9	22.5	24.9	306.4	303.1	308.1	295.5

¹ Natural resources and mining is combined with construction.

P = preliminary.

NOTE: Data are counts of jobs by place of work. Estimates are currently projected

from 2005 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 December 2006

(U.S. rate = 4.5 percent)

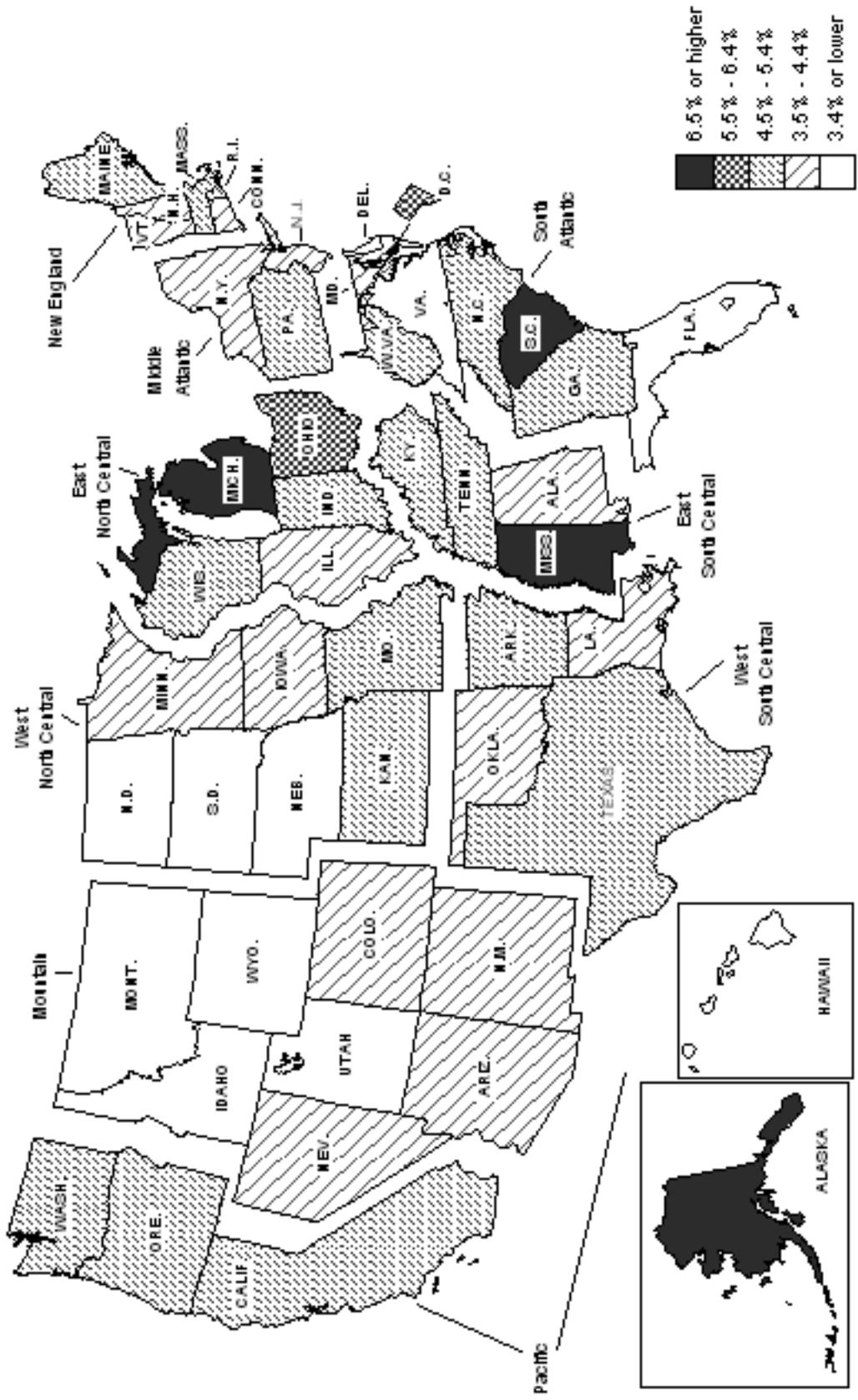


Chart 2. Percentage change in nonfarm employment by state, seasonally adjusted, December 2005 – December 2006

