

Recent Job Growth and Decline in the States

Rank	STATE	1,000s of Nonfarm Jobs: 2005			One Month		Two Months	
		October	November	December	Nov-Dec Change		Oct-Dec Change	
50	Ohio.....	5,427.0	5,428.9	5,418.2	-10.7	-0.2%	-8.8	-0.2%
49	West Virginia.....	745.7	745.1	744.6	-0.5	-0.1%	-1.1	-0.1%
48	Maryland.....	2,578.8	2,578.4	2,575.1	-3.3	-0.1%	-3.7	-0.1%
47	Rhode Island.....	494.5	495.5	494	-1.5	-0.3%	-0.5	-0.1%
46	Indiana.....	2,958.7	2,954.8	2,956.5	1.7	0.1%	-2.2	-0.1%
45	Tennessee.....	2,733.9	2,730.9	2,732.3	1.4	0.1%	-1.6	-0.1%
44	Virginia.....	3,664.0	3,663.7	3,664.7	1.0	0.0%	0.7	0.0%
43	South Dakota.....	391.3	391.7	391.4	-0.3	-0.1%	0.1	0.0%
42	Kentucky.....	1,822.9	1,822.7	1,823.6	0.9	0.0%	0.7	0.0%
41	Alabama.....	1,930.5	1,933.4	1,931.6	-1.8	-0.1%	1.1	0.1%
40	Massachusetts.....	3,200.3	3,200.5	3,202.2	1.7	0.1%	1.9	0.1%
39	Connecticut.....	1,674.3	1,675.7	1,675.3	-0.4	-0.0%	1.0	0.1%
38	Illinois.....	5,870.4	5,873.6	5,874.0	0.4	0.0%	3.6	0.1%
37	Pennsylvania.....	5,726.4	5,730.0	5,730.3	0.3	0.0%	3.9	0.1%
36	Minnesota.....	2,728.1	2,723.6	2,730.5	6.9	0.3%	2.4	0.1%
35	Maine.....	618.1	618.3	618.7	0.4	0.1%	0.6	0.1%
34	Oklahoma.....	1,504.2	1,507.3	1,505.7	-1.6	-0.1%	1.5	0.1%
33	Nebraska.....	936.3	937.9	937.7	-0.2	-0.0%	1.4	0.1%
32	New York.....	8,538.7	8,549.3	8,553.9	4.6	0.1%	15.2	0.2%
31	Arkansas.....	1,174.9	1,176.6	1,177.1	0.5	0.0%	2.2	0.2%
30	New Hampshire.....	640.9	640.6	642.2	1.6	0.2%	1.3	0.2%
29	New Jersey.....	4,061.1	4,066.4	4,069.4	3.0	0.1%	8.3	0.2%
28	Wyoming.....	263.2	263.7	263.8	0.1	0.0%	0.6	0.2%
27	Alaska.....	309.1	308.7	309.9	1.2	0.4%	0.8	0.3%
	District of Columbia...	683.6	686.3	685.5	-0.8	-0.1%	1.9	0.3%
26	North Carolina.....	3,898.4	3,905.0	3,909.6	4.6	0.1%	11.2	0.3%
25	Kansas.....	1,351.3	1,358.9	1,355.2	-3.7	-0.3%	3.9	0.3%
	US Totals.....	134,055	134,360	134,468	108	0.1%	413	0.3%
24	Michigan.....	4,349.0	4,352.8	4,362.6	9.8	0.2%	13.6	0.3%
23	North Dakota.....	343.6	344.9	344.7	-0.2	-0.1%	1.1	0.3%
22	Colorado.....	2,235.2	2,236.5	2,243.6	7.1	0.3%	8.4	0.4%
21	California.....	14,822.4	14,854.9	14,879.2	24.3	0.2%	56.8	0.4%
20	Texas.....	9,645.9	9,670.7	9,684.1	13.4	0.1%	38.2	0.4%
19	Hawaii.....	605.2	605.9	607.6	1.7	0.3%	2.4	0.4%
18	Wisconsin.....	2,839.0	2,846.0	2,851.0	5.0	0.2%	12.0	0.4%
17	Washington.....	2,788.8	2,795.9	2,800.6	4.7	0.2%	11.8	0.4%
16	Florida.....	7,822.8	7,840.6	7,856.7	16.1	0.2%	33.9	0.4%
15	Vermont.....	309.3	309.2	310.7	1.5	0.5%	1.4	0.5%
14	Iowa.....	1,483.5	1,484.7	1,490.8	6.1	0.4%	7.3	0.5%
13	Missouri.....	2,715.6	2,721.7	2,729.3	7.6	0.3%	13.7	0.5%
12	New Mexico.....	811.6	812.7	816.4	3.7	0.5%	4.8	0.6%
11	South Carolina.....	1,839.3	1,842.5	1,850.5	8.0	0.4%	11.2	0.6%
10	Georgia.....	3,945.7	3,959.4	3,970.7	11.3	0.3%	25.0	0.6%
9	Mississippi.....	1,095.7	1,105.6	1,103.3	-2.3	-0.2%	7.6	0.7%
8	Nevada.....	1,246.6	1,249.4	1,255.8	6.4	0.5%	9.2	0.7%
7	Delaware.....	431.9	434.4	435.3	0.9	0.2%	3.4	0.8%
6	Arizona.....	2,501.2	2,508.9	2,523.7	14.8	0.6%	22.5	0.9%
5	Oregon.....	1,656.5	1,665.1	1,672.6	7.5	0.5%	16.1	1.0%
4	Utah.....	1,154.1	1,159.1	1,165.7	6.6	0.6%	11.6	1.0%
3	Idaho.....	612.3	615.8	619.1	3.3	0.5%	6.8	1.1%
2	Louisiana.....	1,700.4	1,710.0	1,721.6	11.6	0.7%	21.2	1.2%
1	Montana.....	421.3	424.6	427.6	3.0	0.7%	6.3	1.5%

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December 2004 to December 2005

Rank	STATE	(Change over Year Ago: Percent)											Unemployment Rates					
		Nonfarm Establishment Jobs Total	Const- ruction	Manuf- acturing	Trade and Utilities	Information	Finance	Prof & Bus Services	Education & Health	Leisure & Hospitality	Other Services	Govt.	Dec. '04	Nov. '05	Dec. '05			
50	Louisiana.....	-10.2%	-19.1%	-7.8%	-9.2%	-5.6%	-5.0%	-14.1%	-16.4%	-18.9%	-14.5%	-1.4%	5.7%	12.1%	6.4%			
49	Mississippi.....	-2.1%	0.2%	-2.0%	-0.6%	1.4%	-1.3%	0.5%	-0.7%	-12.3%	-6.2%	-0.3%	6.7%	10.0%	9.9%			
48	Michigan.....	-0.6%	-0.5%	-3.0%	-0.9%	-4.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.3%	1.1%	2.4%	-1.6%	7.5%	6.6%	6.7%			
47	Ohio.....	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-1.5%	0.2%	1.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	-0.4%	6.1%	5.7%	5.9%			
46	Maine.....	0.4%	1.3%	-2.2%	0.6%	0.8%	-0.9%	0.2%	1.6%	1.7%	-0.5%	0.4%	4.6%	5.0%	4.8%			
45	Massachusetts.....	0.4%	1.8%	0.1%	-0.0%	-2.1%	0.3%	1.8%	0.7%	0.5%	-1.4%	0.2%	4.7%	4.9%	4.9%			
44	Indiana.....	0.4%	2.1%	-0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	1.9%	1.7%	0.1%	-0.8%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%			
43	Tennessee.....	0.6%	1.9%	-0.7%	1.0%	-3.6%	1.2%	-0.5%	1.9%	1.1%	0.9%	0.4%	5.3%	5.7%	5.4%			
42	Connecticut.....	0.6%	4.1%	-0.7%	0.6%	-0.3%	1.1%	0.4%	0.9%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	4.5%	5.1%	4.8%			
41	New York.....	0.7%	1.0%	-2.8%	0.1%	-0.1%	1.6%	2.2%	1.8%	1.5%	0.8%	-0.1%	5.6%	5.4%	5.1%			
40	Rhode Island.....	0.8%	2.4%	-3.5%	-1.7%	-1.8%	4.1%	1.8%	2.7%	3.7%	-0.9%	0.4%	4.8%	5.2%	5.2%			
39	Missouri.....	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	2.0%	1.4%	2.6%	0.3%	0.2%	-0.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.1%			
38	Alabama.....	0.9%	0.8%	1.2%	0.9%	0.0%	-0.2%	3.2%	1.2%	1.3%	-0.9%	-0.2%	5.3%	3.6%	3.5%			
37	New Jersey.....	0.9%	-1.1%	-4.2%	1.3%	-1.6%	1.0%	0.7%	2.3%	4.9%	3.3%	0.3%	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%			
36	South Carolina.....	1.0%	3.9%	-2.3%	2.1%	6.2%	1.3%	1.5%	4.3%	-1.1%	1.6%	0.2%	6.9%	7.1%	7.0%			
35	Illinois.....	1.1%	1.3%	-1.0%	0.8%	-1.4%	1.7%	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%	-0.2%	0.7%	6.0%	5.3%	5.5%			
34	West Virginia.....	1.1%	10.5%	-1.3%	-0.4%	1.7%	0.7%	3.6%	1.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%			
33	Virginia.....	1.1%	5.3%	-1.3%	1.1%	-2.1%	0.8%	1.6%	2.0%	0.2%	0.6%	0.9%	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%			
32	Arkansas.....	1.1%	3.3%	-2.0%	1.4%	-1.0%	2.5%	1.4%	2.9%	0.9%	-0.5%	2.2%	5.6%	4.8%	4.5%			
31	Pennsylvania.....	1.1%	2.2%	-2.3%	1.1%	-3.2%	1.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.7%	1.7%	0.9%	5.7%	5.1%	4.9%			
30	Kentucky.....	1.1%	3.4%	0.4%	0.7%	-3.2%	-1.5%	2.6%	1.8%	3.0%	1.8%	0.2%	4.7%	6.2%	6.3%			
29	Minnesota.....	1.2%	-0.7%	0.6%	-0.7%	0.0%	3.5%	1.5%	3.3%	3.4%	-1.1%	1.3%	4.6%	4.0%	4.1%			
28	Nebraska.....	1.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	3.6%	0.7%	1.4%	2.3%	1.3%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%			
27	Vermont.....	1.3%	6.6%	0.5%	0.5%	-1.6%	2.2%	5.2%	1.6%	0.9%	0.0%	-0.4%	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%			
26	Maryland.....	1.3%	0.2%	-3.2%	1.3%	-0.6%	1.6%	2.2%	2.9%	2.6%	2.1%	0.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%			
25	Wisconsin.....	1.3%	5.3%	0.6%	0.2%	-0.4%	0.6%	3.8%	1.6%	3.2%	-0.5%	1.0%	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%			
24	North Carolina.....	1.4%	3.3%	-2.2%	-0.2%	2.4%	1.7%	4.1%	2.4%	2.1%	3.7%	1.9%	5.3%	5.2%	4.9%			
23	Delaware.....	1.5%	2.9%	-1.4%	2.5%	-1.4%	3.4%	0.6%	0.8%	3.5%	-1.1%	0.8%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%			
22	Oklahoma.....	1.5%	0.0%	1.1%	1.2%	0.6%	2.1%	2.3%	1.8%	-1.1%	0.1%	2.7%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%			
	US Totals.....	1.5%	3.5%	-0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	2.3%	2.9%	2.1%	1.9%	0.6%	0.9%	5.4%	5.0%	4.9%			
21	New Hampshire.....	1.5%	3.7%	0.9%	2.4%	2.3%	1.6%	0.0%	2.5%	5.1%	-4.5%	-1.1%	3.4%	3.8%	3.5%			
20	Kansas.....	1.6%	-1.3%	0.6%	0.9%	-1.2%	3.8%	3.6%	1.5%	0.0%	4.6%	2.2%	5.3%	5.2%	4.9%			
19	California.....	1.6%	7.9%	0.2%	0.6%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%	1.6%	2.4%	0.7%	1.3%	6.0%	5.3%	5.1%			
18	Texas.....	1.6%	3.2%	0.5%	1.0%	2.3%	1.4%	3.3%	2.2%	2.2%	1.0%	0.6%	5.9%	5.3%	5.1%			
17	Georgia.....	1.7%	3.1%	0.2%	1.0%	0.4%	2.0%	2.1%	2.5%	4.4%	1.1%	0.9%	4.8%	5.4%	5.2%			
	District of Columbia.....	1.7%	0.8%	0.0%	2.1%	1.7%	1.6%	2.7%	3.3%	4.1%	2.4%	-0.2%	8.8%	6.1%	6.0%			
16	Colorado.....	1.8%	5.3%	-1.9%	1.6%	-4.9%	2.1%	3.4%	2.4%	1.9%	1.4%	1.5%	5.4%	5.0%	4.6%			
15	South Dakota.....	1.8%	7.4%	3.1%	1.7%	1.5%	2.5%	1.7%	3.0%	0.8%	-3.1%	0.5%	3.5%	4.0%	3.9%			
14	Alaska.....	1.8%	5.0%	3.4%	1.1%	0.0%	1.4%	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	-0.9%	0.2%	7.6%	7.0%	6.9%			
13	Montana.....	2.0%	5.2%	0.5%	1.6%	1.3%	0.5%	4.3%	3.1%	2.9%	-2.2%	0.7%	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%			
12	Iowa.....	2.0%	1.2%	2.8%	1.1%	0.0%	3.7%	0.8%	2.0%	5.8%	0.9%	1.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.5%			
11	North Dakota.....	2.0%	6.5%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.6%	3.8%	1.8%	3.6%	0.0%	0.1%	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%			
10	New Mexico.....	2.2%	7.4%	1.1%	1.8%	7.1%	1.7%	1.7%	2.1%	0.9%	1.4%	1.3%	5.6%	5.1%	4.8%			
9	Wyoming.....	2.4%	3.8%	-1.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	1.8%	1.7%	0.0%	0.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.2%			
8	Hawaii.....	2.8%	11.8%	-1.3%	4.0%	-3.6%	2.4%	4.4%	2.5%	2.5%	4.6%	-0.2%	3.0%	2.8%	2.7%			
7	Washington.....	2.9%	9.3%	2.7%	2.1%	3.5%	1.8%	4.7%	3.2%	4.3%	2.5%	0.1%	5.9%	5.6%	5.3%			
6	Florida.....	3.3%	4.9%	1.3%	2.4%	0.4%	2.2%	5.9%	3.4%	4.1%	1.3%	2.0%	4.6%	3.6%	3.3%			
5	Oregon.....	3.5%	14.0%	4.6%	3.7%	8.5%	1.8%	2.2%	5.6%	1.2%	2.9%	0.7%	7.0%	5.7%	5.7%			
4	Utah.....	4.5%	16.1%	1.6%	3.1%	7.8%	4.9%	7.0%	3.9%	2.8%	2.1%	2.1%	5.0%	4.0%	3.8%			
3	Arizona.....	4.5%	13.2%	0.5%	3.9%	-0.2%	4.9%	6.0%	5.6%	5.0%	4.1%	0.9%	4.5%	4.8%	4.6%			
2	Idaho.....	4.6%	16.0%	2.1%	4.8%	9.9%	5.6%	7.2%	5.4%	3.9%	2.2%	-0.3%	4.4%	3.7%	3.4%			
1	Nevada.....	5.8%	12.2%	2.8%	3.5%	-1.4%	7.4%	8.2%	6.3%	5.1%	5.9%	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%			

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