

BLUE CHIP JOB GROWTH HIGHLIGHTS

February 2005 vs. February 2004

In the U.S. economy:

- The U.S. economy grew by 2,352,000 nonagricultural jobs in February 2005 over February 2004, a 1.8 percent increase (page 1).
- The goods producing sector grew by 344,000 jobs, a 1.6 percent increase in February 2005 compared to February 2004 (page 2).
- The service providing sector grew by 2,008,000 non-agricultural jobs in February 2005 over February 2004, a 1.9 percent increase (page 3).

Among the states:

- Nevada holds the number one rank in total nonagricultural job growth in February 2005 over February 2004, with a 6.8 percent increase representing 75,300 jobs (page 1).
- The lowest rate of total nonagricultural job growth for February 2005 compared to February 2004 was in South Carolina, with a 0.2 percent increase. (3,500 jobs) (page 1).
- The Nevada construction and mining sector recorded the highest rate of job growth with 18.4 percent job growth in February 2005 compared to February 2004 (21,000 jobs) (page 4).
- California had the largest number of jobs gained in the professional and business services sector in February 2005 compared to February 2004 with 66,300 jobs gained (page 10).
- Hawaii ranked number one for the information sector job growth in February 2005, with a 10.9 percent increase over February 2004 representing 1,100 jobs (page 8).

Among the metro areas:

- In metropolitan markets with under 1,000,000 workers, the Ocean City, New Jersey metropolitan area ranked first in nonagricultural job growth for February 2005 over February 2004, posting a 10.5 percent gain, which represented 3,700 jobs.
- Among metropolitan markets with a workforce of over 1,000,000, the Northern Virginia metropolitan area had the highest rate of growth in nonagricultural employment for February 2005 over February 2004, posting a 5.0 percent gain, which represented 59,000 jobs.

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Notes:

Employment data may not include adjustments for strikes.

Service Producing includes an "Other" category that is not listed separately here.

Government includes federal, state and local agencies.

N = Not available.

Rankings are based on percent change.

Total Nonagricultural Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada	1	6.79	1	4.27	75.3	1,183.6	1,108.3
Arizona.....	2	4.08	3	2.62	95.4	2,434.5	2,339.1
Oregon	3	4.07	35	0.12	62.9	1,609.7	1,546.8
Utah.....	4	3.70	7	1.77	39.9	1,117.6	1,077.7
Florida.....	5	3.43	5	2.38	254.5	7,670.3	7,415.8
Hawaii.....	6	3.03	6	1.77	17.4	591.9	574.5
Idaho	7	2.94	12	1.37	16.6	580.7	564.1
Colorado.....	8	2.71	41	-0.12	57.8	2,188.8	2,131.0
Indiana	9	2.56	32	0.27	73.1	2,930.4	2,857.3
Virginia	10	2.54	8	1.73	88.9	3,584.7	3,495.8
Wyoming	11	2.42	4	2.47	5.9	250.2	244.3
Delaware	12	2.33	2	3.05	9.6	422.2	412.6
Montana	13	2.31	11	1.44	9.1	403.4	394.3
Washington	14	2.27	24	0.60	59.9	2,693.6	2,633.7
Kansas.....	15	2.22	48	-0.77	28.7	1,319.6	1,290.9
North Dakota.....	16	2.19	19	0.89	7.2	335.4	328.2
Maryland.....	17	2.13	16	1.01	52.3	2,503.8	2,451.5
New Hampshire	18	2.10	15	1.08	12.8	622.0	609.2
Alabama	19	2.08	28	0.45	38.9	1,911.3	1,872.4
Nebraska	20	2.06	38	-0.07	18.5	917.7	899.2
South Dakota.....	21	1.95	22	0.76	7.2	377.2	370.0
Oklahoma.....	22	1.87	43	-0.26	27.1	1,475.4	1,448.3
Minnesota.....	23	1.84	42	-0.23	47.9	2,649.2	2,601.3
Vermont	24	1.83	17	0.94	5.5	306.1	300.6
UNITED STATES.....		1.82		0.25	2,352.0	131,328.0	128,976.0
California	25	1.77	34	0.17	253.8	14,580.9	14,327.1
New Mexico.....	26	1.76	9	1.67	13.7	791.7	778.0
New Jersey.....	27	1.72	33	0.23	67.3	3,974.9	3,907.6
Alaska	28	1.71	21	0.81	4.9	291.7	286.8
North Carolina	29	1.57	40	-0.10	59.0	3,808.9	3,749.9
West Virginia.....	30	1.55	18	0.90	11.1	728.6	717.5
Texas.....	31	1.48	29	0.45	138.9	9,507.6	9,368.7
Missouri	32	1.48	46	-0.47	39.0	2,669.8	2,630.8
Mississippi	33	1.44	30	0.41	16.0	1,129.3	1,113.3
Rhode Island	34	1.43	13	1.19	6.8	482.3	475.5
Wisconsin.....	35	1.40	31	0.33	38.1	2,765.4	2,727.3
Connecticut	36	1.38	45	-0.46	22.3	1,640.9	1,618.6
Arkansas.....	37	1.25	20	0.83	14.3	1,156.8	1,142.5
Pennsylvania	38	1.20	37	0.00	66.4	5,596.8	5,530.4
Kentucky	39	1.19	26	0.56	21.0	1,783.4	1,762.4
Massachusetts	40	1.07	49	-0.83	33.2	3,140.2	3,107.0
Maine	41	1.00	14	1.09	5.9	597.5	591.6
Iowa	42	0.99	25	0.59	14.1	1,433.8	1,419.7
New York.....	43	0.99	39	-0.09	81.8	8,371.7	8,289.9
Tennessee.....	44	0.86	10	1.54	22.9	2,691.3	2,668.4
Georgia.....	45	0.83	23	0.75	31.7	3,869.8	3,838.1
Illinois	46	0.66	47	-0.68	37.3	5,710.6	5,673.3
Ohio	47	0.64	44	-0.27	34.0	5,326.7	5,292.7
Louisiana.....	48	0.61	27	0.51	11.7	1,916.6	1,904.9
Michigan	49	0.23	50	-0.84	9.7	4,318.9	4,309.2
South Carolina	50	0.20	36	0.08	3.5	1,795.2	1,791.7

Goods Producing Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada.....	1	14.48	1	10.28	23.0	181.8	158.8
Wyoming.....	2	6.73	2	5.44	3.0	47.6	44.6
Montana.....	3	6.67	7	2.97	3.0	48.0	45.0
Hawaii.....	4	6.00	3	4.34	2.6	45.9	43.3
Oregon.....	5	5.77	17	-0.11	15.9	291.3	275.4
Arizona.....	6	5.36	8	2.97	19.5	383.2	363.7
Utah.....	7	5.32	10	1.50	9.7	192.2	182.5
North Dakota.....	8	5.06	4	3.95	2.0	41.5	39.5
Colorado.....	9	4.27	42	-2.96	13.0	317.5	304.5
Florida.....	10	4.20	6	3.20	36.3	899.6	863.3
West Virginia.....	11	4.20	14	0.53	4.8	119.0	114.2
South Dakota.....	12	3.86	11	1.49	2.1	56.5	54.4
New Mexico.....	13	3.85	9	2.02	3.7	99.7	96.0
Kansas.....	14	3.74	41	-2.53	8.8	243.8	235.0
Delaware.....	15	3.05	5	3.50	1.8	60.9	59.1
New Hampshire.....	16	2.93	24	-0.84	3.1	108.9	105.8
Washington.....	17	2.93	26	-1.16	12.2	429.0	416.8
Idaho.....	18	2.77	22	-0.71	2.7	100.1	97.4
Virginia.....	19	2.76	21	-0.51	14.4	536.8	522.4
Alabama.....	20	2.75	33	-1.98	11.0	411.1	400.1
California.....	21	2.56	16	0.06	59.7	2,394.7	2,335.0
Indiana.....	22	2.52	29	-1.52	17.7	719.3	701.6
Minnesota.....	23	2.43	27	-1.49	10.8	454.4	443.6
Missouri.....	24	2.41	34	-2.00	10.5	446.4	435.9
Connecticut.....	25	2.37	28	-1.52	6.0	259.4	253.4
Vermont.....	26	2.35	15	0.20	1.2	52.3	51.1
Alaska.....	27	2.00	13	0.86	0.7	35.7	35.0
Iowa.....	28	1.99	12	0.88	5.5	281.2	275.7
Wisconsin.....	29	1.79	31	-1.57	10.8	614.2	603.4
Massachusetts.....	30	1.64	49	-4.39	7.1	440.6	433.5
UNITED STATES.....		1.63		-1.55	344.0	21,469.0	21,125.0
Kentucky.....	31	1.53	20	-0.47	5.5	364.4	358.9
Oklahoma.....	32	1.44	37	-2.21	3.3	233.0	229.7
North Carolina.....	33	1.18	50	-5.16	9.3	795.7	786.4
Maryland.....	34	0.81	18	-0.29	2.5	309.3	306.8
Arkansas.....	35	0.70	39	-2.31	1.8	259.2	257.4
Tennessee.....	36	0.67	25	-1.02	3.5	526.3	522.8
Ohio.....	37	0.58	44	-3.20	6.0	1,040.8	1,034.8
Maine.....	38	0.33	19	-0.43	0.3	92.0	91.7
Texas.....	39	0.24	35	-2.00	3.7	1,573.4	1,569.7
Mississippi.....	40	0.21	40	-2.38	0.5	234.4	233.9
Pennsylvania.....	41	0.04	47	-3.87	0.4	921.6	921.2
Illinois.....	42	-0.01	48	-4.26	-0.1	934.0	934.1
New Jersey.....	43	-0.04	36	-2.19	-0.2	487.2	487.4
Rhode Island.....	44	-0.53	32	-1.70	-0.4	74.6	75.0
Georgia.....	45	-0.95	30	-1.53	-6.2	645.3	651.5
New York.....	46	-1.03	43	-3.15	-9.1	874.0	883.1
Michigan.....	47	-1.05	45	-3.46	-9.1	858.4	867.5
South Carolina.....	48	-1.10	46	-3.82	-4.2	378.5	382.7
Louisiana.....	49	-1.25	38	-2.25	-3.9	309.0	312.9
Nebraska.....	50	-1.26	23	-0.76	-1.8	141.4	143.2

Service Providing Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada	1	5.51	1	3.33	52.3	1,001.8	949.5
Arizona.....	2	3.84	3	2.55	75.9	2,051.3	1,975.4
Oregon	3	3.70	41	0.17	47.0	1,318.4	1,271.4
Utah.....	4	3.37	8	1.82	30.2	925.4	895.2
Florida.....	5	3.33	4	2.27	218.2	6,770.7	6,552.5
Idaho	6	2.98	9	1.81	13.9	480.6	466.7
Hawaii.....	7	2.79	13	1.57	14.8	546.0	531.2
Nebraska	8	2.69	43	0.07	20.3	776.3	756.0
Indiana	9	2.57	29	0.87	55.4	2,211.1	2,155.7
Virginia	10	2.51	6	2.13	74.5	3,047.9	2,973.4
Colorado.....	11	2.45	38	0.37	44.8	1,871.3	1,826.5
Maryland.....	12	2.32	19	1.20	49.8	2,194.5	2,144.7
Delaware	13	2.21	2	2.97	7.8	361.3	353.5
Washington	14	2.15	27	0.94	47.7	2,264.6	2,216.9
New Jersey.....	15	1.97	34	0.59	67.5	3,487.7	3,420.2
Oklahoma.....	16	1.95	42	0.12	23.8	1,242.4	1,218.6
New Hampshire	17	1.93	14	1.49	9.7	513.1	503.4
Alabama	18	1.89	22	1.13	27.9	1,500.2	1,472.3
Kansas.....	19	1.88	50	-0.37	19.9	1,075.8	1,055.9
UNITED STATES.....		1.86		0.61	2,008.0	109,859.0	107,851.0
North Dakota.....	20	1.80	36	0.49	5.2	293.9	288.7
Rhode Island	21	1.80	11	1.75	7.2	407.7	400.5
Mississippi	22	1.76	21	1.19	15.5	894.9	879.4
Montana	23	1.75	17	1.25	6.1	355.4	349.3
Texas.....	24	1.73	26	0.96	135.2	7,934.2	7,799.0
Vermont	25	1.72	23	1.09	4.3	253.8	249.5
Minnesota.....	26	1.72	45	0.03	37.1	2,194.8	2,157.7
North Carolina	27	1.68	16	1.34	49.7	3,013.2	2,963.5
Alaska	28	1.67	32	0.80	4.2	256.0	251.8
California	29	1.62	40	0.20	194.1	12,186.2	11,992.1
South Dakota.....	30	1.62	33	0.64	5.1	320.7	315.6
New Mexico.....	31	1.47	12	1.62	10.0	692.0	682.0
Wyoming	32	1.45	7	1.84	2.9	202.6	199.7
Pennsylvania.....	33	1.43	31	0.81	66.0	4,675.2	4,609.2
Arkansas.....	34	1.41	10	1.78	12.5	897.6	885.1
Missouri	35	1.30	46	-0.15	28.5	2,223.4	2,194.9
Wisconsin.....	36	1.29	28	0.88	27.3	2,151.2	2,123.9
New York.....	37	1.23	39	0.28	90.9	7,497.7	7,406.8
Connecticut	38	1.19	49	-0.26	16.3	1,381.5	1,365.2
Georgia.....	39	1.19	18	1.22	37.9	3,224.5	3,186.6
Maine	40	1.12	15	1.38	5.6	505.5	499.9
Kentucky.....	41	1.10	30	0.83	15.5	1,419.0	1,403.5
West Virginia.....	42	1.04	25	0.97	6.3	609.6	603.3
Louisiana.....	43	0.98	24	1.07	15.6	1,607.6	1,592.0
Massachusetts	44	0.98	48	-0.23	26.1	2,699.6	2,673.5
Tennessee.....	45	0.90	5	2.19	19.4	2,165.0	2,145.6
Illinois.....	46	0.79	44	0.06	37.4	4,776.6	4,739.2
Iowa	47	0.75	35	0.52	8.6	1,152.6	1,144.0
Ohio	48	0.66	37	0.47	28.0	4,285.9	4,257.9
South Carolina	49	0.55	20	1.19	7.7	1,416.7	1,409.0
Michigan.....	50	0.55	47	-0.16	18.8	3,460.5	3,441.7

Construction & Mining Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada.....	1	18.37	1	13.17	21.0	135.3	114.3
West Virginia	2	10.72	13	5.34	5.5	56.8	51.3
Montana.....	3	10.61	10	6.02	2.8	29.2	26.4
Utah	4	10.37	24	2.77	7.3	77.7	70.4
Arizona	5	9.87	8	6.50	18.6	207.1	188.5
Oregon.....	6	9.50	23	2.84	7.9	91.1	83.2
Delaware.....	7	9.13	2	11.57	2.2	26.3	24.1
Hawaii	8	8.96	18	4.10	2.5	30.4	27.9
Idaho.....	9	8.38	16	5.11	3.1	40.1	37.0
Indiana	10	7.78	34	0.81	10.6	146.9	136.3
Colorado.....	11	7.63	47	-2.31	11.6	163.7	152.1
Wyoming.....	12	7.58	7	6.59	2.7	38.3	35.6
Connecticut.....	13	7.54	19	3.83	4.3	61.3	57.0
Florida	14	6.90	5	8.24	33.0	511.2	478.2
Kansas	15	6.54	49	-4.82	4.0	65.2	61.2
California.....	16	6.36	11	6.02	52.1	871.2	819.1
New Mexico	17	6.22	15	5.16	3.8	64.9	61.1
Vermont.....	18	6.16	3	10.61	0.9	15.5	14.6
New Hampshire.....	19	6.02	21	3.50	1.6	28.2	26.6
Virginia.....	20	5.81	9	6.12	13.1	238.6	225.5
North Dakota	21	5.56	6	7.28	0.9	17.1	16.2
Missouri.....	22	5.28	41	-0.55	6.7	133.5	126.8
Massachusetts.....	23	5.26	40	-0.33	6.4	128.1	121.7
Wisconsin	24	4.96	27	2.50	5.5	116.3	110.8
Kentucky	25	4.72	30	2.03	4.5	99.9	95.4
North Carolina.....	26	4.67	38	-0.14	9.9	221.7	211.8
Alabama.....	27	4.50	22	3.09	5.1	118.5	113.4
UNITED STATES.....		4.39		2.51	305.0	7,258.0	6,953.0
Washington.....	28	4.33	20	3.57	6.9	166.3	159.4
South Dakota	29	4.19	31	1.83	0.7	17.4	16.7
New Jersey	30	3.95	26	2.54	5.9	155.3	149.4
Arkansas	31	3.84	45	-1.08	2.1	56.8	54.7
Alaska.....	32	3.40	25	2.62	0.8	24.3	23.5
Oklahoma	33	3.26	42	-0.56	2.9	91.8	88.9
Iowa	34	2.62	12	5.93	1.5	58.7	57.2
Maryland	35	2.60	17	4.16	4.3	169.4	165.1
Pennsylvania.....	36	2.20	35	0.51	5.2	241.8	236.6
Minnesota.....	37	2.11	36	0.46	2.3	111.4	109.1
Tennessee	38	1.91	28	2.49	2.2	117.4	115.2
Nebraska.....	39	1.89	33	1.44	0.8	43.2	42.4
Rhode Island.....	40	1.65	4	8.98	0.3	18.5	18.2
Michigan.....	41	1.58	37	0.12	2.7	173.5	170.8
Ohio	42	1.48	29	2.26	3.2	220.1	216.9
New York	43	1.18	44	-0.83	3.4	291.7	288.3
Mississippi.....	44	1.08	50	-6.57	0.6	56.1	55.5
Maine.....	45	0.99	14	5.23	0.3	30.5	30.2
Texas	46	0.67	43	-0.83	4.6	689.7	685.1
Georgia.....	47	0.49	32	1.68	1.0	206.5	205.5
Illinois.....	48	0.37	48	-3.04	0.9	243.2	242.3
Louisiana	49	-1.18	46	-1.88	-1.9	159.6	161.5
South Carolina.....	50	-2.33	39	-0.17	-2.7	113.3	116.0

Manufacturing Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
North Dakota.....	1	4.72	3	1.75	1.1	24.4	23.3
Nevada	2	4.49	2	3.49	2.0	46.5	44.5
Oregon	3	4.16	11	-1.33	8.0	200.2	192.2
South Dakota.....	4	3.71	4	1.34	1.4	39.1	37.7
Wyoming	5	3.33	5	1.12	0.3	9.3	9.0
Kansas	6	2.76	15	-1.70	4.8	178.6	173.8
Minnesota.....	7	2.54	18	-2.11	8.5	343.0	334.5
Utah.....	8	2.14	6	0.72	2.4	114.5	112.1
Washington	9	2.06	37	-3.88	5.3	262.7	257.4
Alabama	10	2.06	36	-3.86	5.9	292.6	286.7
New Hampshire	11	1.89	19	-2.22	1.5	80.7	79.2
Iowa	12	1.83	7	-0.36	4.0	222.5	218.5
Indiana	13	1.26	17	-2.06	7.1	572.4	565.3
Missouri	14	1.23	23	-2.58	3.8	312.9	309.1
Wisconsin.....	15	1.08	21	-2.44	5.3	497.9	492.6
Montana	16	1.08	10	-1.06	0.2	18.8	18.6
Colorado.....	17	0.92	35	-3.61	1.4	153.8	152.4
Connecticut	18	0.87	29	-2.96	1.7	198.1	196.4
Florida.....	19	0.86	20	-2.43	3.3	388.4	385.1
Vermont	20	0.82	34	-3.44	0.3	36.8	36.5
Hawaii.....	21	0.65	1	4.76	0.1	15.5	15.4
Arizona.....	22	0.51	8	-0.57	0.9	176.1	175.2
California	23	0.50	26	-2.90	7.6	1,523.5	1,515.9
Virginia	24	0.44	45	-5.02	1.3	298.2	296.9
Kentucky.....	25	0.38	12	-1.35	1.0	264.5	263.5
Ohio	26	0.34	42	-4.55	2.8	820.7	817.9
Tennessee.....	27	0.32	16	-1.97	1.3	408.9	407.6
Oklahoma.....	28	0.28	33	-3.23	0.4	141.2	140.8
UNITED STATES.....		0.28		-3.43	39.0	14,211.0	14,172.0
Massachusetts	29	0.22	49	-5.89	0.7	312.5	311.8
Maine	30	0.00	30	-3.00	0.0	61.5	61.5
Mississippi	31	-0.06	9	-1.00	-0.1	178.3	178.4
Texas.....	32	-0.10	27	-2.90	-0.9	883.7	884.6
North Carolina	33	-0.10	50	-6.89	-0.6	574.0	574.6
Illinois	34	-0.14	43	-4.68	-1.0	690.8	691.8
Arkansas.....	35	-0.15	25	-2.64	-0.3	202.4	202.7
New Mexico.....	36	-0.29	31	-3.06	-0.1	34.8	34.9
South Carolina	37	-0.56	48	-5.32	-1.5	265.2	266.7
Idaho	38	-0.66	38	-3.97	-0.4	60.0	60.4
Pennsylvania	39	-0.70	47	-5.30	-4.8	679.8	684.6
Alaska	40	-0.87	22	-2.54	-0.1	11.4	11.5
West Virginia.....	41	-1.11	32	-3.08	-0.7	62.2	62.9
Delaware	42	-1.14	13	-1.41	-0.4	34.6	35.0
Rhode Island	43	-1.23	44	-4.70	-0.7	56.1	56.8
Maryland.....	44	-1.27	46	-5.03	-1.8	139.9	141.7
Louisiana.....	45	-1.32	24	-2.64	-2.0	149.4	151.4
Georgia.....	46	-1.61	28	-2.94	-7.2	438.8	446.0
Michigan	47	-1.69	41	-4.30	-11.8	684.9	696.7
New Jersey.....	48	-1.80	39	-4.14	-6.1	331.9	338.0
New York.....	49	-2.10	40	-4.23	-12.5	582.3	594.8
Nebraska	50	-2.58	14	-1.66	-2.6	98.2	100.8

Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Hawaii	1	8.92	31	-0.74	2.4	29.3	26.9
Nebraska.....	2	8.23	22	0.00	3.8	50.0	46.2
Oregon.....	3	5.60	16	0.18	3.1	58.5	55.4
Washington.....	4	5.12	27	-0.46	4.4	90.4	86.0
Indiana.....	5	4.38	7	1.68	5.3	126.3	121.0
Mississippi.....	6	4.38	21	0.00	2.0	47.7	45.7
Utah.....	7	4.05	5	2.07	1.8	46.2	44.4
Kentucky.....	8	3.76	36	-1.16	3.2	88.2	85.0
Nevada.....	9	3.76	3	3.90	1.6	44.2	42.6
Virginia.....	10	3.38	33	-0.94	3.9	119.3	115.4
Minnesota.....	11	3.32	46	-2.17	3.0	93.3	90.3
West Virginia.....	12	3.25	38	-1.20	0.8	25.4	24.6
Kansas.....	13	3.14	43	-1.93	1.6	52.5	50.9
UNITED STATES.....		2.81		-0.20	116.9	4,277.3	4,160.4
Iowa.....	14	2.81	8	1.42	1.6	58.6	57.0
Connecticut.....	15	2.04	12	0.62	1.0	49.9	48.9
Louisiana.....	16	1.88	44	-1.97	1.5	81.2	79.7
California.....	17	1.76	40	-1.34	8.3	480.1	471.8
Wyoming.....	18	1.72	6	1.75	0.2	11.8	11.6
Delaware.....	19	1.48	1	8.00	0.2	13.7	13.5
Illinois.....	20	1.48	41	-1.54	3.7	253.5	249.8
Ohio.....	21	1.17	26	-0.39	2.1	182.2	180.1
Alaska.....	22	1.06	29	-0.53	0.2	19.0	18.8
New York.....	23	0.96	42	-1.82	2.5	261.7	259.2
Arizona.....	24	0.91	18	0.00	0.7	77.5	76.8
South Dakota.....	25	0.90	47	-2.63	0.1	11.2	11.1
Georgia.....	26	0.80	14	0.52	1.4	176.1	174.7
Alabama.....	27	0.77	25	-0.31	0.5	65.5	65.0
North Dakota.....	28	0.77	23	0.00	0.1	13.1	13.0
Michigan.....	29	0.74	34	-0.97	0.9	123.3	122.4
Colorado.....	30	0.69	45	-2.17	0.5	72.8	72.3
Wisconsin.....	31	0.68	13	0.58	0.7	104.1	103.4
Pennsylvania.....	32	0.66	15	0.31	1.5	227.2	225.7
Maine.....	33	0.62	20	0.00	0.1	16.3	16.2
Texas.....	34	0.61	9	1.42	2.4	394.6	392.2
North Carolina.....	35	0.57	37	-1.20	0.7	124.0	123.3
Idaho.....	36	0.54	19	0.00	0.1	18.6	18.5
Florida.....	37	0.39	28	-0.48	0.9	230.5	229.6
Oklahoma.....	38	0.38	48	-2.77	0.2	52.9	52.7
Montana.....	39	0.00	30	-0.66	0.0	15.1	15.1
Tennessee.....	40	0.00	17	0.07	0.0	137.2	137.2
Vermont.....	41	0.00	10	1.18	0.0	8.6	8.6
Missouri.....	42	-0.30	50	-5.18	-0.3	100.4	100.7
Arkansas.....	43	-0.31	32	-0.77	-0.2	64.5	64.7
New Mexico.....	44	-0.43	4	2.20	-0.1	23.1	23.2
New Hampshire.....	45	-0.66	39	-1.30	-0.1	15.1	15.2
Massachusetts.....	46	-0.98	49	-3.07	-0.8	81.2	82.0
South Carolina.....	47	-1.66	24	-0.17	-1.0	59.3	60.3
Maryland.....	48	-1.80	2	4.58	-1.4	76.2	77.6
New Jersey.....	49	-4.08	35	-1.12	-7.2	169.4	176.6
Rhode Island.....	50	-7.34	11	0.93	-0.8	10.1	10.9

Trade Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Arizona.....	1	5.53	3	3.12	20.8	397.1	376.3
Nevada	2	4.26	1	4.17	6.6	161.5	154.9
Oregon	3	3.67	30	0.28	9.3	263.0	253.7
Hawaii.....	4	3.66	7	2.50	3.0	84.9	81.9
Utah.....	5	3.44	14	1.57	5.8	174.5	168.7
Washington.....	6	3.37	20	0.80	14.0	428.9	414.9
Alaska	7	2.88	22	0.79	1.1	39.3	38.2
South Dakota.....	8	2.84	25	0.64	1.8	65.1	63.3
New Jersey.....	9	2.81	43	-0.38	19.2	701.9	682.7
Florida.....	10	2.69	9	2.18	33.7	1,284.3	1,250.6
Colorado.....	11	2.67	45	-0.70	8.7	334.1	325.4
New Hampshire	12	2.25	11	1.78	2.7	122.7	120.0
Delaware	13	2.17	2	3.19	1.4	66.0	64.6
Connecticut.....	14	2.10	38	-0.08	5.3	257.4	252.1
Minnesota.....	15	2.09	46	-0.76	8.7	424.4	415.7
Nebraska	16	1.81	47	-0.90	2.6	146.2	143.6
Virginia	17	1.81	6	2.57	9.3	524.1	514.8
Idaho	18	1.79	27	0.53	1.7	96.7	95.0
Alabama	19	1.70	8	2.28	5.2	310.6	305.4
Maryland.....	20	1.66	23	0.72	6.3	384.9	378.6
Texas.....	21	1.60	29	0.42	24.3	1,541.2	1,516.9
Tennessee.....	22	1.60	18	1.32	7.0	444.6	437.6
Missouri	23	1.53	33	0.10	6.4	425.4	419.0
South Carolina	24	1.51	17	1.39	4.3	289.4	285.1
Vermont	25	1.43	41	-0.20	0.7	49.5	48.8
California	26	1.43	24	0.69	31.7	2,251.8	2,220.1
North Dakota.....	27	1.38	16	1.40	0.8	58.8	58.0
New York.....	28	1.32	31	0.23	15.6	1,200.0	1,184.4
Maine	29	1.25	4	2.88	1.3	104.9	103.6
Wyoming	30	1.12	10	1.99	0.4	36.2	35.8
UNITED STATES.....		1.07		0.15	216.5	20,480.5	20,264.0
Arkansas.....	31	0.98	13	1.65	1.7	174.6	172.9
Indiana	32	0.95	44	-0.59	4.2	444.3	440.1
West Virginia.....	33	0.83	12	1.78	0.9	109.6	108.7
Pennsylvania.....	34	0.83	26	0.61	7.2	879.6	872.4
Mississippi	35	0.70	37	-0.06	1.2	172.5	171.3
Michigan	36	0.60	49	-1.08	4.0	671.5	667.5
Wisconsin.....	37	0.60	35	0.00	2.5	421.6	419.1
Montana	38	0.58	5	2.85	0.4	68.9	68.5
Massachusetts	39	0.42	21	0.80	2.0	481.4	479.4
Iowa	40	0.38	32	0.13	0.9	240.7	239.8
North Carolina	41	0.31	34	0.09	1.8	585.4	583.6
New Mexico.....	42	0.18	15	1.45	0.2	112.4	112.2
Louisiana.....	43	0.00	39	-0.10	0.0	296.3	296.3
Illinois	44	-0.02	50	-1.19	-0.2	903.2	903.4
Kentucky.....	45	-0.18	19	0.98	-0.5	279.1	279.6
Oklahoma.....	46	-0.46	42	-0.32	-1.0	218.6	219.6
Georgia.....	47	-0.53	40	-0.19	-3.4	635.8	639.2
Ohio	48	-0.68	48	-0.94	-5.7	829.3	835.0
Rhode Island.....	49	-1.18	28	0.44	-0.8	67.2	68.0
Kansas.....	50	-1.46	36	-0.05	-3.0	203.0	206.0

Information Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Hawaii	1	10.89	46	-7.34	1.1	11.2	10.1
Idaho	2	8.70	4	1.10	0.8	10.0	9.2
Utah	3	3.67	11	0.00	1.1	31.1	30.0
Montana.....	4	2.63	21	-2.56	0.2	7.8	7.6
Maine.....	5	2.63	9	0.00	0.3	11.7	11.4
Oregon.....	6	2.44	42	-5.48	0.8	33.6	32.8
New Hampshire.....	7	2.44	6	0.82	0.3	12.6	12.3
Nebraska.....	8	1.41	18	-0.93	0.3	21.6	21.3
North Dakota.....	9	1.32	10	0.00	0.1	7.7	7.6
Maryland.....	10	1.21	20	-1.78	0.6	50.2	49.6
West Virginia.....	11	0.85	48	-8.59	0.1	11.8	11.7
Wisconsin.....	12	0.80	14	-0.60	0.4	50.2	49.8
Connecticut.....	13	0.77	22	-2.76	0.3	39.1	38.8
Iowa.....	14	0.60	19	-1.77	0.2	33.5	33.3
Washington.....	15	0.44	13	-0.33	0.4	92.1	91.7
Indiana.....	16	0.25	15	-0.74	0.1	40.5	40.4
New York.....	17	0.19	34	-4.59	0.5	268.6	268.1
Florida.....	18	0.12	25	-2.95	0.2	167.7	167.5
Texas.....	19	0.04	39	-5.13	0.1	225.8	225.7
Wyoming.....	20	0.00	1	4.88	0.0	4.3	4.3
South Carolina.....	21	-0.38	31	-3.99	-0.1	26.4	26.5
Arkansas.....	22	-0.49	5	1.00	-0.1	20.2	20.3
Virginia.....	23	-0.50	16	-0.89	-0.5	100.2	100.7
Georgia.....	24	-0.59	49	-8.73	-0.7	117.4	118.1
UNITED STATES.....		-0.80		-2.92	-25.0	3,102.0	3,127.0
California.....	25	-1.22	7	0.72	-6.0	484.7	490.7
Alabama.....	26	-1.28	33	-4.29	-0.4	30.8	31.2
Alaska.....	27	-1.47	8	0.00	-0.1	6.7	6.8
South Dakota.....	28	-1.47	3	1.49	-0.1	6.7	6.8
Ohio.....	29	-1.51	36	-4.81	-1.4	91.6	93.0
Vermont.....	30	-1.56	12	0.00	-0.1	6.3	6.4
Rhode Island.....	31	-1.82	17	-0.90	-0.2	10.8	11.0
Missouri.....	32	-1.84	37	-4.82	-1.2	64.0	65.2
Nevada.....	33	-2.05	50	-8.75	-0.3	14.3	14.6
New Jersey.....	34	-2.53	28	-3.61	-2.5	96.2	98.7
Mississippi.....	35	-2.70	26	-3.27	-0.4	14.4	14.8
Louisiana.....	36	-2.72	2	1.73	-0.8	28.6	29.4
Oklahoma.....	37	-2.85	38	-4.82	-0.9	30.7	31.6
Massachusetts.....	38	-3.00	44	-6.77	-2.6	84.2	86.8
Tennessee.....	39	-3.01	30	-3.85	-1.5	48.4	49.9
Kansas.....	40	-3.04	45	-7.17	-1.3	41.4	42.7
Kentucky.....	41	-3.10	40	-5.23	-0.9	28.1	29.0
Minnesota.....	42	-3.47	24	-2.89	-2.1	58.4	60.5
Pennsylvania.....	43	-3.62	47	-8.34	-4.1	109.1	113.2
Michigan.....	44	-3.81	27	-3.53	-2.6	65.7	68.3
Illinois.....	45	-3.85	41	-5.28	-4.7	117.4	122.1
North Carolina.....	46	-3.86	35	-4.73	-2.8	69.7	72.5
Arizona.....	47	-4.74	23	-2.81	-2.3	46.2	48.5
Delaware.....	48	-6.94	32	-4.00	-0.5	6.7	7.2
Colorado.....	49	-7.37	29	-3.83	-6.1	76.7	82.8
New Mexico.....	50	-8.55	43	-5.59	-1.3	13.9	15.2

Financial Activities Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada	1	5.36	1	4.92	3.2	62.9	59.7
New Hampshire	2	4.90	38	-0.27	1.8	38.5	36.7
Utah.....	3	4.05	45	-0.93	2.6	66.8	64.2
Idaho	4	3.70	4	3.45	1.0	28.0	27.0
South Dakota.....	5	3.62	36	0.00	1.0	28.6	27.6
Rhode Island	6	3.25	17	1.81	1.1	34.9	33.8
Missouri	7	3.07	40	-0.37	4.9	164.7	159.8
California	8	2.77	10	2.17	24.7	914.9	890.2
Oregon	9	2.75	46	-1.15	2.6	97.0	94.4
Florida.....	10	2.55	5	3.31	12.6	506.1	493.5
Arizona.....	11	2.48	9	2.41	4.0	165.2	161.2
Virginia	12	2.43	24	0.93	4.5	189.5	185.0
New Jersey.....	13	2.31	41	-0.40	6.3	279.0	272.7
Vermont	14	2.29	27	0.77	0.3	13.4	13.1
Colorado.....	15	2.28	29	0.65	3.5	157.3	153.8
Alaska	16	2.14	6	2.94	0.3	14.3	14.0
UNITED STATES.....		2.13		0.77	169.0	8,114.0	7,945.0
Iowa	17	2.10	20	1.27	2.0	97.4	95.4
New Mexico.....	18	2.05	13	2.10	0.7	34.8	34.1
Wyoming	19	1.96	2	4.08	0.2	10.4	10.2
Montana	20	1.93	3	4.02	0.4	21.1	20.7
South Carolina	21	1.87	8	2.48	1.7	92.7	91.0
Arkansas.....	22	1.79	15	1.82	0.9	51.2	50.3
Nebraska	23	1.77	32	0.49	1.1	63.2	62.1
Mississippi	24	1.76	44	-0.66	0.8	46.2	45.4
Hawaii.....	25	1.75	11	2.15	0.5	29.0	28.5
Tennessee.....	26	1.64	16	1.81	2.3	142.7	140.4
Texas.....	27	1.58	19	1.31	9.3	596.7	587.4
Maryland.....	28	1.56	34	0.39	2.4	156.3	153.9
Louisiana.....	29	1.47	26	0.79	1.5	103.3	101.8
Oklahoma.....	30	1.32	14	1.96	1.1	84.4	83.3
New York.....	31	1.31	35	0.38	9.1	701.8	692.7
Kansas.....	32	1.30	28	0.73	0.9	69.9	69.0
Georgia.....	33	1.30	18	1.36	2.8	218.7	215.9
Michigan	34	1.12	39	-0.33	2.4	216.4	214.0
Indiana	35	1.08	43	-0.65	1.5	140.1	138.6
North Carolina	36	1.05	22	1.12	2.0	191.8	189.8
Minnesota.....	37	0.92	21	1.16	1.6	176.2	174.6
Delaware	38	0.45	50	-2.65	0.2	44.3	44.1
Connecticut	39	0.29	47	-1.48	0.4	140.0	139.6
Ohio	40	0.26	30	0.58	0.8	311.3	310.5
Wisconsin.....	41	0.19	23	1.03	0.3	156.8	156.5
Illinois	42	0.15	42	-0.48	0.6	396.8	396.2
Washington	43	0.00	25	0.87	0.0	150.2	150.2
Massachusetts	44	-0.27	48	-2.06	-0.6	218.0	218.6
North Dakota.....	45	-0.54	7	2.76	-0.1	18.5	18.6
Pennsylvania	46	-0.72	37	-0.12	-2.4	332.4	334.8
Alabama	47	-1.15	33	0.42	-1.1	94.8	95.9
West Virginia.....	48	-1.99	49	-2.27	-0.6	29.5	30.1
Maine	49	-2.00	31	0.57	-0.7	34.3	35.0
Kentucky.....	50	-2.20	12	2.13	-1.9	84.6	86.5

Professional and Business Services Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada.....	1	9.02	2	7.30	11.4	137.8	126.4
Florida.....	2	6.75	26	1.95	84.6	1,338.3	1,253.7
Alabama.....	3	6.73	18	2.39	12.7	201.5	188.8
Idaho.....	4	6.31	30	1.64	4.3	72.4	68.1
Rhode Island.....	5	5.17	1	8.17	2.6	52.9	50.3
Indiana.....	6	5.16	22	2.11	13.0	264.7	251.7
Arizona.....	7	5.11	15	3.03	16.5	339.2	322.7
Virginia.....	8	4.80	8	3.88	26.7	583.4	556.7
Oregon.....	9	4.58	31	1.45	7.7	175.8	168.1
Mississippi.....	10	4.45	5	4.93	3.6	84.5	80.9
Colorado.....	11	4.38	23	2.11	12.5	298.1	285.6
Kansas.....	12	4.28	41	-0.41	5.2	126.7	121.5
Oklahoma.....	13	4.04	38	0.65	6.3	162.1	155.8
Utah.....	14	4.04	4	5.70	5.4	139.0	133.6
Kentucky.....	15	3.88	10	3.41	6.0	160.8	154.8
Washington.....	16	3.83	28	1.90	11.1	301.1	290.0
Tennessee.....	17	3.77	11	3.40	11.0	302.8	291.8
UNITED STATES.....		3.77		1.23	597.0	16,446.0	15,849.0
North Carolina.....	18	3.69	29	1.83	15.4	432.3	416.9
Maryland.....	19	3.67	16	2.71	13.2	372.7	359.5
Pennsylvania.....	20	3.67	7	4.20	22.4	633.3	610.9
Nebraska.....	21	3.41	25	2.02	3.1	93.9	90.8
California.....	22	3.23	46	-1.15	66.3	2,116.0	2,049.7
New Mexico.....	23	3.20	45	-1.13	2.8	90.4	87.6
Georgia.....	24	2.99	13	3.13	14.9	513.2	498.3
Montana.....	25	2.90	43	-0.96	0.9	31.9	31.0
Ohio.....	26	2.68	39	0.62	16.1	617.2	601.1
Illinois.....	27	2.68	32	1.14	20.4	782.7	762.3
Massachusetts.....	28	2.53	35	0.77	10.9	442.5	431.6
Texas.....	29	2.51	20	2.21	26.7	1,088.4	1,061.7
Vermont.....	30	2.50	14	3.09	0.5	20.5	20.0
Hawaii.....	31	2.28	21	2.19	1.6	71.7	70.1
Delaware.....	32	2.12	3	5.70	1.3	62.5	61.2
Arkansas.....	33	2.00	9	3.65	2.1	107.3	105.2
Louisiana.....	34	1.75	19	2.29	3.2	186.1	182.9
North Dakota.....	35	1.72	42	-0.85	0.4	23.7	23.3
Minnesota.....	36	1.69	34	0.87	4.9	295.5	290.6
Wyoming.....	37	1.40	47	-1.38	0.2	14.5	14.3
Connecticut.....	38	1.25	44	-1.09	2.4	193.7	191.3
New York.....	39	1.24	36	0.72	12.7	1,038.5	1,025.8
New Jersey.....	40	1.23	37	0.66	6.9	569.6	562.7
Alaska.....	41	0.91	33	0.92	0.2	22.1	21.9
Missouri.....	42	0.51	40	-0.07	1.5	298.3	296.8
West Virginia.....	43	0.35	12	3.25	0.2	57.4	57.2
Wisconsin.....	44	0.25	27	1.95	0.6	241.6	241.0
New Hampshire.....	45	-0.55	6	4.40	-0.3	54.3	54.6
Iowa.....	46	-0.58	24	2.05	-0.6	103.7	104.3
Maine.....	47	-0.62	48	-1.83	-0.3	47.9	48.2
Michigan.....	48	-0.67	49	-2.09	-3.8	559.4	563.2
South Dakota.....	49	-2.13	50	-2.49	-0.5	23.0	23.5
South Carolina.....	50	-2.24	17	2.40	-4.2	183.2	187.4

Educational and Health Services Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada	1	6.15	3	4.84	4.8	82.8	78.0
Arizona.....	2	5.72	2	5.24	14.6	269.8	255.2
North Carolina	3	4.38	14	2.88	19.1	454.7	435.6
Idaho	4	4.37	5	4.23	2.8	66.8	64.0
Wyoming	5	4.27	13	2.93	0.9	22.0	21.1
Oregon	6	3.65	43	1.27	7.0	198.8	191.8
Utah.....	7	3.58	7	3.80	4.4	127.3	122.9
Delaware	8	3.52	12	3.02	1.8	52.9	51.1
Colorado.....	9	3.47	23	2.32	7.5	223.5	216.0
Hawaii.....	10	3.45	11	3.10	2.3	68.9	66.6
North Dakota.....	11	3.34	30	1.91	1.6	49.5	47.9
New Mexico.....	12	3.32	6	3.96	3.4	105.8	102.4
Wisconsin.....	13	3.23	17	2.68	12.0	383.3	371.3
Florida.....	14	3.20	10	3.44	29.1	937.9	908.8
New Jersey.....	15	3.15	41	1.39	17.0	556.9	539.9
Alabama	16	3.12	34	1.72	5.9	195.3	189.4
Alaska	17	2.92	1	6.88	1.0	35.2	34.2
Maryland.....	18	2.85	18	2.60	9.8	353.7	343.9
Vermont	19	2.85	20	2.53	1.5	54.2	52.7
Washington	20	2.84	32	1.77	9.0	325.9	316.9
Montana	21	2.79	50	0.19	1.5	55.2	53.7
Rhode Island	22	2.79	31	1.86	2.6	95.9	93.3
Nebraska	23	2.72	38	1.63	3.4	128.4	125.0
Mississippi	24	2.69	9	3.66	3.2	122.1	118.9
Indiana	25	2.64	27	2.14	9.7	377.0	367.3
Minnesota.....	26	2.49	39	1.57	9.3	383.4	374.1
Maine	27	2.45	8	3.76	2.7	113.0	110.3
Virginia	28	2.43	22	2.38	9.2	388.3	379.1
Arkansas.....	29	2.40	28	2.02	3.4	144.8	141.4
UNITED STATES.....		2.36		1.97	399.0	17,294.0	16,895.0
Oklahoma.....	30	2.36	47	1.14	4.2	182.1	177.9
Pennsylvania	31	2.34	44	1.22	23.3	1,019.3	996.0
New Hampshire	32	2.33	33	1.72	2.2	96.7	94.5
Texas.....	33	2.32	21	2.53	26.3	1,162.1	1,135.8
West Virginia.....	34	2.27	35	1.66	2.5	112.5	110.0
Kansas	35	2.15	42	1.28	3.4	161.7	158.3
Ohio	36	2.09	24	2.25	15.5	757.0	741.5
Tennessee.....	37	2.09	29	1.93	6.6	323.1	316.5
Missouri	38	1.94	48	1.11	6.9	362.8	355.9
Georgia.....	39	1.78	4	4.77	7.2	411.3	404.1
Connecticut	40	1.68	40	1.48	4.5	272.7	268.2
New York.....	41	1.64	37	1.63	25.0	1,548.0	1,523.0
California	42	1.57	25	2.22	24.5	1,582.8	1,558.3
Kentucky.....	43	1.35	46	1.15	3.1	232.3	229.2
Louisiana.....	44	1.28	16	2.71	3.2	253.0	249.8
Massachusetts	45	1.04	45	1.16	6.1	590.9	584.8
Iowa	46	0.93	49	0.57	1.8	194.8	193.0
South Dakota.....	47	0.88	19	2.54	0.5	57.0	56.5
Illinois.....	48	0.64	36	1.64	4.6	728.5	723.9
Michigan	49	0.47	26	2.16	2.6	555.1	552.5
South Carolina	50	-6.80	15	2.87	-12.2	167.3	179.5

Leisure and Hospitality Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Delaware.....	1	7.37	1	6.97	2.6	37.9	35.3
South Carolina.....	2	6.52	13	3.06	12.1	197.6	185.5
Maryland.....	3	6.07	11	3.13	12.4	216.8	204.4
Oregon.....	4	5.69	35	1.25	8.3	154.2	145.9
Nebraska.....	5	5.50	50	-1.62	4.0	76.7	72.7
Rhode Island.....	6	4.99	34	1.61	2.2	46.3	44.1
Indiana.....	7	4.82	43	0.83	12.3	267.6	255.3
Kansas.....	8	4.55	48	-0.67	4.7	107.9	103.2
North Dakota.....	9	4.53	31	1.77	1.3	30.0	28.7
Nevada.....	10	4.35	32	1.74	13.2	316.4	303.2
New Hampshire.....	11	4.32	9	3.39	2.5	60.4	57.9
Massachusetts.....	12	4.26	44	0.73	11.2	274.0	262.8
Montana.....	13	4.06	46	0.61	2.0	51.3	49.3
Utah.....	14	4.02	40	1.02	4.0	103.4	99.4
Kentucky.....	15	3.94	8	3.46	5.9	155.6	149.7
Hawaii.....	16	3.92	7	3.65	4.0	106.1	102.1
Arizona.....	17	3.84	10	3.14	9.2	248.7	239.5
Iowa.....	18	3.84	37	1.12	4.5	121.8	117.3
Florida.....	19	3.73	2	4.69	31.7	882.4	850.7
Illinois.....	20	3.61	28	2.11	17.1	490.4	473.3
New Jersey.....	21	3.31	26	2.22	9.9	309.1	299.2
South Dakota.....	22	3.31	24	2.25	1.2	37.5	36.3
Colorado.....	23	3.30	38	1.11	8.1	253.6	245.5
Minnesota.....	24	3.27	42	0.84	7.1	224.0	216.9
New York.....	25	3.20	33	1.64	19.6	632.9	613.3
Tennessee.....	26	3.16	16	2.59	7.5	245.1	237.6
California.....	27	3.06	15	2.77	42.9	1,443.6	1,400.7
Oklahoma.....	28	3.02	41	0.99	3.7	126.3	122.6
Missouri.....	29	2.92	18	2.53	7.1	250.1	243.0
Wyoming.....	30	2.84	17	2.55	0.8	29.0	28.2
Connecticut.....	31	2.81	19	2.53	3.3	120.8	117.5
Alaska.....	32	2.77	49	-1.56	0.7	26.0	25.3
Maine.....	33	2.69	45	0.62	1.3	49.6	48.3
Arkansas.....	34	2.55	20	2.49	2.2	88.6	86.4
Pennsylvania.....	35	2.51	36	1.18	11.0	449.5	438.5
West Virginia.....	36	2.49	3	4.21	1.6	65.9	64.3
Virginia.....	37	2.38	4	4.14	7.0	301.4	294.4
UNITED STATES.....		2.31		2.06	274.0	12,112.0	11,838.0
Texas.....	38	2.27	23	2.34	19.3	870.7	851.4
Mississippi.....	39	2.23	39	1.09	2.7	123.7	121.0
Alabama.....	40	2.08	6	3.72	3.2	156.7	153.5
Louisiana.....	41	2.02	25	2.22	4.0	201.6	197.6
Wisconsin.....	42	1.79	21	2.41	4.1	233.5	229.4
Idaho.....	43	1.51	12	3.11	0.8	53.8	53.0
Michigan.....	44	1.46	27	2.15	5.5	381.4	375.9
North Carolina.....	45	1.43	14	2.78	4.6	326.8	322.2
Washington.....	46	1.24	29	1.85	3.0	244.6	241.6
Georgia.....	47	1.22	5	3.98	4.2	348.8	344.6
Vermont.....	48	1.13	47	0.28	0.4	35.9	35.5
New Mexico.....	49	0.75	30	1.79	0.6	80.3	79.7
Ohio.....	50	0.55	22	2.39	2.5	460.3	457.8

Government Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Percent Change	Feb. 2004	Percent Change	Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Nevada	1	3.99	11	1.10	5.5	143.5	138.0
Oklahoma	2	3.25	21	0.23	9.8	311.6	301.8
Arizona	3	3.10	18	0.52	12.6	418.7	406.1
Kansas	4	2.90	29	-0.24	7.3	259.3	252.0
Oregon	5	2.38	39	-0.94	6.5	279.6	273.1
New Jersey	6	2.12	6	1.42	13.5	649.8	636.3
Colorado	7	2.11	31	-0.31	7.6	367.0	359.4
Georgia	8	2.10	26	-0.19	13.4	650.2	636.8
Utah	9	2.05	22	0.15	4.1	204.1	200.0
South Carolina	10	2.01	46	-1.47	6.6	334.7	328.1
Florida	11	1.90	8	1.34	20.5	1,098.3	1,077.8
Vermont	12	1.84	15	0.74	1.0	55.3	54.3
Idaho	13	1.84	9	1.33	2.1	116.2	114.1
Virginia	14	1.75	3	1.66	11.4	662.1	650.7
Delaware	15	1.73	12	0.87	1.0	58.8	57.8
New Mexico	16	1.60	2	2.15	3.2	202.7	199.5
North Dakota	17	1.44	42	-1.16	1.1	77.7	76.6
Wisconsin	18	1.43	40	-1.08	6.0	426.3	420.3
Michigan	19	1.41	41	-1.13	9.9	711.1	701.2
Texas	20	1.33	27	-0.20	22.2	1,696.6	1,674.4
Indiana	21	1.29	13	0.84	5.6	440.2	434.6
Mississippi	22	1.19	17	0.58	2.9	246.5	243.6
Arkansas	23	1.13	5	1.45	2.3	205.5	203.2
North Carolina	24	1.11	10	1.25	7.3	662.8	655.5
New Hampshire	25	1.09	33	-0.43	1.0	92.8	91.8
Maryland	26	0.95	38	-0.81	4.4	469.0	464.6
South Dakota	27	0.93	23	0.13	0.7	75.6	74.9
UNITED STATES		0.92		-0.36	202.0	22,048.0	21,846.0
Maine	28	0.84	14	0.75	0.9	108.2	107.3
Alabama	29	0.75	24	-0.08	2.7	364.4	361.7
Washington	30	0.74	20	0.25	3.9	531.5	527.6
Minnesota	31	0.72	37	-0.64	3.0	421.9	418.9
Nebraska	32	0.69	34	-0.44	1.1	161.1	160.0
West Virginia	33	0.63	28	-0.21	0.9	142.9	142.0
Alaska	34	0.49	32	-0.37	0.4	82.2	81.8
Louisiana	35	0.42	16	0.63	1.6	385.7	384.1
Pennsylvania	36	0.36	30	-0.26	2.7	762.8	760.1
Rhode Island	37	0.30	44	-1.19	0.2	66.5	66.3
Missouri	38	0.25	43	-1.17	1.1	438.5	437.4
Montana	39	0.23	4	1.52	0.2	87.2	87.0
Wyoming	40	0.15	7	1.41	0.1	64.7	64.6
Hawaii	41	0.08	35	-0.58	0.1	121.0	120.9
New York	42	0.05	36	-0.63	0.7	1,494.2	1,493.5
Massachusetts	43	-0.05	48	-1.92	-0.2	412.8	413.0
California	44	-0.25	50	-2.11	-6.0	2,404.9	2,410.9
Kentucky	45	-0.29	45	-1.39	-0.9	311.8	312.7
Illinois	46	-0.45	47	-1.55	-3.8	848.4	852.2
Ohio	47	-0.49	19	0.27	-4.0	811.3	815.3
Connecticut	48	-0.53	49	-2.06	-1.3	246.1	247.4
Iowa	49	-0.60	25	-0.12	-1.5	246.9	248.4
Tennessee	50	-3.21	1	4.29	-13.9	419.2	433.1

Metropolitan Areas by States
Total Nonagricultural Job Growth: Feb. 2005 over Feb. 2004

<i>State/Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
Alabama						
Tuscaloosa	37	240	4.28	3.8	92.6	88.8
Mobile	41	390	4.05	6.8	174.6	167.8
Florence-Muscle Shoals	66	281	3.48	1.8	53.5	51.7
Auburn-Opelika	86	34	3.05	1.5	50.7	49.2
Huntsville	134	111	2.37	4.5	194.1	189.6
Anniston-Oxford.....	172	198	2.02	1.0	50.6	49.6
Dothan	193	83	1.85	1.1	60.6	59.5
Montgomery	239	129	1.38	2.3	168.6	166.3
Birmingham-Hoover.....	291	178	0.87	4.4	509.7	505.3
Decatur	362	157	0.00	0.0	55.7	55.7
Gadsden	363	237	0.00	0.0	37.4	37.4
Alaska						
Anchorage	114	180	2.67	4.1	157.7	153.6
Fairbanks	208	63	1.73	0.6	35.2	34.6
Arizona						
Yuma	5	11	8.96	4.5	54.7	50.2
Prescott	11	72	6.31	3.4	57.3	53.9
Flagstaff.....	20	55	5.19	3.0	60.8	57.8
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	38	66	4.16	68.5	1,716.7	1,648.2
Tucson	69	49	3.33	11.9	368.9	357.0
Arkansas						
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	67	42	3.47	6.4	190.7	184.3
Hot Springs.....	131	113	2.44	0.9	37.8	36.9
Jonesboro.....	158	176	2.13	1.0	47.9	46.9
Fort Smith.....	206	192	1.74	2.0	117.0	115.0
Little Rock-North Little Rock	292	138	0.87	2.8	326.2	323.4
Pine Bluff	365	48	0.00	0.0	40.6	40.6

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	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
California						
Merced	22	246	5.12	2.8	57.5	54.7
Hanford-Corcoran	25	262	4.98	1.6	33.7	32.1
Redding	43	341	4.05	2.5	64.3	61.8
Modesto	64	255	3.50	5.2	153.9	148.7
Yuba City	76	134	3.19	1.2	38.8	37.6
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	108	27	2.76	31.2	1,159.7	1,128.5
Bakersfield	116	211	2.62	5.4	211.6	206.2
Madera	129	1	2.45	0.8	33.4	32.6
Stockton	145	189	2.24	4.4	200.6	196.2
El Centro	151	350	2.21	0.9	41.6	40.7
Vallejo-Fairfield.....	157	252	2.14	2.6	124.0	121.4
Santa Cruz-Watsonville	161	256	2.10	1.9	92.4	90.5
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine	185	91	1.89	27.1	1,463.0	1,435.9
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos	205	149	1.74	21.6	1,262.5	1,240.9
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville	216	124	1.66	14.0	859.5	845.5
Fresno.....	230	141	1.49	4.2	285.4	281.2
Napa	241	229	1.36	0.8	59.8	59.0
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles.....	272	220	1.02	1.0	98.9	97.9
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	275	151	0.99	2.8	286.1	283.3
Chico	278	386	0.99	0.7	71.7	71.0
Salinas	283	336	0.96	1.2	126.6	125.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana.....	308	221	0.77	41.9	5,453.6	5,411.7
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward	312	381	0.72	7.3	1,018.7	1,011.4
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta	316	96	0.66	1.1	168.2	167.1
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	319	398	0.63	12.3	1,956.2	1,943.9
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	328	405	0.54	5.0	937.5	932.5
Santa Rosa-Petaluma	330	257	0.50	0.9	182.3	181.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale.....	336	278	0.37	14.8	3,990.6	3,975.8
Visalia-Porterville	366	174	0.00	0.0	102.9	102.9
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara.....	378	396	-0.32	-2.7	850.0	852.7
Colorado						
Greeley	48	143	3.89	2.8	74.8	72.0
Grand Junction	89	121	3.02	1.6	54.5	52.9
Colorado Springs	115	217	2.65	6.4	247.7	241.3
Denver-Aurora	118	345	2.61	29.7	1,166.6	1,136.9
Boulder.....	137	361	2.33	3.6	157.8	154.2
Fort Collins-Loveland.....	174	118	2.01	2.5	127.0	124.5
Pueblo	192	358	1.86	1.0	54.9	53.9
Connecticut						
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford.....	258	338	1.19	6.3	535.5	529.2
Norwich-New London	288	303	0.92	1.2	131.4	130.2
Waterbury	342	273	0.30	0.2	67.7	67.5
New Haven	346	299	0.26	0.7	268.7	268.0
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk.....	356	331	0.15	0.6	402.7	402.1
Danbury	357	288	0.15	0.1	67.6	67.5
Delaware						
Dover	65	10	3.49	2.1	62.3	60.2
Wilmington.....	148	85	2.23	7.6	347.7	340.1

<i>State/Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
District of Columbia						
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria.....	107	71	2.77	77.0	2,861.7	2,784.7
Florida						
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice.....	14	15	6.06	17.9	313.4	295.5
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin	18	8	5.47	4.4	84.9	80.5
Orlando.....	26	29	4.86	46.4	1,001.9	955.5
Cape Coral-Fort Myers.....	28	9	4.82	9.7	210.8	201.1
Naples-Marco Island	31	21	4.69	5.7	127.3	121.6
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent.....	40	30	4.14	6.7	168.4	161.7
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce.....	49	5	3.84	4.5	121.7	117.2
Panama City-Lynn Haven	51	19	3.82	2.6	70.6	68.0
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach.....	57	75	3.62	19.6	561.1	541.5
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville	62	22	3.54	7.1	207.9	200.8
Punta Gorda.....	63	36	3.52	1.4	41.2	39.8
Lakeland	68	12	3.40	6.7	203.5	196.8
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach	82	77	3.10	22.2	738.6	716.4
Jacksonville	83	86	3.09	17.6	587.7	570.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach.....	93	116	2.95	67.1	2,338.7	2,271.6
Gainesville.....	94	93	2.95	3.8	132.8	129.0
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	96	33	2.86	36.1	1,296.6	1,260.5
Ocala.....	125	14	2.52	2.3	93.5	91.2
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall	127	191	2.50	25.3	1,039.0	1,013.7
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach.....	144	31	2.27	3.7	167.0	163.3
Tallahassee	269	168	1.07	1.8	169.5	167.7
Vero Beach.....	350	241	0.22	0.1	45.1	45.0
Georgia						
Savannah	165	62	2.06	2.9	143.5	140.6
Brunswick.....	281	60	0.96	0.4	42.0	41.6
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta	282	200	0.96	21.4	2,252.2	2,230.8
Gainesville.....	290	159	0.90	0.6	67.6	67.0
Albany	306	213	0.79	0.5	63.6	63.1
Valdosta.....	325	148	0.58	0.3	52.2	51.9
Rome	332	284	0.47	0.2	42.6	42.4
Athens-Clarke County	334	312	0.39	0.3	76.3	76.0
Columbus.....	347	372	0.25	0.3	118.5	118.2
Warner Robins.....	367	182	0.00	0.0	50.4	50.4
Augusta-Richmond County	380	102	-0.33	-0.7	209.9	210.6
Macon.....	383	152	-0.40	-0.4	99.7	100.1
Dalton	388	329	-0.53	-0.4	75.2	75.6
Hinesville-Fort Stewart	392	2	-0.60	-0.1	16.6	16.7
Hawaii						
Honolulu.....	78	160	3.17	13.4	436.6	423.2

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Idaho						
Coeur d Alene	8	18	6.65	3.0	48.1	45.1
Idaho Falls.....	12	65	6.22	2.9	49.5	46.6
Boise City-Nampa.....	39	139	4.15	9.7	243.2	233.5
Pocatello.....	111	58	2.70	1.0	38.0	37.0
Lewiston.....	403	340	-1.16	-0.3	25.6	25.9
Illinois						
Peoria	186	260	1.89	3.2	172.8	169.6
Lake County-Kenosha County.....	252	309	1.24	4.6	375.8	371.2
Decatur	261	317	1.14	0.6	53.4	52.8
Champaign-Urbana	302	348	0.82	0.9	111.2	110.3
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet	304	347	0.81	34.8	4,334.4	4,299.6
Danville.....	338	325	0.32	0.1	31.5	31.4
Springfield	344	279	0.28	0.3	108.1	107.8
Kankakee-Bradley.....	349	389	0.24	0.1	41.7	41.6
Rockford	351	319	0.20	0.3	150.6	150.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island	361	210	0.00	0.0	178.7	178.7
Bloomington-Normal.....	409	380	-2.02	-1.8	87.4	89.2
Indiana						
Elkhart-Goshen	9	45	6.57	8.0	129.8	121.8
Columbus	30	144	4.70	1.9	42.3	40.4
Indianapolis.....	98	154	2.86	24.4	877.6	853.2
South Bend-Mishawaka	121	295	2.56	3.6	144.4	140.8
Gary	166	311	2.06	5.5	272.5	267.0
Anderson	171	374	2.04	0.9	45.1	44.2
Lafayette	232	315	1.43	1.3	92.0	90.7
Michigan City-La Porte	244	346	1.32	0.6	46.0	45.4
Terre Haute	256	155	1.22	0.9	74.8	73.9
Fort Wayne	309	359	0.77	1.6	208.9	207.3
Bloomington	331	57	0.49	0.4	81.7	81.3
Evansville.....	371	355	-0.06	-0.1	175.6	175.7
Muncie	405	296	-1.27	-0.7	54.4	55.1
Kokomo	407	245	-1.42	-0.7	48.5	49.2
Iowa						
Des Moines	36	132	4.47	12.9	301.7	288.8
Cedar Rapids.....	225	195	1.57	2.0	129.5	127.5
Iowa City.....	227	137	1.55	1.3	85.2	83.9
Waterloo-Cedar Falls.....	285	171	0.93	0.8	86.4	85.6
Ames	294	243	0.86	0.4	47.0	46.6
Dubuque.....	323	201	0.59	0.3	51.2	50.9
Sioux City	406	391	-1.27	-0.9	69.8	70.7
Kansas						
Lawrence.....	19	222	5.30	2.7	53.6	50.9
Wichita.....	140	377	2.31	6.4	283.6	277.2
Topeka	142	399	2.29	2.5	111.9	109.4

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Kentucky						
Bowling Green	29	125	4.78	2.6	57.0	54.4
Elizabethtown	176	105	2.00	0.9	45.9	45.0
Louisville.....	234	224	1.43	8.4	596.1	587.7
Lexington-Fayette.....	251	142	1.25	3.0	242.7	239.7
Owensboro.....	273	112	1.02	0.5	49.5	49.0
Louisiana						
Alexandria	73	388	3.25	1.9	60.3	58.4
Shreveport-Bossier City	103	101	2.83	4.7	170.5	165.8
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner	254	145	1.23	7.5	618.0	610.5
Baton Rouge	300	117	0.82	2.8	343.4	340.6
Monroe	348	383	0.25	0.2	79.7	79.5
Lafayette.....	375	379	-0.23	-0.3	131.1	131.4
Lake Charles.....	400	376	-1.03	-0.9	86.3	87.2
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux.....	410	356	-3.87	-3.2	79.4	82.6
Maine						
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford.....	55	109	3.68	6.8	191.6	184.8
Lewiston-Auburn.....	296	244	0.85	0.4	47.7	47.3
Bangor	339	196	0.31	0.2	64.4	64.2
Maryland						
Hagerstown-Martinsburg.....	124	344	2.53	2.4	97.1	94.7
Salisbury.....	126	13	2.50	1.3	53.3	52.0
Calvert-Charles-Prince Georges.....	132	225	2.44	9.3	391.0	381.7
Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg.....	175	188	2.01	10.9	554.4	543.5
Baltimore-Towson.....	287	166	0.92	11.4	1,246.3	1,234.9
Cumberland	376	24	-0.26	-0.1	38.4	38.5
Baltimore City	379	406	-0.32	-1.2	369.3	370.5
Massachusetts						
Barnstable Town.....	160	89	2.11	1.9	92.1	90.2
Pittsfield.....	179	179	1.98	0.7	36.0	35.3
Framingham.....	201	314	1.78	2.6	148.7	146.1
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury	219	401	1.63	1.2	74.6	73.4
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford	245	382	1.31	1.5	115.7	114.2
Worcester.....	262	277	1.13	2.7	241.0	238.3
Springfield	265	316	1.11	3.2	290.8	287.6
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy.....	268	354	1.07	25.3	2,379.9	2,354.6
New Bedford	303	231	0.81	0.5	62.0	61.5
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner.....	322	351	0.59	0.3	50.9	50.6
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton.....	337	294	0.35	0.3	86.5	86.2
Lynn-Peabody-Salem	340	333	0.30	0.3	100.0	99.7

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Michigan						
Muskegon-Norton Shores	153	169	2.19	1.4	65.4	64.0
Battle Creek	264	404	1.13	0.7	62.7	62.0
Grand Rapids-Wyoming	289	271	0.90	3.4	382.3	378.9
Jackson	301	306	0.82	0.5	61.5	61.0
Ann Arbor	321	375	0.60	1.2	202.8	201.6
Kalamazoo-Portage	343	324	0.28	0.4	143.6	143.2
Holland-Grand Haven	353	313	0.18	0.2	112.9	112.7
Niles-Benton Harbor	364	408	0.00	0.0	62.8	62.8
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn	372	371	-0.10	-0.8	827.1	827.9
Lansing-East Lansing	374	373	-0.22	-0.5	229.1	229.6
Bay City	387	208	-0.51	-0.2	38.8	39.0
Detroit-Warren-Livonia	389	384	-0.54	-11.0	2,009.8	2,020.8
Flint	391	308	-0.57	-0.9	157.6	158.5
Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy	395	392	-0.86	-10.2	1,182.7	1,192.9
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North	399	395	-0.97	-0.9	91.6	92.5
Monroe	401	403	-1.15	-0.5	42.9	43.4
Minnesota						
Rochester	198	232	1.82	1.8	100.8	99.0
Duluth	204	366	1.75	2.2	128.2	126.0
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington	222	259	1.60	27.2	1,722.1	1,694.9
St. Cloud	248	177	1.28	1.2	95.1	93.9
Mississippi						
Pascagoula	90	410	3.01	1.6	54.7	53.1
Jackson	167	43	2.06	5.2	257.9	252.7
Gulfport-Biloxi	327	226	0.54	0.6	112.4	111.8
Hattiesburg	390	297	-0.55	-0.3	54.4	54.7
Missouri						
Columbia	77	335	3.17	2.7	87.9	85.2
Jefferson City	110	238	2.74	2.1	78.8	76.7
Joplin	141	263	2.29	1.7	75.9	74.2
Kansas City	159	293	2.12	20.0	962.8	942.8
Springfield	168	242	2.06	3.7	183.7	180.0
St. Louis	221	357	1.61	20.8	1,315.0	1,294.2
St. Joseph	326	119	0.57	0.3	52.9	52.6
Montana						
Great Falls	44	264	4.02	1.3	33.6	32.3
Billings	122	190	2.55	1.8	72.3	70.5
Missoula	242	38	1.33	0.7	53.4	52.7
Nebraska						
Lincoln	147	248	2.24	3.7	169.0	165.3
Omaha-Council Bluffs	247	298	1.28	5.6	442.1	436.5

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Nevada						
Las Vegas-Paradise	7	16	7.65	59.8	841.6	781.8
Reno-Sparks	21	50	5.15	10.3	210.2	199.9
Carson City	35	328	4.56	1.4	32.1	30.7
New Hampshire						
Portsmouth	128	69	2.50	1.3	53.4	52.1
Nashua	156	126	2.15	2.7	128.2	125.5
Rochester-Dover	169	123	2.05	1.1	54.7	53.6
Manchester	233	37	1.43	1.4	99.2	97.8
New Jersey						
Ocean City	1	76	10.54	3.7	38.8	35.1
Camden	81	98	3.12	16.1	531.5	515.4
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton	106	53	2.80	1.7	62.5	60.8
Trenton-Ewing	209	107	1.72	3.9	230.9	227.0
Edison	218	230	1.64	16.1	997.0	980.9
Bergen-Hudson-Passaic	299	353	0.82	7.3	895.2	887.9
Atlantic City	373	120	-0.21	-0.3	145.1	145.4
Newark-Union	381	269	-0.34	-3.5	1,012.6	1,016.1
New Mexico						
Farmington	54	73	3.68	1.7	47.9	46.2
Santa Fe	135	110	2.36	1.4	60.8	59.4
Albuquerque	181	131	1.95	7.1	371.6	364.5
Las Cruces	246	95	1.29	0.8	63.0	62.2
New York						
Glens Falls	104	147	2.81	1.4	51.3	49.9
Kingston	136	369	2.35	1.5	65.4	63.9
Putnam-Rockland-Westchester	149	164	2.22	12.1	558.2	546.1
Ithaca	163	114	2.09	1.3	63.5	62.2
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	229	175	1.51	3.7	249.3	245.6
Utica-Rome	237	323	1.40	1.8	130.2	128.4
Nassau-Suffolk	259	205	1.19	14.2	1,211.9	1,197.7
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	267	204	1.08	4.7	440.8	436.1
New York-Wayne-White Plains	270	305	1.06	52.0	4,979.5	4,927.5
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island	279	280	0.97	78.9	8,201.0	8,122.1
New York City	284	318	0.94	32.7	3,526.1	3,493.4
Syracuse	293	304	0.86	2.7	315.2	312.5
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	360	234	0.07	0.4	539.8	539.4
Binghamton	377	342	-0.27	-0.3	110.7	111.0
Rochester	396	270	-0.86	-4.3	498.1	502.4
Elmira	404	409	-1.27	-0.5	38.9	39.4

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North Carolina						
Wilmington	16	128	5.58	6.7	126.8	120.1
Greenville.....	33	219	4.59	3.1	70.7	67.6
Winston-Salem.....	47	326	3.90	7.9	210.5	202.6
Jacksonville.....	71	67	3.29	1.3	40.8	39.5
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord	85	275	3.05	23.1	780.5	757.4
Fayetteville.....	146	321	2.24	2.6	118.7	116.1
Greensboro-High Point	155	400	2.16	7.5	355.2	347.7
Raleigh-Cary	162	104	2.09	9.1	444.2	435.1
Burlington	190	292	1.86	1.1	60.1	59.0
Asheville	196	289	1.82	2.9	162.0	159.1
Goldsboro.....	236	370	1.42	0.6	42.9	42.3
Durham	255	227	1.22	3.2	265.9	262.7
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton	295	364	0.85	1.4	165.4	164.0
Rocky Mount	394	290	-0.80	-0.5	61.8	62.3
North Dakota						
Fargo	60	74	3.57	3.8	110.1	106.3
Bismarck	92	54	2.97	1.6	55.5	53.9
Grand Forks	119	82	2.59	1.3	51.5	50.2
Ohio						
Sandusky	70	378	3.32	1.2	37.3	36.1
Canton-Massillon.....	133	397	2.39	4.1	175.3	171.2
Akron	191	127	1.86	6.0	329.2	323.2
Cincinnati-Middletown.....	313	249	0.72	7.2	1,007.0	999.8
Columbus	315	302	0.67	6.0	901.1	895.1
Dayton.....	318	349	0.64	2.6	409.4	406.8
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor	335	337	0.39	4.1	1,054.6	1,050.5
Toledo	352	300	0.19	0.6	324.8	324.2
Mansfield	354	393	0.17	0.1	58.7	58.6
Weirton-Steubenville.....	368	402	0.00	0.0	48.3	48.3
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman.....	386	363	-0.50	-1.2	236.5	237.7
Lima.....	397	250	-0.88	-0.5	56.4	56.9
Springfield	408	183	-1.72	-0.9	51.3	52.2
Oklahoma						
Lawton	177	186	2.00	0.8	40.8	40.0
Oklahoma City.....	178	209	1.99	10.6	543.3	532.7
Tulsa.....	370	301	-0.05	-0.2	394.9	395.1
Oregon						
Bend	34	7	4.58	2.6	59.4	56.8
Medford	46	61	3.96	3.0	78.8	75.8
Salem	52	173	3.82	5.2	141.4	136.2
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton	88	239	3.03	28.0	952.7	924.7
Eugene-Springfield	101	307	2.85	4.0	144.3	140.3
Corvallis.....	305	115	0.80	0.3	37.9	37.6

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Pennsylvania						
Lebanon.....	102	90	2.84	1.3	47.0	45.7
State College.....	112	334	2.67	1.9	73.0	71.1
York-Hanover.....	139	88	2.31	3.9	172.5	168.6
Erie.....	143	274	2.27	2.9	130.8	127.9
Altoona.....	215	251	1.66	1.0	61.3	60.3
Reading.....	217	133	1.65	2.7	166.0	163.3
Harrisburg-Carlisle.....	224	322	1.59	5.0	319.8	314.8
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington.....	231	247	1.48	39.9	2,739.1	2,699.2
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton.....	240	162	1.36	4.4	327.5	323.1
Lancaster.....	253	106	1.23	2.8	229.6	226.8
Johnstown.....	257	194	1.19	0.7	59.3	58.6
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre.....	298	265	0.84	2.1	252.3	250.2
Williamsport.....	311	136	0.75	0.4	53.6	53.2
Philadelphia.....	324	327	0.58	10.7	1,854.3	1,843.6
Pittsburgh.....	329	287	0.51	5.7	1,115.9	1,110.2
Philadelphia City.....	369	407	-0.05	-0.3	654.9	655.2
Puerto Rico						
Fajardo.....	4	362	9.09	1.5	18.0	16.5
Yauco.....	23	28	5.04	0.7	14.6	13.9
Mayaguez.....	95	135	2.92	1.1	38.8	37.7
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo.....	195	150	1.84	14.2	786.9	772.7
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastian.....	235	6	1.43	0.7	49.7	49.0
Ponce.....	320	23	0.62	0.4	64.5	64.1
Guayama.....	402	203	-1.16	-0.2	17.1	17.3
San German-Cabo Rojo.....	411	3	-4.04	-0.9	21.4	22.3
Rhode Island						
Providence-Fall River-Warwick.....	280	185	0.97	5.5	573.1	567.6
South Carolina						
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach.....	6	258	8.93	9.1	111.0	101.9
Charleston-North Charleston.....	80	70	3.12	8.3	274.0	265.7
Columbia.....	220	214	1.63	5.5	343.2	337.7
Anderson.....	263	165	1.13	0.7	62.6	61.9
Greenville.....	271	310	1.04	3.0	291.1	288.1
Florence.....	314	99	0.68	0.6	88.7	88.1
Spartanburg.....	355	276	0.17	0.2	121.1	120.9
Sumter.....	393	339	-0.76	-0.3	39.0	39.3
South Dakota						
Sioux Falls.....	75	163	3.20	3.8	122.6	118.8
Rapid City.....	97	158	2.86	1.6	57.5	55.9

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Tennessee						
Morristown.....	53	87	3.68	1.8	50.7	48.9
Clarksville.....	72	59	3.28	2.6	81.8	79.2
Johnson City.....	130	17	2.45	1.9	79.6	77.7
Jackson.....	170	81	2.04	1.2	60.1	58.9
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreeseboro.....	203	100	1.75	12.3	713.6	701.3
Knoxville.....	228	122	1.51	4.8	322.7	317.9
Memphis.....	249	332	1.26	7.7	618.5	610.8
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol.....	297	367	0.84	1.0	119.4	118.4
Chattanooga.....	310	228	0.76	1.8	237.4	235.6
Cleveland.....	385	25	-0.49	-0.2	40.5	40.7
Texas						
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr.....	42	20	4.05	7.4	190.2	182.8
Longview.....	50	84	3.83	3.2	86.8	83.6
Abilene.....	61	291	3.55	2.2	64.2	62.0
Texarkana.....	74	266	3.22	1.7	54.5	52.8
Tyler.....	79	170	3.16	2.7	88.2	85.5
Austin-Round Rock.....	100	161	2.85	18.7	674.2	655.5
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood.....	105	218	2.80	3.1	113.7	110.6
Lubbock.....	152	286	2.20	2.7	125.4	122.7
Amarillo.....	154	52	2.16	2.3	108.6	106.3
Sherman-Denison.....	164	368	2.08	0.9	44.2	43.3
Dallas-Plano-Irving.....	180	285	1.97	37.0	1,911.2	1,874.2
Odessa.....	183	108	1.95	1.0	52.4	51.4
Victoria.....	184	365	1.94	0.9	47.3	46.4
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington.....	188	261	1.88	50.0	2,704.5	2,654.5
San Antonio.....	189	199	1.87	14.0	763.8	749.8
Laredo.....	197	80	1.82	1.4	78.4	77.0
Midland.....	199	68	1.79	1.0	56.9	55.9
Fort Worth-Arlington.....	214	197	1.67	13.0	793.3	780.3
Brownsville-Harlingen.....	226	193	1.56	1.8	117.5	115.7
Wichita Falls.....	243	330	1.32	0.8	61.2	60.4
College Station-Bryan.....	260	283	1.15	1.0	88.2	87.2
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land.....	276	268	0.99	22.4	2,290.8	2,268.4
Waco.....	277	130	0.99	1.0	102.4	101.4
San Angelo.....	286	387	0.93	0.4	43.5	43.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur.....	317	360	0.65	1.0	155.8	154.8
El Paso.....	358	236	0.12	0.3	256.1	255.8
Corpus Christi.....	384	233	-0.48	-0.8	166.0	166.8
Utah						
St. George.....	2	4	10.12	4.1	44.6	40.5
Provo-Orem.....	27	41	4.85	7.7	166.5	158.8
Salt Lake City.....	84	215	3.07	17.1	573.2	556.1
Ogden-Clearfield.....	120	92	2.56	4.6	184.0	179.4
Logan.....	213	35	1.67	0.8	48.7	47.9
Vermont						
Burlington-South Burlington.....	210	181	1.71	1.9	113.0	111.1

State/Metropolitan Area	Rank	Rank	Percent Change	Thousands of Jobs		
	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004		Job Growth	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004
Virginia						
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford.....	3	156	9.40	6.1	71.0	64.9
Northern Virginia	24	26	5.00	59.0	1,239.3	1,180.3
Harrisonburg.....	87	39	3.05	1.8	60.9	59.1
Winchester.....	113	47	2.67	1.4	53.8	52.4
Roanoke.....	123	394	2.54	3.9	157.3	153.4
Richmond	173	51	2.01	11.9	604.0	592.1
Charlottesville	187	146	1.88	1.7	91.9	90.2
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News	223	64	1.59	11.6	741.9	730.3
Lynchburg	341	40	0.30	0.3	101.1	100.8
Danville	398	411	-0.92	-0.4	43.3	43.7
Washington						
Mount Vernon-Anacortes.....	10	212	6.44	2.7	44.6	41.9
Wenatchee	13	235	6.14	2.1	36.3	34.2
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco	15	187	5.86	4.8	86.7	81.9
Bellingham	45	79	3.99	3.0	78.2	75.2
Olympia	58	184	3.61	3.3	94.7	91.4
Bremerton-Silverdale	59	46	3.60	2.9	83.4	80.5
Tacoma	99	94	2.86	7.1	255.6	248.5
Yakima	117	272	2.61	1.9	74.6	72.7
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	138	253	2.32	36.1	1,595.0	1,558.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett.....	150	282	2.21	29.0	1,339.4	1,310.4
Spokane	182	216	1.95	3.8	199.0	195.2
Longview.....	266	343	1.11	0.4	36.4	36.0
West Virginia						
Morgantown	109	56	2.76	1.5	55.8	54.3
Wheeling	238	172	1.38	0.9	65.9	65.0
Charleston.....	333	153	0.41	0.6	146.5	145.9
Parkersburg-Marietta.....	345	254	0.28	0.2	72.5	72.3
Huntington-Ashland	359	167	0.09	0.1	115.3	115.2
Wisconsin						
Janesville	17	267	5.49	3.6	69.2	65.6
Oshkosh-Neenah	56	385	3.65	3.2	90.9	87.7
Fond du Lac.....	91	140	2.99	1.4	48.2	46.8
Green Bay.....	194	44	1.84	3.0	166.2	163.2
Appleton.....	200	206	1.79	2.0	114.0	112.0
Wausau	202	202	1.76	1.2	69.4	68.2
Madison.....	207	103	1.74	5.7	333.5	327.8
La Crosse.....	211	97	1.70	1.2	71.8	70.6
Sheboygan	212	352	1.68	1.0	60.5	59.5
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis.....	274	320	1.00	8.2	826.1	817.9
Eau Claire.....	307	207	0.79	0.6	77.0	76.4
Racine.....	382	223	-0.38	-0.3	77.9	78.2
Wyoming						
Casper.....	32	32	4.65	1.6	36.0	34.4
Cheyenne.....	250	78	1.26	0.5	40.3	39.8

38 Metropolitan Markets over 1,000,000 Workers as of Feb. 2005
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<i>Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>		<i>Change</i>	<i>Job</i>	<i>Feb.</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>		<i>Growth</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
Northern Virginia VA.....	1	1	5.00	59.0	1,239.3	1,180.3
Orlando FL.....	2	3	4.86	46.4	1,001.9	955.5
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale AZ.....	3	5	4.16	68.5	1,716.7	1,648.2
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach FL.....	4	8	2.95	67.1	2,338.7	2,271.6
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater FL.....	5	4	2.86	36.1	1,296.6	1,260.5
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria DC.....	6	6	2.77	77.0	2,861.7	2,784.7
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario CA.....	7	2	2.76	31.2	1,159.7	1,128.5
Denver-Aurora CO.....	8	31	2.61	29.7	1,166.6	1,136.9
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall FL.....	9	11	2.50	25.3	1,039.0	1,013.7
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue WA.....	10	17	2.32	36.1	1,595.0	1,558.9
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett WA.....	11	24	2.21	29.0	1,339.4	1,310.4
Dallas-Plano-Irving TX.....	12	25	1.97	37.0	1,911.2	1,874.2
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine CA.....	13	7	1.89	27.1	1,463.0	1,435.9
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington TX.....	14	19	1.88	50.0	2,704.5	2,654.5
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos CA.....	15	9	1.74	21.6	1,262.5	1,240.9
St. Louis MO.....	16	34	1.61	20.8	1,315.0	1,294.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington MN.....	17	18	1.60	27.2	1,722.1	1,694.9
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington PA.....	18	15	1.48	39.9	2,739.1	2,699.2
Nassau-Suffolk NY.....	19	13	1.19	14.2	1,211.9	1,197.7
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy MA.....	20	33	1.07	25.3	2,379.9	2,354.6

373 Metropolitan Markets under 1,000,000 Workers as of Feb. 2005
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<i>Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>		<i>Change</i>	<i>Job</i>	<i>Feb.</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>		<i>Growth</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2004</i>
Ocean City NJ.....	1	70	10.54	3.7	38.8	35.1
St. George UT.....	2	4	10.12	4.1	44.6	40.5
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford VA.....	3	147	9.40	6.1	71.0	64.9
Fajardo PR.....	4	328	9.09	1.5	18.0	16.5
Yuma AZ.....	5	11	8.96	4.5	54.7	50.2
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach SC.....	6	241	8.93	9.1	111.0	101.9
Las Vegas-Paradise NV.....	7	16	7.65	59.8	841.6	781.8
Coeur d Alene ID.....	8	18	6.65	3.0	48.1	45.1
Elkhart-Goshen IN.....	9	41	6.57	8.0	129.8	121.8
Mount Vernon-Anacortes WA.....	10	199	6.44	2.7	44.6	41.9
Prescott AZ.....	11	66	6.31	3.4	57.3	53.9
Idaho Falls ID.....	12	61	6.22	2.9	49.5	46.6
Wenatchee WA.....	13	221	6.14	2.1	36.3	34.2
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice FL.....	14	15	6.06	17.9	313.4	295.5
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco WA.....	15	177	5.86	4.8	86.7	81.9
Wilmington NC.....	16	120	5.58	6.7	126.8	120.1
Janesville WI.....	17	245	5.49	3.6	69.2	65.6
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin FL.....	18	8	5.47	4.4	84.9	80.5
Lawrence KS.....	19	208	5.30	2.7	53.6	50.9
Flagstaff AZ.....	20	51	5.19	3.0	60.8	57.8