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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION — MAY 2015

Total **nonfarm payroll employment** increased by 280,000 in May, and the **unemployment rate** was essentially unchanged at 5.5 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Job gains occurred in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and health care. Mining employment continued to decline.

Chart 1. Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, May 2013 – May 2015

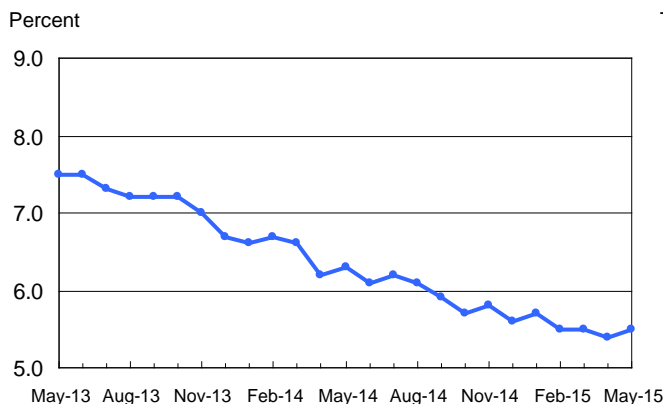
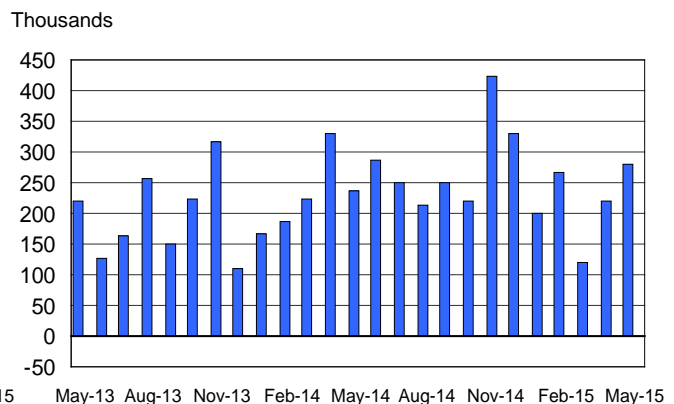


Chart 2. Nonfarm payroll employment over-the-month change, seasonally adjusted, May 2013 – May 2015



Household Survey Data

In May, both the **unemployment rate** (5.5 percent) and the number of **unemployed persons** (8.7 million) were essentially unchanged. Both measures have shown little movement since February. (See table A-1.)

Among the **major worker groups**, the unemployment rates for adult men (5.0 percent), adult women (5.0 percent), teenagers (17.9 percent), whites (4.7 percent), blacks (10.2 percent), Asians (4.1 percent), and Hispanics (6.7 percent) showed little or no change in May. (See tables A-1, A-2, and A-3.)

The number of unemployed **new entrants** edged up by 103,000 in May but is about unchanged over the year. Unemployed new entrants are those who never previously worked. (See table A-11.)

The number of persons **unemployed for less than 5 weeks** decreased by 311,000 to 2.4 million in May, following an increase in April. The number of **long-term unemployed** (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) held at 2.5 million in May and accounted for 28.6 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed is down by 849,000. (See table A-12.)

In May, the **civilian labor force** rose by 397,000, and the **labor force participation rate** was little changed at 62.9 percent. Since April 2014, the participation rate has remained within a narrow range of 62.7 percent to 62.9 percent. The **employment-population ratio**, at 59.4 percent, was essentially unchanged in May. (See table A-1.)

The number of persons employed **part time for economic reasons** (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was about unchanged at 6.7 million in May and has shown little movement in recent months. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job. (See table A-8.)

In May, 1.9 million persons were **marginally attached to the labor force**, down by 268,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. (See table A-16.)

Among the marginally attached, there were 563,000 **discouraged workers** in May, down by 134,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.3 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in May had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities. (See table A-16.)

Establishment Survey Data

Total **nonfarm payroll employment** rose by 280,000 in May, compared with an average monthly gain of 251,000 over the prior 12 months. In May, job gains occurred in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and health care. Employment in mining continued to decline. (See table B-1.)

Professional and business services added 63,000 jobs in May and 671,000 jobs over the year. In May, employment increased in computer systems design and related services (+10,000). Employment continued to trend up in temporary help services (+20,000), in management and technical consulting services (+7,000), and in architectural and engineering services (+5,000).

Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 57,000 in May, following little change in the prior 2 months. In May, employment edged up in arts, entertainment, and recreation (+29,000). Employment in food services and drinking places has shown little net change over the past 3 months.

Health care added 47,000 jobs in May. Within the industry, employment in ambulatory care services (which includes home health care services and outpatient care centers) rose by 28,000. Hospitals added 16,000 jobs over the month. Over the past year, health care has added 408,000 jobs.

Employment in **retail trade** edged up in May (+31,000). Over the prior 12 months, the industry had added an average of 24,000 jobs per month. Within retail trade, automobile dealers added 8,000 jobs in May.

Construction employment continued to trend up over the month (+17,000) and has increased by 273,000 over the past year.

In May, employment continued on an upward trend in **transportation and warehousing** (+13,000). Truck transportation added 9,000 jobs over the month.

In May, employment continued to trend up in **financial activities** (+13,000). Over the past 12 months, the industry has added 160,000 jobs, with about half of the gain in insurance carriers and related activities.

Employment in **mining** fell for the fifth month in a row, with a decline of 17,000 in May. The loss was in support activities for mining. Employment in mining has decreased by 68,000 thus far this year, after increasing by 41,000 in 2014.

Employment in other major industries, including **manufacturing, wholesale trade, information, and government**, showed little change over the month.

The **average workweek for all employees** on private nonfarm payrolls remained at 34.5 hours in May. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged at 40.7 hours, and factory overtime remained at 3.3 hours. The average workweek for **production and nonsupervisory employees** on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours. (See tables B-2 and B-7.)

In May, **average hourly earnings for all employees** on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 8 cents to \$24.96. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.3 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector **production and nonsupervisory employees** rose by 6 cents to \$20.97 in May. (See tables B-3 and B-8.)

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for March was revised from +85,000 to +119,000, and the change for April was revised from +223,000 to +221,000. With these revisions, employment gains in March and April combined were 32,000 more than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 207,000 per month.

The Employment Situation for June is scheduled to be released on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

HOUSEHOLD DATA

Summary table A. Household data, seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Category	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Change from: Apr. 2015-May 2015
Employment status					
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	247,622	250,080	250,266	250,455	189
Civilian labor force.....	155,629	156,906	157,072	157,469	397
Participation rate.....	62.8	62.7	62.8	62.9	0.1
Employed.....	145,868	148,331	148,523	148,795	272
Employment-population ratio.....	58.9	59.3	59.3	59.4	0.1
Unemployed.....	9,761	8,575	8,549	8,674	125
Unemployment rate.....	6.3	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.1
Not in labor force.....	91,993	93,175	93,194	92,986	-208
Unemployment rates					
Total, 16 years and over.....	6.3	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.1
Adult men (20 years and over).....	5.9	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.0
Adult women (20 years and over).....	5.7	4.9	4.9	5.0	0.1
Teenagers (16 to 19 years).....	19.2	17.5	17.1	17.9	0.8
White.....	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0
Black or African American.....	11.4	10.1	9.6	10.2	0.6
Asian.....	5.6	3.2	4.4	4.1	-0.3
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.....	7.7	6.8	6.9	6.7	-0.2
Total, 25 years and over.....	5.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	0.0
Less than a high school diploma.....	9.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	0.0
High school graduates, no college.....	6.5	5.3	5.4	5.8	0.4
Some college or associate degree.....	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.4	-0.3
Bachelor's degree and higher.....	3.2	2.5	2.7	2.7	0.0
Reason for unemployment					
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	4,959	4,189	4,136	4,267	131
Job leavers.....	872	875	828	829	1
Reentrants.....	2,869	2,689	2,685	2,615	-70
New entrants.....	1,063	815	868	971	103
Duration of unemployment					
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,553	2,488	2,729	2,418	-311
5 to 14 weeks.....	2,401	2,312	2,307	2,532	225
15 to 26 weeks.....	1,451	1,253	1,139	1,293	154
27 weeks and over.....	3,351	2,563	2,525	2,502	-23
Employed persons at work part time					
Part time for economic reasons.....	7,268	6,705	6,580	6,652	72
Slack work or business conditions.....	4,404	4,069	3,885	3,891	6
Could only find part-time work.....	2,558	2,337	2,374	2,390	16
Part time for noneconomic reasons.....	19,149	19,733	20,056	19,961	-95
Persons not in the labor force (not seasonally adjusted)					
Marginally attached to the labor force.....	2,130	2,055	2,115	1,862	-
Discouraged workers.....	697	738	756	563	-

- Over-the-month changes are not displayed for not seasonally adjusted data.

NOTE: Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Detail for the seasonally adjusted data shown in this table will not necessarily add to totals because of the independent seasonal adjustment of the various series. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA
Summary table B. Establishment data, seasonally adjusted

Category	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY (Over-the-month change, in thousands)				
Total nonfarm.....	236	119	221	280
Total private.....	238	117	206	262
Goods-producing.....	25	-20	21	6
Mining and logging.....	2	-14	-15	-18
Construction.....	11	-12	35	17
Manufacturing.....	12	6	1	7
Durable goods ¹	19	6	0	1
Motor vehicles and parts.....	7.3	5.8	4.1	6.6
Nondurable goods.....	-7	0	1	6
Private service-providing.....	213	137	185	256
Wholesale trade.....	6.5	5.4	-2.3	4.1
Retail trade.....	10.6	31.6	13.3	31.4
Transportation and warehousing.....	20.2	1.9	10.8	13.1
Utilities.....	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.1
Information.....	-5	-2	8	-3
Financial activities.....	9	13	8	13
Professional and business services ¹	54	39	66	63
Temporary help services.....	13.4	15.8	16.1	20.1
Education and health services ¹	56	42	64	74
Health care and social assistance.....	54.2	36.3	59.6	57.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	57	6	10	57
Other services.....	5	0	6	2
Government.....	-2	2	15	18
(3-month average change, in thousands)				
Total nonfarm.....	264	195	202	207
Total private.....	258	193	195	195
WOMEN AND PRODUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES AS A PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYEES ²				
Total nonfarm women employees.....	49.4	49.3	49.3	49.4
Total private women employees.....	47.9	47.9	47.9	47.9
Total private production and nonsupervisory employees.....	82.6	82.5	82.4	82.5
HOURS AND EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES Total private				
Average weekly hours.....	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5
Average hourly earnings.....	\$24.40	\$24.85	\$24.88	\$24.96
Average weekly earnings.....	\$841.80	\$857.33	\$858.36	\$861.12
Index of aggregate weekly hours (2007=100) ³	100.7	102.9	103.0	103.3
Over-the-month percent change.....	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.3
Index of aggregate weekly payrolls (2007=100) ⁴	117.3	122.0	122.4	123.0
Over-the-month percent change.....	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5
DIFFUSION INDEX (Over 1-month span) ⁵				
Total private (263 industries).....	67.5	59.3	58.4	61.6
Manufacturing (80 industries).....	63.1	46.9	51.9	48.8

¹ Includes other industries, not shown separately.

² Data relate to production employees in mining and logging and manufacturing, construction employees in construction, and nonsupervisory employees in the service-providing industries.

³ The indexes of aggregate weekly hours are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate hours by the corresponding annual average aggregate hours.

⁴ The indexes of aggregate weekly payrolls are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate weekly payrolls by the corresponding annual average aggregate weekly payrolls.

⁵ Figures are the percent of industries with employment increasing plus one-half of the industries with unchanged employment, where 50 percent indicates an equal balance between industries with increasing and decreasing employment.

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Frequently Asked Questions about Employment and Unemployment Estimates

1. Why are there two monthly measures of employment?

The household survey and establishment survey both produce sample-based estimates of employment, and both have strengths and limitations. The establishment survey employment series has a smaller margin of error on the measurement of month-to-month change than the household survey because of its much larger sample size. An over-the-month employment change of about 100,000 is statistically significant in the establishment survey, while the threshold for a statistically significant change in the household survey is about 400,000. However, the household survey has a more expansive scope than the establishment survey because it includes self-employed workers whose businesses are unincorporated, unpaid family workers, agricultural workers, and private household workers, who are excluded by the establishment survey. The household survey also provides estimates of employment for demographic groups. For more information on the differences between the two surveys, please visit www.bls.gov/web/empsit/ces_cps_trends.pdf.

2. Are undocumented immigrants counted in the surveys?

It is likely that both surveys include at least some undocumented immigrants. However, neither the establishment nor the household survey is designed to identify the legal status of workers. Therefore, it is not possible to determine how many are counted in either survey. The establishment survey does not collect data on the legal status of workers. The household survey does include questions which identify the foreign and native born, but it does not include questions about the legal status of the foreign born. Data on the foreign and native born are published each month in table A-7 of The Employment Situation news release.

3. Why does the establishment survey have revisions?

The establishment survey revises published estimates to improve its data series by incorporating additional information that was not available at the time of the initial publication of the estimates. The establishment survey revises its initial monthly estimates twice, in the immediately succeeding 2 months, to incorporate additional sample receipts from respondents in the survey and recalculated seasonal adjustment factors. For more information on the monthly revisions, please visit www.bls.gov/ces/cesrevinfo.htm.

On an annual basis, the establishment survey incorporates a benchmark revision that re-anchors estimates to nearly complete employment counts available from unemployment insurance tax records. The benchmark helps to control for sampling and modeling errors in the estimates. For more information on the annual benchmark revision, please visit www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cesbmart.htm.

4. Does the establishment survey sample include small firms?

Yes; about 40 percent of the establishment survey sample is comprised of business establishments with fewer than 20 employees. The establishment survey sample is designed to maximize the reliability of the statewide total nonfarm employment estimate; firms from all states, size classes, and industries are appropriately sampled to achieve that goal.

5. Does the establishment survey account for employment from new businesses?

Yes; monthly establishment survey estimates include an adjustment to account for the net employment change generated by business births and deaths. The adjustment comes from an econometric model that forecasts the monthly net jobs impact of business births and deaths based on the actual past values of the net impact that can be observed with a lag from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. The establishment survey uses modeling rather than sampling for this purpose because the survey is not immediately able to bring new businesses into the sample. There is an unavoidable lag between the birth of a new firm and its appearance on the sampling frame and availability for selection. BLS adds new businesses to the survey twice a year.

6. Is the count of unemployed persons limited to just those people receiving unemployment insurance benefits?

No; the estimate of unemployment is based on a monthly sample survey of households. All persons who are without jobs and are actively seeking and available to work are included among the unemployed. (People on temporary layoff are included even if they do not actively seek work.) There is no requirement or question relating to unemployment insurance benefits in the monthly survey.

7. Does the official unemployment rate exclude people who want a job but are not currently looking for work?

Yes; however, there are separate estimates of persons outside the labor force who want a job, including those who are not currently looking because they believe no jobs are available (discouraged workers). In addition, alternative measures of labor underutilization (some of which include discouraged workers and other groups not officially counted as unemployed) are published each month in table A-15 of The Employment Situation news release. For more information about these alternative measures, please visit www.bls.gov/cps/lfcharacteristics.htm#altmeasures.

8. How can unusually severe weather affect employment and hours estimates?

In the establishment survey, the reference period is the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Unusually severe weather is more likely to have an impact on average weekly hours than on employment. Average weekly hours are estimated for paid time during the pay period, including pay for holidays, sick leave, or other time off. The impact of severe weather on hours estimates typically, but not always, results in a reduction in average weekly hours. For example, some employees may be off work for part of the pay period and not receive pay for the time missed, while some workers, such as those dealing with cleanup or repair, may work extra hours.

Typically, it is not possible to precisely quantify the effect of extreme weather on payroll employment estimates. In order for severe weather conditions to reduce employment estimates, employees have to be off work without pay for the entire pay period. Employees who receive pay for any part of the pay period, even 1 hour, are counted in the payroll employment figures. For more information on how often employees are paid, please visit www.bls.gov/opub/btn/volume-3/how-frequently-do-private-businesses-pay-workers.htm.

In the household survey, the reference period is generally the calendar week that includes the 12th of the month. Persons who miss the entire week's work for weather-related events are counted as employed whether or not they are paid for the time off. The household survey collects data on the number of persons who had a job but were not at work due to bad weather. It also provides a measure of the number of persons who usually work full time but had reduced hours due to bad weather. Current and historical data are available on the household survey's most requested statistics page, please visit <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?ln>.

Technical Note

This news release presents statistics from two major surveys, the Current Population Survey (CPS; household survey) and the Current Employment Statistics survey (CES; establishment survey). The household survey provides information on the labor force, employment, and unemployment that appears in the "A" tables, marked HOUSEHOLD DATA. It is a sample survey of about 60,000 eligible households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The establishment survey provides information on employment, hours, and earnings of employees on nonfarm payrolls; the data appear in the "B" tables, marked ESTABLISHMENT DATA. BLS collects these data each month from the payroll records of a sample of nonagricultural business establishments. Each month the CES program surveys about 143,000 businesses and government agencies, representing approximately 588,000 individual worksites, in order to provide detailed industry data on employment, hours, and earnings of workers on nonfarm payrolls. The active sample includes approximately one-third of all nonfarm payroll employees.

For both surveys, the data for a given month relate to a particular week or pay period. In the household survey, the reference period is generally the calendar week that contains the 12th day of the month. In the establishment survey, the reference period is the pay period including the 12th, which may or may not correspond directly to the calendar week.

Coverage, definitions, and differences between surveys

Household survey. The sample is selected to reflect the entire civilian noninstitutional population. Based on responses to a series of questions on work and job search activities, each person 16 years and over in a sample household is classified as employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force.

People are classified as *employed* if they did any work at all as paid employees during the reference week; worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or worked without pay at least 15 hours in a family business or farm. People are also counted as employed if they were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management disputes, or personal reasons.

People are classified as *unemployed* if they meet all of the following criteria: they had no employment during the reference week; they were available for work at that time; and they made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons laid off from a job and expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The unemployment data derived from the household survey in no way depend upon the eligibility for or receipt of unemployment insurance benefits.

The *civilian labor force* is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. Those persons not classified as employed or unemployed are *not in the labor force*. The

unemployment rate is the number unemployed as a percent of the labor force. The *labor force participation rate* is the labor force as a percent of the population, and the *employment-population ratio* is the employed as a percent of the population. Additional information about the household survey can be found at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm.

Establishment survey. The sample establishments are drawn from private nonfarm businesses such as factories, offices, and stores, as well as from federal, state, and local government entities. *Employees on nonfarm payrolls* are those who received pay for any part of the reference pay period, including persons on paid leave. Persons are counted in each job they hold. *Hours and earnings* data are produced for the private sector for all employees and for production and nonsupervisory employees. *Production and nonsupervisory* employees are defined as production and related employees in manufacturing and mining and logging, construction workers in construction, and non-supervisory employees in private service-providing industries.

Industries are classified on the basis of an establishment's principal activity in accordance with the 2012 version of the North American Industry Classification System. Additional information about the establishment survey can be found at www.bls.gov/ces/.

Differences in employment estimates. The numerous conceptual and methodological differences between the household and establishment surveys result in important distinctions in the employment estimates derived from the surveys. Among these are:

- The household survey includes agricultural workers, self-employed workers whose businesses are unincorporated, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed. These groups are excluded from the establishment survey.
- The household survey includes people on unpaid leave among the employed. The establishment survey does not.
- The household survey is limited to workers 16 years of age and older. The establishment survey is not limited by age.
- The household survey has no duplication of individuals, because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the establishment survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll are counted separately for each appearance.

Seasonal adjustment

Over the course of a year, the size of the nation's labor force and the levels of employment and unemployment undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These events may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools. The effect of such seasonal variation can be very large.

Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make nonseasonal developments, such as declines in employment or increases in the participation of women in the labor force, easier to spot. For example, in the household survey, the large number of youth entering the labor force each June is likely to obscure any other changes that have taken place relative to May, making it difficult to determine if the level of economic activity has risen or declined. Similarly, in the establishment survey, payroll employment in education declines by about 20 percent at the end of the spring term and later rises with the start of the fall term, obscuring the underlying employment trends in the industry. Because seasonal employment changes at the end and beginning of the school year can be estimated, the statistics can be adjusted to make underlying employment patterns more discernable. The seasonally adjusted figures provide a more useful tool with which to analyze changes in month-to-month economic activity.

Many seasonally adjusted series are independently adjusted in both the household and establishment surveys. However, the adjusted series for many major estimates, such as total payroll employment, employment in most major sectors, total employment, and unemployment are computed by aggregating independently adjusted component series. For example, total unemployment is derived by summing the adjusted series for four major age-sex components; this differs from the unemployment estimate that would be obtained by directly adjusting the total or by combining the duration, reasons, or more detailed age categories.

For both the household and establishment surveys, a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology is used in which new seasonal factors are calculated each month using all relevant data, up to and including the data for the current month. In the household survey, new seasonal factors are used to adjust only the current month's data. In the establishment survey, however, new seasonal factors are used each month to adjust the three most recent monthly estimates. The prior 2 months are routinely revised to incorporate additional sample reports and recalculated seasonal adjustment factors. In both surveys, 5-year revisions to historical data are made once a year.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is

surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent. The component of this difference that occurs because samples differ by chance is known as *sampling error*, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the true population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the monthly change in total nonfarm employment from the establishment survey is on the order of plus or minus 105,000. Suppose the estimate of nonfarm employment increases by 50,000 from one month to the next. The 90-percent confidence interval on the monthly change would range from -55,000 to +155,000 (50,000 +/- 105,000). These figures do not mean that the sample results are off by these magnitudes, but rather that there is about a 90-percent chance that the true over-the-month change lies within this interval. Since this range includes values of less than zero, we could not say with confidence that nonfarm employment had, in fact, increased that month. If, however, the reported nonfarm employment rise was 250,000, then all of the values within the 90-percent confidence interval would be greater than zero. In this case, it is likely (at least a 90-percent chance) that nonfarm employment had, in fact, risen that month. At an unemployment rate of around 6.0 percent, the 90-percent confidence interval for the monthly change in unemployment as measured by the household survey is about +/- 300,000, and for the monthly change in the unemployment rate it is about +/- 0.2 percentage point.

In general, estimates involving many individuals or establishments have lower standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) than estimates which are based on a small number of observations. The precision of estimates also is improved when the data are cumulated over time, such as for quarterly and annual averages.

The household and establishment surveys are also affected by *nonsampling error*, which can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information on a timely basis, mistakes made by respondents, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For example, in the establishment survey, estimates for the most recent 2 months are based on incomplete returns; for this reason, these estimates are labeled preliminary in the tables. It is only after two successive revisions to a monthly estimate, when nearly all sample reports have been received, that the estimate is considered final.

Another major source of nonsampling error in the establishment survey is the inability to capture, on a timely basis, employment generated by new firms. To correct for this systematic underestimation of employment growth, an estimation procedure with two components is used to account for business births. The first component excludes employment losses from business deaths from sample-based

estimation in order to offset the missing employment gains from business births. This is incorporated into the sample-based estimation procedure by simply not reflecting sample units going out of business, but imputing to them the same employment trend as the other firms in the sample. This procedure accounts for most of the net birth/death employment.

The second component is an ARIMA time series model designed to estimate the residual net birth/death employment not accounted for by the imputation. The historical time series used to create and test the ARIMA model was derived from the unemployment insurance universe micro-level database, and reflects the actual residual net of births and deaths over the past 5 years.

The sample-based estimates from the establishment survey are adjusted once a year (on a lagged basis) to

universe counts of payroll employment obtained from administrative records of the unemployment insurance program. The difference between the March sample-based employment estimates and the March universe counts is known as a benchmark revision, and serves as a rough proxy for total survey error. The new benchmarks also incorporate changes in the classification of industries. Over the past decade, absolute benchmark revisions for total nonfarm employment have averaged 0.3 percent, with a range from -0.7 to 0.6 percent.

Other information

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HOUSEHOLD DATA

Table A-1. Employment status of the civilian population by sex and age

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted ¹					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
TOTAL									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	247,622	250,266	250,455	247,622	249,723	249,899	250,080	250,266	250,455
Civilian labor force.....	155,841	156,554	157,719	155,629	157,180	157,002	156,906	157,072	157,469
Participation rate.....	62.9	62.6	63.0	62.8	62.9	62.8	62.7	62.8	62.9
Employed.....	146,398	148,587	149,349	145,868	148,201	148,297	148,331	148,523	148,795
Employment-population ratio.....	59.1	59.4	59.6	58.9	59.3	59.3	59.3	59.3	59.4
Unemployed.....	9,443	7,966	8,370	9,761	8,979	8,705	8,575	8,549	8,674
Unemployment rate.....	6.1	5.1	5.3	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5
Not in labor force.....	91,782	93,712	92,736	91,993	92,544	92,898	93,175	93,194	92,986
Persons who currently want a job.....	7,031	6,096	6,536	6,454	6,358	6,538	6,369	6,258	6,058
Men, 16 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	119,582	120,831	120,927	119,582	120,559	120,647	120,738	120,831	120,927
Civilian labor force.....	82,723	83,358	84,020	82,592	83,771	83,772	83,694	83,805	83,892
Participation rate.....	69.2	69.0	69.5	69.1	69.5	69.4	69.3	69.4	69.4
Employed.....	77,619	78,996	79,474	77,345	78,869	79,006	79,014	79,203	79,201
Employment-population ratio.....	64.9	65.4	65.7	64.7	65.4	65.5	65.4	65.5	65.5
Unemployed.....	5,104	4,362	4,546	5,247	4,903	4,766	4,680	4,602	4,691
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	5.2	5.4	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.6
Not in labor force.....	36,859	37,473	36,907	36,990	36,787	36,875	37,044	37,026	37,035
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	111,126	112,400	112,498	111,126	112,117	112,209	112,304	112,400	112,498
Civilian labor force.....	80,020	80,670	81,102	79,836	80,804	80,831	80,752	80,884	80,915
Participation rate.....	72.0	71.8	72.1	71.8	72.1	72.0	71.9	72.0	71.9
Employed.....	75,459	76,749	77,137	75,159	76,496	76,588	76,653	76,805	76,833
Employment-population ratio.....	67.9	68.3	68.6	67.6	68.2	68.3	68.3	68.3	68.3
Unemployed.....	4,562	3,921	3,965	4,677	4,308	4,243	4,099	4,079	4,082
Unemployment rate.....	5.7	4.9	4.9	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0
Not in labor force.....	31,106	31,730	31,396	31,291	31,313	31,379	31,552	31,516	31,583
Women, 16 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	128,040	129,434	129,528	128,040	129,165	129,252	129,342	129,434	129,528
Civilian labor force.....	73,118	73,196	73,699	73,037	73,408	73,230	73,211	73,267	73,577
Participation rate.....	57.1	56.6	56.9	57.0	56.8	56.7	56.6	56.6	56.8
Employed.....	68,779	69,591	69,875	68,523	69,332	69,291	69,317	69,320	69,594
Employment-population ratio.....	53.7	53.8	53.9	53.5	53.7	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.7
Unemployed.....	4,339	3,605	3,824	4,513	4,076	3,939	3,894	3,947	3,983
Unemployment rate.....	5.9	4.9	5.2	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4
Not in labor force.....	54,923	56,238	55,829	55,004	55,756	56,023	56,131	56,167	55,951
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	119,852	121,246	121,342	119,852	120,970	121,060	121,152	121,246	121,342
Civilian labor force.....	70,274	70,509	70,874	70,170	70,558	70,370	70,330	70,419	70,731
Participation rate.....	58.6	58.2	58.4	58.5	58.3	58.1	58.1	58.1	58.3
Employed.....	66,466	67,303	67,493	66,164	66,983	66,901	66,874	66,935	67,178
Employment-population ratio.....	55.5	55.5	55.6	55.2	55.4	55.3	55.2	55.2	55.4
Unemployed.....	3,809	3,206	3,381	4,006	3,575	3,469	3,455	3,483	3,553
Unemployment rate.....	5.4	4.5	4.8	5.7	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
Not in labor force.....	49,577	50,737	50,467	49,682	50,412	50,690	50,823	50,828	50,611
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	16,644	16,619	16,615	16,644	16,636	16,630	16,624	16,619	16,615
Civilian labor force.....	5,546	5,375	5,743	5,623	5,817	5,801	5,824	5,769	5,823
Participation rate.....	33.3	32.3	34.6	33.8	35.0	34.9	35.0	34.7	35.0
Employed.....	4,473	4,536	4,718	4,545	4,722	4,808	4,804	4,784	4,784
Employment-population ratio.....	26.9	27.3	28.4	27.3	28.4	28.9	28.9	28.8	28.8
Unemployed.....	1,072	840	1,025	1,078	1,096	993	1,021	986	1,039
Unemployment rate.....	19.3	15.6	17.8	19.2	18.8	17.1	17.5	17.1	17.9
Not in labor force.....	11,098	11,244	10,872	11,021	10,819	10,829	10,800	10,849	10,792

¹ The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-2. Employment status of the civilian population by race, sex, and age

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, race, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted ¹					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	195,310	196,574	196,673	195,310	196,307	196,392	196,482	196,574	196,673
Civilian labor force.....	123,443	123,089	124,087	123,278	124,119	123,875	123,739	123,510	123,875
Participation rate.....	63.2	62.6	63.1	63.1	63.2	63.1	63.0	62.8	63.0
Employed.....	117,029	117,642	118,457	116,662	118,035	117,992	117,886	117,719	118,048
Employment-population ratio.....	59.9	59.8	60.2	59.7	60.1	60.1	60.0	59.9	60.0
Unemployed.....	6,414	5,448	5,630	6,617	6,084	5,883	5,853	5,791	5,827
Unemployment rate.....	5.2	4.4	4.5	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Not in labor force.....	71,867	73,484	72,586	72,031	72,189	72,517	72,743	73,064	72,798
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	64,482	64,613	64,942	64,332	64,871	64,920	64,899	64,764	64,790
Participation rate.....	72.4	72.0	72.3	72.2	72.4	72.4	72.4	72.2	72.2
Employed.....	61,389	61,870	62,297	61,129	61,953	62,015	62,023	61,919	62,037
Employment-population ratio.....	68.9	69.0	69.4	68.6	69.2	69.2	69.2	69.0	69.1
Unemployed.....	3,094	2,744	2,645	3,203	2,918	2,906	2,876	2,845	2,753
Unemployment rate.....	4.8	4.2	4.1	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	54,599	54,238	54,619	54,508	54,683	54,401	54,256	54,198	54,481
Participation rate.....	58.2	57.4	57.7	58.1	57.9	57.6	57.4	57.3	57.6
Employed.....	52,043	52,115	52,347	51,850	52,267	52,105	51,998	51,912	52,121
Employment-population ratio.....	55.5	55.1	55.3	55.3	55.4	55.2	55.0	54.9	55.1
Unemployed.....	2,556	2,123	2,271	2,657	2,416	2,296	2,258	2,286	2,359
Unemployment rate.....	4.7	3.9	4.2	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian labor force.....	4,361	4,239	4,526	4,439	4,565	4,554	4,584	4,548	4,604
Participation rate.....	35.2	34.4	36.7	35.8	37.0	36.9	37.2	36.9	37.4
Employed.....	3,598	3,657	3,812	3,682	3,814	3,872	3,865	3,888	3,890
Employment-population ratio.....	29.0	29.7	30.9	29.7	30.9	31.4	31.3	31.5	31.6
Unemployed.....	763	582	714	757	751	682	719	660	714
Unemployment rate.....	17.5	13.7	15.8	17.0	16.4	15.0	15.7	14.5	15.5
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	30,787	31,293	31,326	30,787	31,188	31,222	31,257	31,293	31,326
Civilian labor force.....	18,717	19,380	19,443	18,747	19,040	19,101	19,055	19,397	19,428
Participation rate.....	60.8	61.9	62.1	60.9	61.0	61.2	61.0	62.0	62.0
Employed.....	16,618	17,648	17,489	16,604	17,071	17,122	17,129	17,529	17,441
Employment-population ratio.....	54.0	56.4	55.8	53.9	54.7	54.8	54.8	56.0	55.7
Unemployed.....	2,099	1,731	1,953	2,143	1,969	1,979	1,926	1,868	1,988
Unemployment rate.....	11.2	8.9	10.0	11.4	10.3	10.4	10.1	9.6	10.2
Not in labor force.....	12,070	11,913	11,883	12,041	12,148	12,122	12,202	11,896	11,898
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	8,516	8,868	8,927	8,519	8,676	8,710	8,711	8,926	8,905
Participation rate.....	66.9	68.3	68.7	67.0	67.1	67.3	67.2	68.7	68.5
Employed.....	7,516	8,095	7,994	7,536	7,757	7,805	7,841	8,109	7,995
Employment-population ratio.....	59.1	62.3	61.5	59.2	60.0	60.3	60.5	62.5	61.5
Unemployed.....	1,000	773	933	983	919	905	870	817	911
Unemployment rate.....	11.7	8.7	10.5	11.5	10.6	10.4	10.0	9.2	10.2
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	9,504	9,868	9,798	9,529	9,667	9,665	9,703	9,792	9,808
Participation rate.....	61.1	62.4	61.9	61.3	61.3	61.3	61.4	61.9	61.9
Employed.....	8,619	9,067	8,990	8,586	8,824	8,809	8,807	8,928	8,946
Employment-population ratio.....	55.4	57.3	56.8	55.2	56.0	55.8	55.8	56.4	56.5
Unemployed.....	885	801	808	943	843	857	895	864	862
Unemployment rate.....	9.3	8.1	8.2	9.9	8.7	8.9	9.2	8.8	8.8
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian labor force.....	696	643	718	699	697	726	642	678	715
Participation rate.....	27.7	25.8	28.8	27.8	27.9	29.1	25.7	27.2	28.7
Employed.....	483	486	506	482	490	508	481	491	500
Employment-population ratio.....	19.2	19.5	20.3	19.2	19.6	20.4	19.3	19.7	20.1
Unemployed.....	214	157	212	217	207	218	161	187	215
Unemployment rate.....	30.7	24.4	29.6	31.0	29.7	30.0	25.0	27.5	30.1
ASIAN									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	13,771	14,290	14,403	13,771	14,253	14,291	14,296	14,290	14,403

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table A-2. Employment status of the civilian population by race, sex, and age — Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, race, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted ¹					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
Civilian labor force.....	8,755	9,023	9,157	8,778	8,899	9,038	8,934	9,038	9,169
Participation rate.....	63.6	63.1	63.6	63.7	62.4	63.2	62.5	63.3	63.7
Employed.....	8,287	8,644	8,804	8,288	8,540	8,680	8,646	8,644	8,794
Employment-population ratio.....	60.2	60.5	61.1	60.2	59.9	60.7	60.5	60.5	61.1
Unemployed.....	467	379	353	490	359	358	288	394	375
Unemployment rate.....	5.3	4.2	3.9	5.6	4.0	4.0	3.2	4.4	4.1
Not in labor force.....	5,016	5,267	5,246	4,993	5,355	5,253	5,363	5,251	5,234

¹ The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups will not sum to totals shown in table A-1 because data are not presented for all races. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-3. Employment status of the Hispanic or Latino population by sex and age

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, sex, and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted ¹					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY									
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	38,277	39,405	39,483	38,277	39,165	39,244	39,323	39,405	39,483
Civilian labor force.....	25,183	26,092	26,179	25,169	26,047	25,962	26,087	26,167	26,149
Participation rate.....	65.8	66.2	66.3	65.8	66.5	66.2	66.3	66.4	66.2
Employed.....	23,360	24,443	24,521	23,234	24,305	24,238	24,319	24,354	24,385
Employment-population ratio.....	61.0	62.0	62.1	60.7	62.1	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8
Unemployed.....	1,823	1,650	1,658	1,934	1,742	1,724	1,768	1,813	1,764
Unemployment rate.....	7.2	6.3	6.3	7.7	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	6.7
Not in labor force.....	13,093	13,312	13,304	13,108	13,118	13,282	13,236	13,237	13,334
Men, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	13,965	14,442	14,505	13,946	14,479	14,465	14,465	14,484	14,479
Participation rate.....	80.7	81.3	81.5	80.6	82.1	81.8	81.6	81.6	81.4
Employed.....	13,100	13,646	13,676	13,038	13,647	13,601	13,627	13,614	13,615
Employment-population ratio.....	75.7	76.8	76.8	75.3	77.3	76.9	76.9	76.7	76.5
Unemployed.....	865	796	829	909	832	864	837	870	863
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	5.5	5.7	6.5	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.0
Women, 20 years and over									
Civilian labor force.....	10,172	10,556	10,575	10,147	10,344	10,309	10,435	10,526	10,537
Participation rate.....	58.8	58.8	58.8	58.6	58.0	57.7	58.3	58.6	58.6
Employed.....	9,404	9,876	9,936	9,336	9,704	9,685	9,755	9,802	9,854
Employment-population ratio.....	54.3	55.0	55.2	53.9	54.4	54.2	54.5	54.6	54.8
Unemployed.....	767	680	639	811	640	625	680	725	684
Unemployment rate.....	7.5	6.4	6.0	8.0	6.2	6.1	6.5	6.9	6.5
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years									
Civilian labor force.....	1,047	1,094	1,099	1,076	1,224	1,187	1,187	1,157	1,133
Participation rate.....	28.6	29.6	29.7	29.4	33.2	32.2	32.2	31.3	30.6
Employed.....	856	920	910	861	954	952	937	938	916
Employment-population ratio.....	23.4	24.9	24.6	23.5	25.9	25.8	25.4	25.4	24.8
Unemployed.....	191	174	190	215	270	235	250	218	217
Unemployment rate.....	18.2	15.9	17.3	19.9	22.1	19.8	21.1	18.9	19.2

¹ The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-4. Employment status of the civilian population 25 years and over by educational attainment

[Numbers in thousands]

Educational attainment	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
Less than a high school diploma									
Civilian labor force.....	11,131	11,544	11,481	10,816	11,439	11,126	11,089	11,338	11,153
Participation rate.....	45.3	46.6	45.9	44.1	46.0	46.3	45.1	45.7	44.6
Employed.....	10,181	10,577	10,561	9,825	10,468	10,196	10,134	10,367	10,192
Employment-population ratio.....	41.5	42.7	42.2	40.0	42.1	42.4	41.2	41.8	40.7
Unemployed.....	950	967	919	991	971	929	955	971	961
Unemployment rate.....	8.5	8.4	8.0	9.2	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.6
High school graduates, no college¹									
Civilian labor force.....	36,302	35,565	35,442	36,162	35,418	35,371	35,656	35,577	35,341
Participation rate.....	58.2	57.2	57.4	58.0	57.9	57.4	57.3	57.2	57.2
Employed.....	34,091	33,712	33,515	33,811	33,492	33,464	33,752	33,639	33,304
Employment-population ratio.....	54.7	54.2	54.3	54.2	54.8	54.3	54.2	54.1	53.9
Unemployed.....	2,211	1,853	1,927	2,351	1,926	1,907	1,904	1,938	2,037
Unemployment rate.....	6.1	5.2	5.4	6.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.8
Some college or associate degree									
Civilian labor force.....	37,001	37,715	37,403	37,267	37,479	37,490	37,558	37,755	37,594
Participation rate.....	66.8	67.3	67.0	67.3	67.2	66.8	67.6	67.4	67.4
Employed.....	35,037	36,044	35,841	35,223	35,540	35,588	35,755	35,996	35,934
Employment-population ratio.....	63.3	64.3	64.2	63.6	63.8	63.4	64.4	64.2	64.4
Unemployed.....	1,964	1,671	1,562	2,044	1,939	1,902	1,803	1,759	1,660
Unemployment rate.....	5.3	4.4	4.2	5.5	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.4
Bachelor's degree and higher²									
Civilian labor force.....	50,248	51,314	52,052	50,206	51,550	51,583	51,272	51,156	51,938
Participation rate.....	75.4	74.8	75.2	75.4	74.4	74.4	74.3	74.6	75.0
Employed.....	48,760	50,013	50,722	48,619	50,084	50,172	50,007	49,758	50,518
Employment-population ratio.....	73.2	72.9	73.3	73.0	72.3	72.3	72.5	72.5	73.0
Unemployed.....	1,487	1,301	1,329	1,587	1,466	1,411	1,265	1,399	1,419
Unemployment rate.....	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7

¹ Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

² Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-5. Employment status of the civilian population 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and sex, not seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, veteran status, and period of service	Total		Men		Women	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
VETERANS, 18 years and over						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	21,213	21,251	18,963	19,255	2,250	1,996
Civilian labor force.....	10,667	10,767	9,300	9,514	1,367	1,253
Participation rate.....	50.3	50.7	49.0	49.4	60.8	62.8
Employed.....	10,129	10,227	8,840	9,054	1,288	1,173
Employment-population ratio.....	47.7	48.1	46.6	47.0	57.3	58.8
Unemployed.....	538	541	459	460	79	81
Unemployment rate.....	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.8	6.4
Not in labor force.....	10,546	10,484	9,663	9,741	883	743
Gulf War-era II veterans						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	3,053	3,610	2,458	2,988	595	621
Civilian labor force.....	2,444	2,946	2,055	2,512	389	434
Participation rate.....	80.0	81.6	83.6	84.1	65.4	69.9
Employed.....	2,314	2,787	1,953	2,380	361	406
Employment-population ratio.....	75.8	77.2	79.4	79.6	60.6	65.4
Unemployed.....	130	160	102	132	28	28
Unemployment rate.....	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.3	7.3	6.3
Not in labor force.....	609	663	403	476	206	187
Gulf War-era I veterans						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	3,407	3,399	2,705	2,860	702	540
Civilian labor force.....	2,794	2,725	2,283	2,325	511	400
Participation rate.....	82.0	80.2	84.4	81.3	72.9	74.0
Employed.....	2,647	2,586	2,174	2,227	473	359
Employment-population ratio.....	77.7	76.1	80.4	77.9	67.4	66.5
Unemployed.....	147	139	108	98	39	41
Unemployment rate.....	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.2	7.6	10.1
Not in labor force.....	613	675	422	534	190	140
World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam-era veterans						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	9,437	8,954	9,083	8,636	354	318
Civilian labor force.....	2,698	2,374	2,589	2,270	109	104
Participation rate.....	28.6	26.5	28.5	26.3	30.8	32.8
Employed.....	2,566	2,257	2,462	2,160	104	97
Employment-population ratio.....	27.2	25.2	27.1	25.0	29.2	30.4
Unemployed.....	132	118	127	110	6	8
Unemployment rate.....	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.1	7.5
Not in labor force.....	6,739	6,580	6,494	6,366	245	214
Veterans of other service periods						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	5,316	5,288	4,717	4,771	599	517
Civilian labor force.....	2,731	2,722	2,373	2,407	358	315
Participation rate.....	51.4	51.5	50.3	50.4	59.7	61.0
Employed.....	2,602	2,598	2,251	2,287	351	311
Employment-population ratio.....	49.0	49.1	47.7	47.9	58.6	60.1
Unemployed.....	128	124	122	119	6	5
Unemployment rate.....	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.0	1.8	1.5
Not in labor force.....	2,585	2,566	2,344	2,364	241	202
NONVETERANS, 18 years and over						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	217,547	220,356	96,090	97,162	121,457	123,194
Civilian labor force.....	143,318	144,962	72,543	73,468	70,774	71,494
Participation rate.....	65.9	65.8	75.5	75.6	58.3	58.0
Employed.....	134,856	137,529	68,122	69,617	66,734	67,913
Employment-population ratio.....	62.0	62.4	70.9	71.7	54.9	55.1
Unemployed.....	8,462	7,432	4,421	3,851	4,040	3,581
Unemployment rate.....	5.9	5.1	6.1	5.2	5.7	5.0
Not in labor force.....	74,229	75,394	23,546	23,693	50,682	51,701

NOTE: Veterans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified only in the most recent one. Veterans who served during one of the selected wartime periods and another period are classified only in the wartime period.

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Table A-6. Employment status of the civilian population by sex, age, and disability status, not seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, sex, and age	Persons with a disability		Persons with no disability	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
TOTAL, 16 years and over				
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	29,005	29,922	218,617	220,533
Civilian labor force.....	5,649	5,933	150,192	151,787
Participation rate.....	19.5	19.8	68.7	68.8
Employed.....	4,934	5,333	141,464	144,016
Employment-population ratio.....	17.0	17.8	64.7	65.3
Unemployed.....	715	600	8,728	7,771
Unemployment rate.....	12.7	10.1	5.8	5.1
Not in labor force.....	23,357	23,989	68,425	68,746
Men, 16 to 64 years				
Civilian labor force.....	2,522	2,649	75,560	76,446
Participation rate.....	33.0	34.1	82.1	82.6
Employed.....	2,175	2,335	71,039	72,387
Employment-population ratio.....	28.5	30.1	77.2	78.2
Unemployed.....	347	314	4,521	4,059
Unemployment rate.....	13.8	11.9	6.0	5.3
Not in labor force.....	5,111	5,121	16,497	16,098
Women, 16 to 64 years				
Civilian labor force.....	2,104	2,313	67,191	67,456
Participation rate.....	27.1	28.5	70.4	70.5
Employed.....	1,801	2,071	63,338	64,011
Employment-population ratio.....	23.2	25.6	66.4	66.9
Unemployed.....	303	242	3,853	3,445
Unemployment rate.....	14.4	10.5	5.7	5.1
Not in labor force.....	5,655	5,792	28,195	28,252
Both sexes, 65 years and over				
Civilian labor force.....	1,022	970	7,441	7,885
Participation rate.....	7.5	6.9	23.9	24.4
Employed.....	957	927	7,087	7,618
Employment-population ratio.....	7.0	6.6	22.7	23.6
Unemployed.....	65	43	354	267
Unemployment rate.....	6.4	4.5	4.8	3.4
Not in labor force.....	12,590	13,077	23,733	24,396

NOTE: A person with a disability has at least one of the following conditions: is deaf or has serious difficulty hearing; is blind or has serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses; has serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition; has serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs; has difficulty dressing or bathing; or has difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-7. Employment status of the civilian population by nativity and sex, not seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status and nativity	Total		Men		Women	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
Foreign born, 16 years and over						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	38,637	40,380	18,747	19,629	19,890	20,751
Civilian labor force.....	25,392	26,331	14,780	15,388	10,613	10,943
Participation rate.....	65.7	65.2	78.8	78.4	53.4	52.7
Employed.....	23,977	25,098	14,056	14,740	9,920	10,358
Employment-population ratio.....	62.1	62.2	75.0	75.1	49.9	49.9
Unemployed.....	1,416	1,233	723	648	692	585
Unemployment rate.....	5.6	4.7	4.9	4.2	6.5	5.3
Not in labor force.....	13,245	14,049	3,967	4,241	9,278	9,807
Native born, 16 years and over						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	208,985	210,075	100,835	101,297	108,150	108,778
Civilian labor force.....	130,448	131,388	67,943	68,632	62,505	62,756
Participation rate.....	62.4	62.5	67.4	67.8	57.8	57.7
Employed.....	122,421	124,251	63,562	64,734	58,859	59,517
Employment-population ratio.....	58.6	59.1	63.0	63.9	54.4	54.7
Unemployed.....	8,027	7,137	4,381	3,899	3,646	3,239
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	5.4	6.4	5.7	5.8	5.2
Not in labor force.....	78,537	78,687	32,892	32,665	45,645	46,022

NOTE: The foreign born are those residing in the United States who were not U.S. citizens at birth. That is, they were born outside the United States or one of its outlying areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam, to parents neither of whom was a U.S. citizen. The native born are persons who were born in the United States or one of its outlying areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam or who were born abroad of at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-8. Employed persons by class of worker and part-time status

[In thousands]

Category	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
CLASS OF WORKER									
Agriculture and related industries.....	2,101	2,294	2,431	2,054	2,419	2,430	2,559	2,435	2,405
Wage and salary workers ¹	1,312	1,463	1,536	1,295	1,566	1,572	1,628	1,610	1,536
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	767	799	866	741	835	833	893	794	828
Unpaid family workers.....	22	32	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonagricultural industries.....	144,297	146,293	146,918	143,843	145,743	145,880	145,699	146,111	146,417
Wage and salary workers ¹	135,781	137,371	137,648	135,334	136,949	137,447	136,830	137,148	137,175
Government.....	20,247	20,840	20,902	20,050	20,330	20,582	20,246	20,455	20,613
Private industries.....	115,534	116,531	116,746	115,312	116,664	116,890	116,654	116,707	116,572
Private households.....	867	793	770	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other industries.....	114,667	115,738	115,976	114,481	115,724	116,042	115,839	115,899	115,821
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	8,432	8,837	9,207	8,399	8,725	8,386	8,685	8,826	9,142
Unpaid family workers.....	84	84	63	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERSONS AT WORK PART TIME²									
 All industries									
Part time for economic reasons ³	6,960	6,356	6,363	7,268	6,810	6,635	6,705	6,580	6,652
Slack work or business conditions.....	4,177	3,728	3,673	4,404	4,012	3,847	4,069	3,885	3,891
Could only find part-time work.....	2,519	2,370	2,434	2,558	2,460	2,426	2,337	2,374	2,390
Part time for noneconomic reasons ⁴	19,410	20,992	20,192	19,149	19,822	19,837	19,733	20,056	19,961
 Nonagricultural industries									
Part time for economic reasons ³	6,917	6,277	6,272	7,201	6,690	6,539	6,620	6,501	6,541
Slack work or business conditions.....	4,144	3,674	3,624	4,359	3,951	3,791	4,028	3,835	3,830
Could only find part-time work.....	2,510	2,354	2,416	2,546	2,432	2,415	2,302	2,352	2,419
Part time for noneconomic reasons ⁴	19,117	20,622	19,824	18,861	19,446	19,505	19,374	19,705	19,603

¹ Includes self-employed workers whose businesses are incorporated.

² Refers to those who worked 1 to 34 hours during the survey reference week and excludes employed persons who were absent from their jobs for the entire week.

³ Refers to those who worked 1 to 34 hours during the reference week for an economic reason such as slack work or unfavorable business conditions, inability to find full-time work, or seasonal declines in demand.

⁴ Refers to persons who usually work part time for noneconomic reasons such as childcare problems, family or personal obligations, school or training, retirement or Social Security limits on earnings, and other reasons. This excludes persons who usually work full time but worked only 1 to 34 hours during the reference week for reasons such as vacations, holidays, illness, and bad weather.

- Data not available.

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Table A-9. Selected employment indicators

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
AGE AND SEX									
Total, 16 years and over.....	146,398	148,587	149,349	145,868	148,201	148,297	148,331	148,523	148,795
16 to 19 years.....	4,473	4,536	4,718	4,545	4,722	4,808	4,804	4,784	4,784
16 to 17 years.....	1,413	1,482	1,593	1,496	1,651	1,637	1,615	1,630	1,678
18 to 19 years.....	3,060	3,053	3,126	3,062	3,058	3,186	3,189	3,147	3,128
20 years and over.....	141,924	144,052	144,630	141,323	143,480	143,489	143,527	143,740	144,011
20 to 24 years.....	13,855	13,706	13,990	13,956	14,011	14,114	13,823	13,851	14,060
25 years and over.....	128,069	130,346	130,640	127,353	129,435	129,349	129,614	129,861	129,890
25 to 54 years.....	95,510	96,742	96,939	95,098	96,464	96,565	96,501	96,482	96,507
25 to 34 years.....	31,839	32,767	32,935	31,703	32,574	32,682	32,693	32,734	32,786
35 to 44 years.....	30,978	31,200	31,224	30,858	31,157	31,071	31,095	31,072	31,095
45 to 54 years.....	32,692	32,775	32,780	32,537	32,734	32,812	32,713	32,676	32,625
55 years and over.....	32,559	33,605	33,701	32,255	32,971	32,784	33,113	33,379	33,383
Men, 16 years and over.....	77,619	78,996	79,474	77,345	78,869	79,006	79,014	79,203	79,201
16 to 19 years.....	2,160	2,247	2,337	2,186	2,372	2,418	2,361	2,399	2,368
16 to 17 years.....	656	746	803	696	802	791	762	830	845
18 to 19 years.....	1,504	1,501	1,534	1,492	1,560	1,636	1,584	1,557	1,528
20 years and over.....	75,459	76,749	77,137	75,159	76,496	76,588	76,653	76,805	76,833
20 to 24 years.....	7,155	7,050	7,232	7,194	7,198	7,324	7,088	7,158	7,259
25 years and over.....	68,303	69,698	69,905	67,944	69,248	69,190	69,506	69,633	69,531
25 to 54 years.....	51,105	51,861	51,950	50,854	51,809	51,860	51,948	51,863	51,716
25 to 34 years.....	17,166	17,763	17,820	17,100	17,722	17,743	17,804	17,798	17,755
35 to 44 years.....	16,762	16,832	16,840	16,687	16,807	16,760	16,824	16,818	16,766
45 to 54 years.....	17,177	17,266	17,290	17,067	17,281	17,357	17,321	17,247	17,195
55 years and over.....	17,199	17,837	17,955	17,089	17,439	17,330	17,557	17,770	17,816
Women, 16 years and over.....	68,779	69,591	69,875	68,523	69,332	69,291	69,317	69,320	69,594
16 to 19 years.....	2,313	2,288	2,382	2,359	2,349	2,389	2,442	2,385	2,416
16 to 17 years.....	757	736	790	800	849	846	853	800	833
18 to 19 years.....	1,556	1,553	1,592	1,569	1,499	1,550	1,605	1,590	1,600
20 years and over.....	66,466	67,303	67,493	66,164	66,983	66,901	66,874	66,935	67,178
20 to 24 years.....	6,700	6,655	6,758	6,763	6,813	6,790	6,735	6,693	6,801
25 years and over.....	59,766	60,648	60,735	59,410	60,187	60,159	60,108	60,228	60,358
25 to 54 years.....	44,405	44,881	44,990	44,244	44,655	44,705	44,552	44,619	44,791
25 to 34 years.....	14,673	15,004	15,115	14,603	14,852	14,939	14,889	14,936	15,032
35 to 44 years.....	14,216	14,369	14,385	14,171	14,350	14,311	14,271	14,255	14,329
45 to 54 years.....	15,516	15,508	15,490	15,470	15,453	15,456	15,392	15,429	15,431
55 years and over.....	15,361	15,768	15,746	15,166	15,532	15,453	15,556	15,609	15,567
MARITAL STATUS									
Married men, spouse present.....	44,776	45,042	45,077	44,529	44,934	44,951	45,304	45,023	44,792
Married women, spouse present.....	34,855	35,045	35,035	34,702	34,843	34,910	35,106	34,974	34,879
Women who maintain families.....	9,563	9,706	9,787	-	-	-	-	-	-
FULL- OR PART-TIME STATUS									
Full-time workers ¹	119,179	120,402	121,863	118,790	120,711	120,834	121,024	120,772	121,402
Part-time workers ²	27,219	28,185	27,486	27,210	27,546	27,471	27,301	27,738	27,506
MULTIPLE JOBHOLDERS									
Total multiple jobholders.....	7,305	7,000	7,081	7,088	7,485	7,059	7,158	6,986	6,946
Percent of total employed.....	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7
SELF-EMPLOYMENT									
Self-employed workers, incorporated.....	5,396	5,378	5,457	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self-employed workers, unincorporated.....	9,199	9,636	10,073	9,139	9,560	9,220	9,579	9,620	9,970

¹ Employed full-time workers are persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week.

² Employed part-time workers are persons who usually work less than 35 hours per week.

- Data not available.

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Table A-10. Selected unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Characteristic	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)			Unemployment rates					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
AGE AND SEX									
Total, 16 years and over.....	9,761	8,549	8,674	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5
16 to 19 years.....	1,078	986	1,039	19.2	18.8	17.1	17.5	17.1	17.9
16 to 17 years.....	448	407	402	23.0	19.9	18.6	18.1	20.0	19.3
18 to 19 years.....	628	560	629	17.0	18.2	16.4	17.1	15.1	16.7
20 years and over.....	8,683	7,563	7,635	5.8	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0
20 to 24 years.....	1,739	1,466	1,584	11.1	9.8	10.0	10.4	9.6	10.1
25 years and over.....	6,984	6,054	6,057	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5
25 to 54 years.....	5,446	4,687	4,771	5.4	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.7
25 to 34 years.....	2,251	2,003	2,012	6.6	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.8
35 to 44 years.....	1,653	1,387	1,427	5.1	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.4
45 to 54 years.....	1,541	1,297	1,332	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9
55 years and over.....	1,531	1,377	1,290	4.5	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.7
Men, 16 years and over.....	5,247	4,602	4,691	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.6
16 to 19 years.....	570	522	609	20.7	20.0	17.8	19.8	17.9	20.5
16 to 17 years.....	230	220	238	24.8	20.8	19.2	20.5	21.0	22.0
18 to 19 years.....	335	280	361	18.3	19.4	17.3	19.6	15.2	19.1
20 years and over.....	4,677	4,079	4,082	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0
20 to 24 years.....	974	844	900	11.9	11.5	10.9	11.2	10.5	11.0
25 years and over.....	3,753	3,207	3,194	5.2	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
25 to 54 years.....	2,935	2,427	2,473	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6
25 to 34 years.....	1,262	1,011	1,061	6.9	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.6
35 to 44 years.....	894	704	748	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.3
45 to 54 years.....	778	712	664	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7
55 years and over.....	818	780	721	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.9
Women, 16 years and over.....	4,513	3,947	3,983	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4
16 to 19 years.....	507	464	430	17.7	17.6	16.4	15.2	16.3	15.1
16 to 17 years.....	218	187	163	21.4	19.0	18.0	15.8	18.9	16.4
18 to 19 years.....	293	280	269	15.7	16.9	15.4	14.5	15.0	14.4
20 years and over.....	4,006	3,483	3,553	5.7	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
20 to 24 years.....	765	622	684	10.2	7.9	9.0	9.5	8.5	9.1
25 years and over.....	3,232	2,847	2,863	5.2	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5
25 to 54 years.....	2,511	2,260	2,298	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9
25 to 34 years.....	989	992	951	6.3	5.9	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.0
35 to 44 years.....	759	683	679	5.1	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.5
45 to 54 years.....	763	585	668	4.7	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.1
55 years and over.....	715	602	585	4.5	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.6
MARITAL STATUS									
Married men, spouse present.....	1,527	1,392	1,329	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9
Married women, spouse present.....	1,433	1,222	1,189	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.3
Women who maintain families ¹	873	730	717	8.4	8.1	7.7	8.1	7.0	6.8
FULL- OR PART-TIME STATUS									
Full-time workers ²	8,143	7,068	7,214	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.6
Part-time workers ³	1,597	1,443	1,420	5.5	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Full-time workers are unemployed persons who have expressed a desire to work full time (35 hours or more per week) or are on layoff from full-time jobs.

³ Part-time workers are unemployed persons who have expressed a desire to work part time (less than 35 hours per week) or are on layoff from part-time jobs.

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Table A-11. Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	4,613	3,977	3,962	4,959	4,242	4,180	4,189	4,136	4,267
On temporary layoff.....	770	871	818	1,002	902	1,021	999	950	1,041
Not on temporary layoff.....	3,843	3,106	3,144	3,958	3,339	3,158	3,190	3,185	3,226
Permanent job losers.....	2,843	2,224	2,175	2,890	2,371	2,212	2,223	2,238	2,217
Persons who completed temporary jobs....	1,000	882	969	1,067	968	946	967	948	1,009
Job leavers.....	819	780	771	872	851	884	875	828	829
Reentrants.....	3,000	2,465	2,719	2,869	2,829	2,655	2,689	2,685	2,615
New entrants.....	1,009	745	918	1,063	1,033	972	815	868	971
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	48.9	49.9	47.3	50.8	47.4	48.1	48.9	48.6	49.1
On temporary layoff.....	8.2	10.9	9.8	10.3	10.1	11.7	11.7	11.2	12.0
Not on temporary layoff.....	40.7	39.0	37.6	40.5	37.3	36.3	37.2	37.4	37.2
Job leavers.....	8.7	9.8	9.2	8.9	9.5	10.2	10.2	9.7	9.5
Reentrants.....	31.8	30.9	32.5	29.4	31.6	30.5	31.4	31.5	30.1
New entrants.....	10.7	9.4	11.0	10.9	11.5	11.2	9.5	10.2	11.2
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Job leavers.....	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Reentrants.....	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
New entrants.....	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-12. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Duration	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED									
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,617	2,235	2,473	2,553	2,383	2,431	2,488	2,729	2,418
5 to 14 weeks.....	1,928	1,930	2,046	2,401	2,318	2,223	2,312	2,307	2,532
15 weeks and over.....	4,898	3,802	3,851	4,801	4,180	4,044	3,816	3,663	3,795
15 to 26 weeks.....	1,532	1,238	1,346	1,451	1,380	1,335	1,253	1,139	1,293
27 weeks and over.....	3,366	2,564	2,505	3,351	2,800	2,709	2,563	2,525	2,502
Average (mean) duration, in weeks.....	35.9	32.8	31.9	34.3	32.3	31.7	30.7	30.8	30.7
Median duration, in weeks.....	15.9	13.5	12.6	14.5	13.4	13.1	12.2	11.7	11.6
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION									
Less than 5 weeks.....	27.7	28.1	29.5	26.2	26.8	27.9	28.9	31.4	27.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	20.4	24.2	24.4	24.6	26.1	25.6	26.8	26.5	29.0
15 weeks and over.....	51.9	47.7	46.0	49.2	47.1	46.5	44.3	42.1	43.4
15 to 26 weeks.....	16.2	15.5	16.1	14.9	15.5	15.4	14.5	13.1	14.8
27 weeks and over.....	35.6	32.2	29.9	34.3	31.5	31.1	29.8	29.0	28.6

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Table A-13. Employed and unemployed persons by occupation, not seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Occupation	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rates	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
Total, 16 years and over ¹	146,398	149,349	9,443	8,370	6.1	5.3
Management, professional, and related occupations.....	56,202	58,155	1,795	1,460	3.1	2.4
Management, business, and financial operations occupations.....	23,145	23,891	802	709	3.3	2.9
Professional and related occupations.....	33,057	34,264	993	751	2.9	2.1
Service occupations.....	26,173	26,296	1,952	1,853	6.9	6.6
Sales and office occupations.....	33,530	33,838	2,254	1,909	6.3	5.3
Sales and related occupations.....	15,861	15,962	1,161	987	6.8	5.8
Office and administrative support occupations.....	17,669	17,876	1,093	923	5.8	4.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.....	13,499	13,754	1,098	977	7.5	6.6
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	1,008	1,086	110	112	9.8	9.3
Construction and extraction occupations.....	7,692	7,821	797	632	9.4	7.5
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	4,799	4,847	192	233	3.8	4.6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	16,994	17,306	1,312	1,212	7.2	6.5
Production occupations.....	8,252	8,481	630	549	7.1	6.1
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	8,742	8,825	682	664	7.2	7.0

¹ Persons with no previous work experience and persons whose last job was in the U.S. Armed Forces are included in the unemployed total.

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Table A-14. Unemployed persons by industry and class of worker, not seasonally adjusted

Industry and class of worker	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
Total, 16 years and over ¹	9,443	8,370	6.1	5.3
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers.....	7,243	6,379	5.9	5.2
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction.....	26	72	2.6	7.2
Construction.....	747	569	8.6	6.7
Manufacturing.....	826	702	5.3	4.6
Durable goods.....	516	405	5.2	4.1
Nondurable goods.....	310	297	5.5	5.4
Wholesale and retail trade.....	1,313	1,237	6.4	6.0
Transportation and utilities.....	321	261	5.2	4.2
Information.....	163	90	5.5	3.3
Financial activities.....	456	214	4.8	2.3
Professional and business services.....	1,028	963	6.5	6.1
Education and health services.....	876	806	3.9	3.5
Leisure and hospitality.....	1,113	1,117	8.1	7.9
Other services.....	372	348	5.7	5.3
Agriculture and related private wage and salary workers.....	102	151	7.4	9.2
Government workers.....	622	491	3.0	2.3
Self-employed workers, unincorporated, and unpaid family workers.....	467	431	4.8	4.1

¹ Persons with no previous work experience and persons whose last job was in the U.S. Armed Forces are included in the unemployed total.

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Table A-15. Alternative measures of labor underutilization

[Percent]

Measure	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	May 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	May 2015
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.....	3.1	2.4	2.4	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.....	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate).....	6.1	5.1	5.3	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.....	6.5	5.5	5.6	6.7	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8
U-5 Total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other persons marginally attached to the labor force, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.....	7.3	6.4	6.4	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6
U-6 Total unemployed, plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.....	11.7	10.4	10.4	12.1	11.3	11.0	10.9	10.8	10.8

NOTE: Persons marginally attached to the labor force are those who currently are neither working nor looking for work but indicate that they want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the past 12 months. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, have given a job-market related reason for not currently looking for work. Persons employed part time for economic reasons are those who want and are available for full-time work but have had to settle for a part-time schedule. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table A-16. Persons not in the labor force and multiple jobholders by sex, not seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Category	Total		Men		Women	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE						
Total not in the labor force.....	91,782	92,736	36,859	36,907	54,923	55,829
Persons who currently want a job.....	7,031	6,536	3,261	2,969	3,770	3,567
Marginally attached to the labor force ¹	2,130	1,862	1,066	918	1,064	945
Discouraged workers ²	697	563	422	327	275	236
Other persons marginally attached to the labor force ³ ..	1,433	1,300	644	591	789	709
MULTIPLE JOBHOLDERS						
Total multiple jobholders ⁴	7,305	7,081	3,647	3,441	3,658	3,641
Percent of total employed.....	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.3	5.3	5.2
Primary job full time, secondary job part time.....	3,875	3,796	2,147	1,993	1,727	1,803
Primary and secondary jobs both part time.....	2,026	1,870	681	640	1,345	1,229
Primary and secondary jobs both full time.....	260	284	180	183	80	102
Hours vary on primary or secondary job.....	1,123	1,093	625	598	499	496

¹ Data refer to persons who want a job, have searched for work during the prior 12 months, and were available to take a job during the reference week, but had not looked for work in the past 4 weeks.

² Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for reasons such as thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

³ Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as school or family responsibilities, ill health, and transportation problems, as well as a number for whom reason for nonparticipation was not determined.

⁴ Includes a small number of persons who work part time on their primary job and full time on their secondary job(s), not shown separately.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail

[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted				Change from: Apr.2015 - May2015 ^P
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^P	May 2015 ^P	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^P	May 2015 ^P	
Total nonfarm.....	139,297	140,298	141,450	142,420	138,621	141,178	141,399	141,679	280
Total private.....	117,080	118,010	119,107	120,102	116,780	119,270	119,476	119,738	262
Goods-producing.....	19,175	19,145	19,380	19,593	19,156	19,540	19,561	19,567	6
Mining and logging.....	884	867	852	838	888	878	863	845	-18
Logging.....	49.7	52.3	50.7	52.4	51.5	54.5	54.6	54.0	-0.6
Mining.....	834.6	814.3	801.6	785.6	836.0	823.2	808.4	791.2	-17.2
Oil and gas extraction.....	196.0	196.6	192.0	193.0	196.4	197.7	194.3	193.8	-0.5
Mining, except oil and gas ¹	209.3	197.9	200.5	204.9	207.1	204.0	202.3	202.5	0.2
Coal mining.....	74.3	70.7	70.0	69.4	74.2	70.7	70.3	69.5	-0.8
Support activities for mining.....	429.3	419.8	409.1	387.7	432.5	421.5	411.8	394.9	-16.9
Construction.....	6,151	6,012	6,255	6,441	6,114	6,335	6,370	6,387	17
Construction of buildings.....	1,340.2	1,359.0	1,374.8	1,408.8	1,347.3	1,411.1	1,406.5	1,410.9	4.4
Residential building.....	651.9	660.2	675.4	694.9	651.6	691.0	693.9	695.7	1.8
Nonresidential building.....	688.3	698.8	699.4	713.9	695.7	720.1	712.6	715.2	2.6
Heavy and civil engineering construction.....	939.5	853.8	926.1	966.8	916.7	933.6	940.5	940.9	0.4
Specialty trade contractors.....	3,871.1	3,799.4	3,954.3	4,065.2	3,849.6	3,990.6	4,022.8	4,035.1	12.3
Residential specialty trade contractors.....	1,666.9	1,637.8	1,718.8	1,777.1	1,652.5	1,735.5	1,750.7	1,757.4	6.7
Nonresidential specialty trade contractors.....	2,204.2	2,161.6	2,235.5	2,288.1	2,197.1	2,255.1	2,272.1	2,277.7	5.6
Manufacturing.....	12,140	12,266	12,273	12,314	12,154	12,327	12,328	12,335	7
Durable goods.....	7,661	7,782	7,784	7,806	7,659	7,806	7,806	7,807	1
Wood products.....	371.7	373.4	375.8	378.6	371.3	378.4	377.0	376.8	-0.2
Nonmetallic mineral products.....	388.4	389.2	399.1	407.4	383.9	399.8	399.2	402.9	3.7
Primary metals.....	398.7	405.6	404.7	404.4	397.8	405.8	405.9	404.5	-1.4
Fabricated metal products.....	1,452.7	1,468.2	1,470.0	1,466.9	1,451.3	1,473.6	1,474.5	1,469.0	-5.5
Machinery.....	1,125.2	1,138.6	1,131.5	1,129.3	1,125.0	1,138.3	1,133.3	1,130.6	-2.7
Computer and electronic products ¹	1,044.7	1,055.4	1,053.1	1,054.5	1,047.4	1,057.5	1,057.0	1,056.7	-0.3
Computer and peripheral equipment.....	159.2	168.2	168.2	170.3	160.3	169.7	169.9	171.4	1.5
Communications equipment.....	92.9	90.0	89.4	89.1	93.4	90.0	89.6	89.3	-0.3
Semiconductors and electronic components.....	366.8	369.7	369.3	368.3	367.4	370.2	370.5	369.7	-0.8
Electronic instruments.....	388.2	390.4	388.9	390.3	388.7	390.4	389.4	389.7	0.3
Electrical equipment and appliances.....	373.9	371.7	370.7	373.2	375.5	372.9	372.5	373.5	1.0
Transportation equipment ¹	1,552.6	1,608.6	1,602.3	1,609.9	1,554.0	1,603.7	1,607.1	1,611.9	4.8
Motor vehicles and parts ²	866.9	919.9	915.1	924.2	868.3	915.5	919.6	926.2	6.6
Furniture and related products.....	370.3	384.6	386.3	387.2	369.5	386.3	387.2	386.3	-0.9
Miscellaneous durable goods manufacturing.....	582.4	586.7	590.6	594.1	583.3	589.9	591.8	594.8	3.0
Nondurable goods.....	4,479	4,484	4,489	4,508	4,495	4,521	4,522	4,528	6
Food manufacturing.....	1,461.6	1,469.9	1,465.4	1,466.8	1,478.8	1,492.3	1,487.1	1,486.6	-0.5
Textile mills.....	117.0	118.7	118.8	119.8	117.0	118.8	118.8	119.4	0.6
Textile product mills.....	113.1	113.3	113.7	114.5	113.6	114.3	114.9	115.0	0.1
Apparel.....	139.6	137.9	135.8	136.8	139.8	137.5	136.2	136.8	0.6
Paper and paper products.....	373.2	365.4	366.3	366.5	373.5	367.1	367.0	366.9	-0.1
Printing and related support activities.....	453.6	446.7	447.2	447.8	453.9	447.7	448.0	447.2	-0.8
Petroleum and coal products.....	111.3	102.4	108.1	109.5	110.3	105.0	108.7	108.9	0.2
Chemicals.....	801.0	809.0	808.9	810.5	801.1	810.0	811.0	811.9	0.9
Plastics and rubber products.....	673.7	684.8	686.9	691.1	672.0	686.1	686.6	689.6	3.0
Miscellaneous nondurable goods manufacturing.....	234.8	235.5	238.2	244.9	235.2	242.5	243.7	245.3	1.6
Private service-providing.....	97,905	98,865	99,727	100,509	97,624	99,730	99,915	100,171	256
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	26,228	26,454	26,570	26,791	26,297	26,787	26,810	26,860	50
Wholesale trade.....	5,826.9	5,873.4	5,889.0	5,915.3	5,814.4	5,903.6	5,901.3	5,905.4	4.1
Durable goods.....	2,908.4	2,935.0	2,938.6	2,951.2	2,907.1	2,945.3	2,947.4	2,948.6	1.2
Nondurable goods.....	2,021.5	2,030.7	2,043.2	2,053.9	2,011.5	2,046.4	2,044.5	2,046.2	1.7
Electronic markets and agents and brokers.....	897.0	907.7	907.2	910.2	895.8	911.9	909.4	910.6	1.2
Retail trade.....	15,236.3	15,328.8	15,429.2	15,571.2	15,318.1	15,587.4	15,600.7	15,632.1	31.4
Motor vehicle and parts dealers ¹	1,858.6	1,897.6	1,909.2	1,927.5	1,850.4	1,911.4	1,911.4	1,921.0	9.6
Automobile dealers.....	1,180.6	1,210.4	1,214.2	1,225.2	1,178.5	1,217.4	1,218.0	1,225.7	7.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail

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[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted				Change from: Apr.2015 - May2015 ^P
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^P	May 2015 ^P	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^P	May 2015 ^P	
Retail trade - Continued									
Furniture and home furnishings stores.	444.1	457.0	457.9	460.7	451.3	464.0	465.4	467.5	2.1
Electronics and appliance stores.	468.7	491.6	489.2	488.4	482.9	499.7	501.3	503.3	2.0
Building material and garden supply stores.	1,301.1	1,244.0	1,303.1	1,333.4	1,228.3	1,257.8	1,260.2	1,263.8	3.6
Food and beverage stores.	2,981.3	2,991.0	3,003.5	3,029.6	2,986.0	3,026.7	3,031.7	3,031.3	-0.4
Health and personal care stores.	1,015.2	1,022.4	1,019.9	1,025.3	1,020.5	1,029.7	1,028.2	1,029.7	1.5
Gasoline stations.	881.2	884.8	895.2	904.5	881.0	898.3	901.7	899.7	-2.0
Clothing and clothing accessories stores.	1,336.4	1,325.8	1,322.8	1,339.9	1,381.4	1,380.3	1,376.9	1,385.4	8.5
Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores.	595.0	590.6	590.2	588.5	611.3	611.1	610.0	608.5	-1.5
General merchandise stores ¹	3,050.5	3,108.7	3,110.4	3,125.2	3,106.9	3,156.8	3,159.0	3,163.8	4.8
Department stores.	1,310.9	1,304.4	1,297.4	1,296.1	1,352.6	1,339.3	1,332.6	1,328.1	-4.5
Miscellaneous store retailers.	818.9	797.5	809.7	826.8	818.7	821.6	822.2	821.6	-0.6
Nonstore retailers.	485.3	517.8	518.1	521.4	499.4	530.0	532.7	536.5	3.8
Transportation and warehousing.	4,613.2	4,693.3	4,694.2	4,742.7	4,614.1	4,736.7	4,747.5	4,760.6	13.1
Air transportation.	443.0	442.3	445.6	447.3	441.1	443.5	445.3	445.9	0.6
Rail transportation.	234.7	244.4	246.0	246.6	234.2	245.1	246.3	246.4	0.1
Water transportation.	67.7	64.8	65.2	65.4	67.5	66.1	66.1	65.3	-0.8
Truck transportation.	1,413.0	1,413.5	1,423.7	1,448.2	1,411.5	1,439.6	1,441.3	1,449.9	8.6
Transit and ground passenger transportation.	476.8	485.0	483.8	488.4	460.9	471.8	470.6	472.6	2.0
Pipeline transportation.	46.8	48.2	48.8	49.3	46.8	48.3	48.6	49.3	0.7
Scenic and sightseeing transportation.	33.8	25.0	28.3	33.9	31.1	30.8	31.1	31.4	0.3
Support activities for transportation.	626.1	639.6	644.7	645.0	625.7	642.6	646.2	645.1	-1.1
Couriers and messengers.	542.6	579.6	557.3	562.1	559.3	590.8	590.7	589.9	-0.8
Warehousing and storage.	728.7	750.9	750.8	756.5	736.0	758.1	761.3	764.8	3.5
Utilities.	551.4	558.0	558.0	562.2	550.7	559.7	560.5	561.6	1.1
Information.	2,725	2,774	2,786	2,787	2,723	2,778	2,786	2,783	-3
Publishing industries, except Internet.	721.0	716.7	716.3	714.2	724.9	719.1	718.5	717.8	-0.7
Motion picture and sound recording industries.	382.9	381.1	388.4	388.6	371.7	379.8	382.5	378.2	-4.3
Broadcasting, except Internet.	283.1	289.1	289.5	288.7	284.7	289.7	290.1	289.8	-0.3
Telecommunications.	849.4	863.2	864.7	865.6	852.4	864.1	868.2	868.1	-0.1
Data processing, hosting and related services.	276.0	292.1	294.7	296.6	275.3	292.6	292.9	295.6	2.7
Other information services.	212.1	231.7	232.6	233.3	213.9	233.0	233.8	233.9	0.1
Financial activities.	7,940	8,046	8,060	8,101	7,951	8,090	8,098	8,111	13
Finance and insurance.	5,896.7	5,999.8	5,998.4	6,019.8	5,913.8	6,011.7	6,020.7	6,033.5	12.8
Monetary authorities - central bank.	18.3	18.4	18.2	18.2	18.5	18.5	18.4	18.3	-0.1
Credit intermediation and related activities ¹	2,554.8	2,564.8	2,560.9	2,572.0	2,562.6	2,572.1	2,574.2	2,579.9	5.7
Depository credit intermediation ¹	1,705.5	1,695.6	1,694.0	1,697.0	1,708.7	1,698.9	1,698.5	1,700.7	2.2
Commercial banking.	1,292.1	1,279.6	1,275.7	1,277.5	1,295.1	1,281.0	1,278.7	1,280.7	2.0
Securities, commodity contracts, investments, and funds and trusts.	875.4	890.8	891.9	893.3	878.3	892.5	894.3	895.5	1.2
Insurance carriers and related activities.	2,448.2	2,525.8	2,527.4	2,536.3	2,454.4	2,528.6	2,533.8	2,539.8	6.0
Real estate and rental and leasing.	2,043.4	2,046.5	2,061.4	2,081.4	2,036.7	2,078.0	2,077.5	2,077.7	0.2
Real estate.	1,481.8	1,491.9	1,503.7	1,511.9	1,480.3	1,510.4	1,512.0	1,511.2	-0.8
Rental and leasing services.	538.0	531.6	534.7	545.9	532.5	544.4	542.3	543.1	0.8
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible assets.	23.6	23.0	23.0	23.6	23.9	23.2	23.2	23.4	0.2
Professional and business services.	19,002	19,343	19,602	19,688	19,005	19,547	19,613	19,676	63
Professional and technical services ¹	8,254.2	8,620.4	8,665.0	8,547.8	8,310.4	8,562.7	8,585.1	8,603.9	18.8
Legal services.	1,115.4	1,115.8	1,117.3	1,119.0	1,118.8	1,119.8	1,121.9	1,122.2	0.3
Accounting and bookkeeping services.	906.2	1,116.3	1,099.5	944.0	952.3	997.7	996.0	990.2	-5.8
Architectural and engineering services.	1,371.0	1,396.2	1,409.7	1,421.8	1,372.6	1,415.6	1,417.9	1,422.4	4.5
Computer systems design and related services.	1,772.8	1,821.9	1,846.2	1,855.7	1,774.0	1,835.1	1,845.8	1,856.1	10.3
Management and technical consulting services.	1,229.3	1,283.2	1,294.9	1,304.0	1,232.0	1,295.8	1,302.9	1,309.9	7.0
Management of companies and enterprises.	2,165.5	2,192.6	2,190.5	2,204.1	2,167.4	2,199.6	2,200.0	2,204.4	4.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table B-1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail

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[In thousands]

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted				Change from: Apr.2015 - May2015 ^P
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^P	May 2015 ^P	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^P	May 2015 ^P	
Professional and business services - Continued									
Administrative and waste services.....	8,582.6	8,529.9	8,746.2	8,936.3	8,527.2	8,785.0	8,827.5	8,867.4	39.9
Administrative and support services ¹	8,197.4	8,146.2	8,356.7	8,540.5	8,142.6	8,393.0	8,433.4	8,472.0	38.6
Employment services ¹	3,376.8	3,427.3	3,489.5	3,582.0	3,390.2	3,539.5	3,553.4	3,579.5	26.1
Temporary help services.....	2,730.4	2,770.2	2,825.9	2,905.4	2,742.8	2,866.9	2,883.0	2,903.1	20.1
Business support services.....	863.5	908.4	912.0	903.1	876.8	910.3	916.4	915.7	-0.7
Services to buildings and dwellings.....	2,013.1	1,831.0	1,970.5	2,053.5	1,934.6	1,954.6	1,971.3	1,977.9	6.6
Waste management and remediation services.....	385.2	383.7	389.5	395.8	384.6	392.0	394.1	395.4	1.3
Education and health services.....	21,468	22,007	22,099	22,088	21,409	21,863	21,927	22,001	74
Educational services.....	3,440.1	3,617.9	3,634.8	3,536.3	3,407.8	3,460.8	3,464.9	3,481.6	16.7
Health care and social assistance.....	18,028.0	18,388.9	18,464.6	18,551.2	18,000.8	18,402.5	18,462.1	18,519.8	57.7
Health care ³	14,640.7	14,927.9	14,985.7	15,048.9	14,646.4	14,959.4	15,007.4	15,054.2	46.8
Ambulatory health care services ¹	6,609.4	6,808.7	6,844.7	6,882.6	6,611.3	6,827.2	6,850.8	6,878.4	27.6
Offices of physicians.....	2,455.7	2,524.8	2,534.4	2,542.3	2,462.2	2,529.0	2,537.6	2,543.5	5.9
Outpatient care centers.....	710.0	732.3	735.9	740.8	708.5	733.0	736.0	740.5	4.5
Home health care services.....	1,256.0	1,294.3	1,304.3	1,316.4	1,254.3	1,301.0	1,304.5	1,312.9	8.4
Hospitals.....	4,772.3	4,845.2	4,855.9	4,870.8	4,777.5	4,848.7	4,863.6	4,879.3	15.7
Nursing and residential care facilities ¹ ...	3,259.0	3,274.0	3,285.1	3,295.5	3,257.6	3,283.5	3,293.0	3,296.5	3.5
Nursing care facilities.....	1,653.2	1,645.0	1,649.5	1,652.9	1,652.0	1,649.6	1,653.3	1,653.9	0.6
Social assistance ¹	3,387.3	3,461.0	3,478.9	3,502.3	3,354.4	3,443.1	3,454.7	3,465.6	10.9
Child day care services.....	877.4	886.0	891.2	897.4	850.8	866.7	869.6	872.6	3.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	14,942	14,644	14,983	15,393	14,667	15,039	15,049	15,106	57
Arts, entertainment, and recreation.....	2,187.5	1,983.7	2,090.4	2,256.4	2,100.8	2,143.2	2,141.9	2,170.9	29.0
Performing arts and spectator sports.....	470.2	443.5	473.5	506.1	445.8	463.1	463.9	476.8	12.9
Museums, historical sites, and similar institutions.....	152.2	137.8	143.4	151.7	146.3	145.1	145.1	146.8	1.7
Amusements, gambling, and recreation....	1,565.1	1,402.4	1,473.5	1,598.6	1,508.7	1,535.0	1,532.9	1,547.3	14.4
Accommodation and food services.....	12,754.8	12,660.3	12,892.3	13,136.3	12,566.1	12,895.5	12,906.6	12,935.1	28.5
Accommodation.....	1,899.7	1,834.9	1,851.0	1,911.2	1,892.9	1,901.7	1,895.0	1,906.5	11.5
Food services and drinking places.....	10,855.1	10,825.4	11,041.3	11,225.1	10,673.2	10,993.8	11,011.6	11,028.6	17.0
Other services.....	5,600	5,597	5,627	5,661	5,572	5,626	5,632	5,634	2
Repair and maintenance.....	1,252.0	1,261.9	1,268.0	1,277.3	1,242.0	1,264.0	1,263.7	1,266.5	2.8
Personal and laundry services.....	1,381.2	1,373.2	1,387.6	1,399.8	1,366.4	1,381.9	1,385.4	1,386.5	1.1
Membership associations and organizations...	2,966.3	2,962.2	2,971.7	2,983.6	2,963.7	2,980.0	2,982.5	2,981.2	-1.3
Government.....	22,217	22,288	22,343	22,318	21,841	21,908	21,923	21,941	18
Federal.....	2,726.0	2,719.0	2,742.0	2,735.0	2,726.0	2,733.0	2,735.0	2,738.0	3.0
Federal, except U.S. Postal Service.....	2,136.5	2,125.8	2,135.3	2,142.0	2,133.4	2,137.7	2,139.3	2,142.9	3.6
U.S. Postal Service.....	589.0	592.8	606.4	592.9	592.5	594.9	595.9	595.5	-0.4
State government.....	5,081.0	5,239.0	5,249.0	5,111.0	5,054.0	5,082.0	5,083.0	5,083.0	0.0
State government education.....	2,419.3	2,600.7	2,606.5	2,461.2	2,401.0	2,437.6	2,439.9	2,440.4	0.5
State government, excluding education.....	2,661.4	2,638.2	2,642.2	2,649.8	2,652.9	2,644.6	2,643.3	2,642.6	-0.7
Local government.....	14,410.0	14,330.0	14,352.0	14,472.0	14,061.0	14,093.0	14,105.0	14,120.0	15.0
Local government education.....	8,124.1	8,133.7	8,128.2	8,158.7	7,774.2	7,790.2	7,798.6	7,808.5	9.9
Local government, excluding education.....	6,285.8	6,196.4	6,223.7	6,313.3	6,286.4	6,302.4	6,305.9	6,311.1	5.2

¹ Includes other industries, not shown separately.

² Includes motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies and trailers, and motor vehicle parts.

³ Includes ambulatory health care services, hospitals, and nursing and residential care facilities.

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-2. Average weekly hours and overtime of all employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted

Industry	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS				
Total private.....	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5
Goods-producing.....	40.6	40.4	40.3	40.3
Mining and logging.....	44.5	44.5	44.1	43.7
Construction.....	39.0	38.9	38.9	38.9
Manufacturing.....	41.1	40.9	40.7	40.7
Durable goods.....	41.6	41.2	41.1	41.1
Nondurable goods.....	40.2	40.2	40.1	40.1
Private service-providing.....	33.3	33.4	33.3	33.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	34.5	34.6	34.6	34.6
Wholesale trade.....	38.9	38.8	38.8	38.9
Retail trade.....	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.4
Transportation and warehousing.....	38.6	38.9	38.9	39.1
Utilities.....	42.3	43.0	42.7	42.5
Information.....	36.8	36.4	36.4	36.5
Financial activities.....	37.3	37.5	37.6	37.7
Professional and business services.....	36.3	36.2	36.0	36.2
Education and health services.....	32.7	32.8	32.8	32.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	26.1	26.2	26.2	26.2
Other services.....	31.8	31.8	31.7	31.8
AVERAGE OVERTIME HOURS				
Manufacturing.....	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
Durable goods.....	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.2
Nondurable goods.....	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of all employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
Total private.....	\$24.40	\$24.85	\$24.88	\$24.96	\$841.80	\$857.33	\$858.36	\$861.12
Goods-producing.....	25.61	26.05	26.09	26.12	1,039.77	1,052.42	1,051.43	1,052.64
Mining and logging.....	30.85	31.00	30.94	31.02	1,372.83	1,379.50	1,364.45	1,355.57
Construction.....	26.61	27.23	27.28	27.34	1,037.79	1,059.25	1,061.19	1,063.53
Manufacturing.....	24.72	25.09	25.13	25.16	1,015.99	1,026.18	1,022.79	1,024.01
Durable goods.....	26.07	26.41	26.44	26.47	1,084.51	1,088.09	1,086.68	1,087.92
Nondurable goods.....	22.33	22.75	22.83	22.84	897.67	914.55	915.48	915.88
Private service-providing.....	24.11	24.56	24.60	24.69	802.86	820.30	819.18	824.65
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	21.39	21.65	21.69	21.78	737.96	749.09	750.47	753.59
Wholesale trade.....	28.07	28.40	28.47	28.73	1,091.92	1,101.92	1,104.64	1,117.60
Retail trade.....	16.98	17.30	17.35	17.41	531.47	543.22	544.79	546.67
Transportation and warehousing.....	22.92	22.84	22.81	22.77	884.71	888.48	887.31	890.31
Utilities.....	35.46	36.87	36.94	36.99	1,499.96	1,585.41	1,577.34	1,572.08
Information.....	33.87	34.51	34.51	34.63	1,246.42	1,256.16	1,256.16	1,264.00
Financial activities.....	30.59	31.33	31.38	31.52	1,141.01	1,174.88	1,179.89	1,188.30
Professional and business services.....	29.21	29.85	29.92	29.98	1,060.32	1,080.57	1,077.12	1,085.28
Education and health services.....	24.66	25.09	25.10	25.19	806.38	822.95	823.28	826.23
Leisure and hospitality.....	13.82	14.22	14.30	14.32	360.70	372.56	374.66	375.18
Other services.....	21.87	22.27	22.22	22.36	695.47	708.19	704.37	711.05

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-4. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours and payrolls for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted

[2007=100]

Industry	Index of aggregate weekly hours ¹					Index of aggregate weekly payrolls ²				
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	Percent change from: Apr. 2015 - May 2015 ^p	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	Percent change from: Apr. 2015 - May 2015 ^p
Total private.....	100.7	102.9	103.0	103.3	0.3	117.3	122.0	122.4	123.0	0.5
Goods-producing.....	88.6	89.9	89.8	89.8	0.0	102.6	105.9	105.9	106.1	0.2
Mining and logging.....	124.2	122.8	119.6	116.0	-3.0	153.8	152.8	148.6	144.5	-2.8
Construction.....	82.2	84.9	85.4	85.6	0.2	95.0	100.5	101.2	101.7	0.5
Manufacturing.....	89.9	90.7	90.3	90.3	0.0	103.3	105.8	105.5	105.7	0.2
Durable goods.....	89.7	90.5	90.3	90.3	0.0	103.9	106.2	106.1	106.2	0.1
Nondurable goods.....	90.2	90.7	90.5	90.6	0.1	102.2	104.7	104.8	105.0	0.2
Private service-providing.....	104.0	106.6	106.5	107.1	0.6	121.6	126.9	127.0	128.2	0.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	98.7	100.8	100.9	101.1	0.2	113.6	117.5	117.8	118.5	0.6
Wholesale trade.....	98.7	99.9	99.9	100.2	0.3	115.6	118.5	118.7	120.2	1.3
Retail trade.....	97.4	99.4	99.5	99.7	0.2	109.3	113.7	114.1	114.8	0.6
Transportation and warehousing.....	101.9	105.5	105.7	106.5	0.8	118.6	122.2	122.3	123.1	0.7
Utilities.....	100.8	104.1	103.5	103.3	-0.2	118.1	126.8	126.4	126.2	-0.2
Information.....	91.5	92.3	92.6	92.8	0.2	110.4	113.5	113.8	114.4	0.5
Financial activities.....	97.1	99.4	99.7	100.1	0.4	115.9	121.4	122.1	123.1	0.8
Professional and business services.....	108.5	111.3	111.1	112.0	0.8	128.4	134.6	134.6	136.1	1.1
Education and health services.....	112.4	115.1	115.4	115.8	0.3	130.5	136.0	136.5	137.4	0.7
Leisure and hospitality.....	109.2	112.4	112.5	112.9	0.4	121.8	129.0	129.8	130.5	0.5
Other services.....	98.2	99.1	98.9	99.3	0.4	121.9	125.3	124.7	126.0	1.0

¹ The indexes of aggregate weekly hours are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate hours by the corresponding 2007 annual average aggregate hours. Aggregate hours estimates are the product of estimates of average weekly hours and employment.

² The indexes of aggregate weekly payrolls are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate weekly payrolls by the corresponding 2007 annual average aggregate weekly payrolls. Aggregate payrolls estimates are the product of estimates of average hourly earnings, average weekly hours, and employment.

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-5. Employment of women on nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted

Industry	Women employees (in thousands)				Percent of all employees			
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
Total nonfarm.....	68,442	69,668	69,756	69,945	49.4	49.3	49.3	49.4
Total private.....	55,976	57,138	57,215	57,386	47.9	47.9	47.9	47.9
Goods-producing.....	4,192	4,270	4,274	4,271	21.9	21.9	21.8	21.8
Mining and logging.....	117	121	119	117	13.2	13.8	13.8	13.8
Construction.....	772	797	803	805	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
Manufacturing.....	3,303	3,352	3,352	3,349	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2
Durable goods.....	1,765	1,809	1,811	1,815	23.0	23.2	23.2	23.2
Nondurable goods.....	1,538	1,543	1,541	1,534	34.2	34.1	34.1	33.9
Private service-providing.....	51,784	52,868	52,941	53,115	53.0	53.0	53.0	53.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	10,661	10,867	10,862	10,887	40.5	40.6	40.5	40.5
Wholesale trade.....	1,720.2	1,735.8	1,737.7	1,737.8	29.6	29.4	29.4	29.4
Retail trade.....	7,718.3	7,873.4	7,862.4	7,890.6	50.4	50.5	50.4	50.5
Transportation and warehousing.....	1,088.1	1,123.3	1,127.1	1,124.2	23.6	23.7	23.7	23.6
Utilities.....	134.1	134.5	134.3	134.0	24.4	24.0	24.0	23.9
Information.....	1,090	1,117	1,115	1,113	40.0	40.2	40.0	40.0
Financial activities.....	4,560	4,630	4,629	4,628	57.4	57.2	57.2	57.1
Professional and business services.....	8,487	8,702	8,725	8,767	44.7	44.5	44.5	44.6
Education and health services.....	16,445	16,817	16,866	16,927	76.8	76.9	76.9	76.9
Leisure and hospitality.....	7,625	7,792	7,799	7,843	52.0	51.8	51.8	51.9
Other services.....	2,916	2,943	2,945	2,950	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.4
Government.....	12,466	12,530	12,541	12,559	57.1	57.2	57.2	57.2

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-6. Employment of production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted¹

[In thousands]

Industry	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
Total private.....	96,516	98,374	98,501	98,744
Goods-producing.....	13,807	14,086	14,101	14,122
Mining and logging.....	653	644	632	619
Construction.....	4,615	4,761	4,797	4,816
Manufacturing.....	8,539	8,681	8,672	8,687
Durable goods.....	5,270	5,379	5,374	5,386
Nondurable goods.....	3,269	3,302	3,298	3,301
Private service-providing.....	82,709	84,288	84,400	84,622
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	22,225	22,579	22,566	22,599
Wholesale trade.....	4,701.5	4,748.3	4,743.1	4,733.5
Retail trade.....	13,088.2	13,277.2	13,265.8	13,295.6
Transportation and warehousing.....	3,990.5	4,102.9	4,106.7	4,118.5
Utilities.....	445.1	450.4	450.7	451.5
Information.....	2,205	2,252	2,257	2,254
Financial activities.....	6,137	6,245	6,251	6,257
Professional and business services.....	15,735	16,085	16,141	16,194
Education and health services.....	18,804	19,185	19,232	19,295
Leisure and hospitality.....	12,959	13,257	13,267	13,330
Other services.....	4,644	4,685	4,686	4,693

¹ Data relate to production employees in mining and logging and manufacturing, construction employees in construction, and nonsupervisory employees in the service-providing industries. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonfarm payrolls.

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NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2014 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

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Table B-7. Average weekly hours and overtime of production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted¹

Industry	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS				
Total private.....	33.7	33.7	33.6	33.7
Goods-producing.....	41.6	41.2	41.2	41.1
Mining and logging.....	47.0	46.2	45.9	45.7
Construction.....	39.7	39.4	39.4	39.3
Manufacturing.....	42.2	41.8	41.8	41.8
Durable goods.....	42.7	42.1	42.1	42.1
Nondurable goods.....	41.3	41.4	41.4	41.4
Private service-providing.....	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.7
Wholesale trade.....	38.7	38.6	38.6	38.5
Retail trade.....	29.9	30.0	30.0	30.0
Transportation and warehousing.....	38.5	38.7	38.7	38.9
Utilities.....	42.2	42.8	42.5	42.7
Information.....	35.9	36.0	36.0	36.0
Financial activities.....	36.7	37.1	37.1	37.2
Professional and business services.....	35.6	35.4	35.2	35.3
Education and health services.....	32.0	32.0	32.1	32.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	25.2	25.0	25.0	25.0
Other services.....	30.8	30.7	30.6	30.7
AVERAGE OVERTIME HOURS				
Manufacturing.....	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.2
Durable goods.....	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.2
Nondurable goods.....	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3

¹ Data relate to production employees in mining and logging and manufacturing, construction employees in construction, and nonsupervisory employees in the service-providing industries. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonfarm payrolls.

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Table B-8. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted¹

Industry	Average hourly earnings				Average weekly earnings			
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p
Total private.....	\$20.55	\$20.88	\$20.91	\$20.97	\$692.54	\$703.66	\$702.58	\$706.69
Goods-producing.....	21.56	21.83	21.86	21.89	896.90	899.40	900.63	899.68
Mining and logging.....	26.83	26.46	26.27	26.40	1,261.01	1,222.45	1,205.79	1,206.48
Construction.....	24.65	25.10	25.13	25.20	978.61	988.94	990.12	990.36
Manufacturing.....	19.53	19.77	19.80	19.82	824.17	826.39	827.64	828.48
Durable goods.....	20.67	20.86	20.86	20.90	882.61	878.21	878.21	879.89
Nondurable goods.....	17.64	17.96	18.03	18.02	728.53	743.54	746.44	746.03
Private service-providing.....	20.34	20.67	20.71	20.77	659.02	669.71	671.00	672.95
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	18.25	18.54	18.55	18.60	613.20	622.94	623.28	626.82
Wholesale trade.....	23.15	23.52	23.54	23.65	895.91	907.87	908.64	910.53
Retail trade.....	14.38	14.62	14.66	14.71	429.96	438.60	439.80	441.30
Transportation and warehousing.....	20.54	20.76	20.71	20.68	790.79	803.41	801.48	804.45
Utilities.....	32.77	33.99	33.88	34.10	1,382.89	1,454.77	1,439.90	1,456.07
Information.....	28.62	28.51	28.74	28.89	1,027.46	1,026.36	1,034.64	1,040.04
Financial activities.....	24.60	25.15	25.19	25.29	902.82	933.07	934.55	940.79
Professional and business services.....	24.24	24.54	24.60	24.69	862.94	868.72	865.92	871.56
Education and health services.....	21.58	21.94	21.97	22.02	690.56	702.08	705.24	706.84
Leisure and hospitality.....	12.03	12.35	12.38	12.39	303.16	308.75	309.50	309.75
Other services.....	18.41	18.79	18.77	18.86	567.03	576.85	574.36	579.00

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Table B-9. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours and payrolls for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted¹

[2002=100]

Industry	Index of aggregate weekly hours ²					Index of aggregate weekly payrolls ³				
	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	Percent change from: Apr. 2015 - May 2015 ^p	May 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015 ^p	May 2015 ^p	Percent change from: Apr. 2015 - May 2015 ^p
Total private.....	108.4	110.5	110.3	110.9	0.5	148.8	154.1	154.1	155.4	0.8
Goods-producing.....	87.8	88.7	88.8	88.7	-0.1	115.9	118.6	118.8	118.9	0.1
Mining and logging.....	163.1	158.1	154.2	150.3	-2.5	254.5	243.3	235.5	230.8	-2.0
Construction.....	91.7	93.9	94.6	94.8	0.2	122.1	127.3	128.4	129.0	0.5
Manufacturing.....	82.7	83.3	83.2	83.4	0.2	105.7	107.7	107.7	108.0	0.3
Durable goods.....	84.6	85.1	85.0	85.2	0.2	109.1	110.8	110.7	111.2	0.5
Nondurable goods.....	79.5	80.5	80.4	80.5	0.1	99.2	102.2	102.5	102.5	0.0
Private service-providing.....	114.2	116.3	116.5	116.8	0.3	159.2	164.9	165.4	166.3	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	104.1	105.8	105.7	106.2	0.5	135.5	139.9	139.9	140.9	0.7
Wholesale trade.....	107.2	107.9	107.8	107.3	-0.5	146.1	149.5	149.5	149.5	0.0
Retail trade.....	99.1	100.8	100.7	101.0	0.3	122.1	126.3	126.6	127.3	0.6
Transportation and warehousing.....	115.6	119.5	119.6	120.6	0.8	150.7	157.4	157.2	158.2	0.6
Utilities.....	96.1	98.6	98.0	98.6	0.6	131.4	139.9	138.5	140.3	1.3
Information.....	90.3	92.5	92.7	92.6	-0.1	128.0	130.6	131.9	132.5	0.5
Financial activities.....	106.0	109.1	109.2	109.6	0.4	160.5	168.8	169.2	170.5	0.8
Professional and business services.....	125.5	127.6	127.3	128.1	0.6	181.1	186.4	186.4	188.2	1.0
Education and health services.....	128.4	131.0	131.8	132.2	0.3	182.9	189.7	191.0	192.1	0.6
Leisure and hospitality.....	119.6	121.4	121.5	122.1	0.5	163.4	170.3	170.8	171.8	0.6
Other services.....	100.3	100.9	100.6	101.0	0.4	134.6	138.1	137.5	138.9	1.0

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² The indexes of aggregate weekly hours are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate hours by the corresponding 2002 annual average aggregate hours. Aggregate hours estimates are the product of estimates of average weekly hours and employment.

³ The indexes of aggregate weekly payrolls are calculated by dividing the current month's estimates of aggregate weekly payrolls by the corresponding 2002 annual average aggregate weekly payrolls. Aggregate payrolls estimates are the product of estimates of average hourly earnings, average weekly hours, and employment.

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