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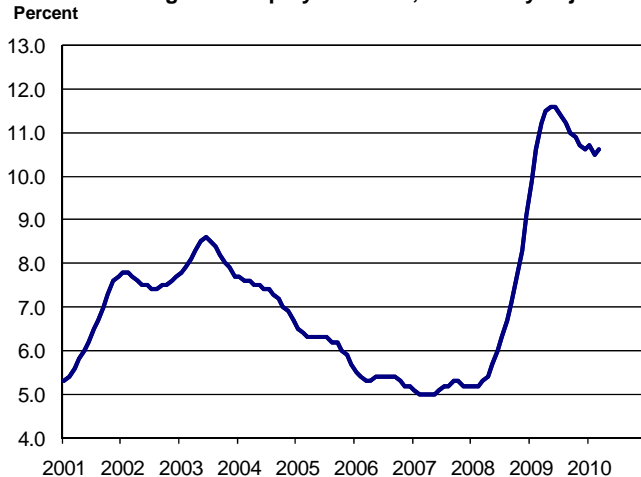
Oregon's Employment Situation: March 2010

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 10.6 percent in March compared with 10.5 percent in February. The rate has been essentially unchanged for the most recent five months. Oregon's unemployment rate was 11.2 percent in March 2009.

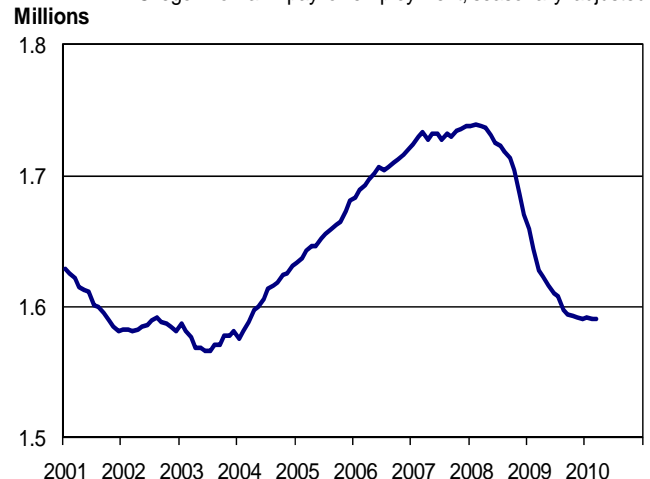
The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.7 percent in January, February and March.

In March, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment dropped by 400 jobs, following a loss of 900 (as revised) in February.

Oregon unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted



Oregon nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted



Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

In March, most of the major industries performed near their normal pattern. Only two major industries showed a seasonally adjusted job change of 1,000 or more: manufacturing (+1,100 jobs) and educational and health services (-1,000).

Manufacturing rose by 1,100 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, reaching a total of 162,400 jobs in March. This puts the industry back where it was during August through December 2009.

Wood product manufacturing was flat in March at 19,400 jobs, after having lost substantial numbers of workers over the past two years. Wood products employed more than 30,000 as recently as three years ago.

Fabricated metals manufacturing was also flat in March at 12,800. This industry's employment has plunged during the past year and a half, after having employed more than 17,000 two years ago.

Machinery manufacturing continues to fall, dropping to 8,700 in March, after having employed more than 12,000 two years ago.

Computer and electronic product manufacturing employment rose by 700 in March, but this followed a drop of 900 in February. The industry has been close to the 35,000 employment level for the past 12 months.

Transportation equipment manufacturing shed 400 jobs in March. The industry is down to 8,400 jobs, which is less than half its recent high of over 18,000 reached three years ago.

Perhaps the most positive component of manufacturing has been food manufacturing. It added 300 jobs in March and is up 2,000 jobs since March 2009. The March employment total for the industry was 23,400, which was its highest March reading since comparable records began in 1990.

Educational and health services cut 400 jobs during a month when it typically would add 600 due to normal seasonal changes. Most of the cuts in March came from ambulatory health care services, which shed 600 jobs. This industry employed 67,200 in March and is flat with its year-ago figure. The other three components of health care and social assistance are all up from their year-ago levels.

Government added 1,500 jobs in March when a gain of 900 is the normal seasonal pattern. Intermittent workers hired by the U.S. Census totaled 930 in March and 502 in February. The addition of the 428 Census workers boosted both federal government and total government for March.

State government employment added 700 in March and is up 600 since March 2009. Local government showed little gain in March and has been trending downward over the past year and a half, evidenced by a drop of 1,300 jobs since March 2009.

Leisure and hospitality has shown signs of improvement in recent months. Seasonally adjusted employment in the industry has risen in each of the past three months. The gains so far have been only a modest reversal of the steep decline in the industry during late 2008 and early 2009. Since March 2009, accommodation is up 200 jobs, while arts, entertainment, and recreation is up 400 jobs.

Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

In March, Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.6 percent, essentially unchanged from February's 10.5 percent.

In March, 229,083 Oregonians were unemployed. In March 2009, 241,319 Oregonians were unemployed.

Even though Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has been holding relatively steady over the past five months, the civilian labor force has been expanding for the first three months of 2010. This has been caused largely by an increase in labor force participation, meaning that a higher proportion of adults are joining the labor market. Oregon's seasonally adjusted civilian labor force hit a recent low of 1,935,774 in December 2009. By March 2010, it has risen to 1,955,720.

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 20th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on May 18th.

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Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009	Change From February 2010	Change From March 2009
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,958,304	1,941,045	1,974,263	17,259	-15,959
Unemployed	229,083	218,807	241,319	10,276	-12,236
Unemployment rate	11.7	11.3	12.2	0.4	-0.5
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	10.6	10.5	11.2	0.1	-0.6
Employed	1,729,221	1,722,238	1,732,944	6,983	-3,723
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,578,400	1,572,400	1,613,000	6,000	-34,600
Total private	1,272,200	1,267,700	1,306,300	4,500	-34,100
Natural resources and mining	6,500	6,600	6,700	-100	-200
Logging	4,900	5,100	5,100	-200	-200
Construction	60,000	60,100	72,600	-100	-12,600
Construction of buildings	14,700	14,700	17,900	0	-3,200
Residential building construction	8,500	8,600	9,900	-100	-1,400
Nonresidential building construction	6,200	6,100	8,000	100	-1,800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,900	7,700	8,500	200	-600
Specialty trade contractors	37,400	37,700	46,200	-300	-8,800
Building foundation and exterior contractors	5,500	5,500	8,500	0	-3,000
Building equipment contractors	18,300	18,600	21,100	-300	-2,800
Building finishing contractors	8,700	8,700	10,600	0	-1,900
Other specialty trade contractors	4,900	4,900	6,000	0	-1,100
Manufacturing	159,700	158,900	168,000	800	-8,300
Durable goods	111,700	111,300	120,400	400	-8,700
Wood product manufacturing	19,400	19,400	20,800	0	-1,400
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,800	5,800	6,300	0	-500
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	6,800	6,700	6,900	100	-100
Other wood product manufacturing	6,800	6,900	7,600	-100	-800
Primary metal manufacturing	7,800	7,700	8,800	100	-1,000
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,800	12,800	14,500	0	-1,700
Machinery manufacturing	8,700	9,000	10,100	-300	-1,400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	35,200	34,500	35,800	700	-600
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	27,400	26,500	25,800	900	1,600
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,600	5,300	-100	-800
Transportation equipment manufacturing	8,400	8,800	10,300	-400	-1,900
Nondurable goods	48,000	47,600	47,600	400	400
Food manufacturing	23,400	23,100	21,400	300	2,000
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	8,900	8,700	8,400	200	500
Paper manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,600	0	-500
Trade, transportation, and utilities	306,400	305,000	309,900	1,400	-3,500
Wholesale trade	74,800	74,100	76,100	700	-1,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	31,200	31,200	33,100	0	-1,900
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,400	29,700	30,400	700	0
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	13,200	13,200	12,600	0	600
Retail trade	179,600	178,800	180,000	800	-400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	22,900	22,500	21,300	400	1,600
Building material and garden supply stores	13,000	12,500	13,000	500	0
Food and beverage stores	37,600	38,000	37,300	-400	300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	14,200	14,300	15,200	-100	-1,000
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,200	9,100	9,400	100	-200
General merchandise stores	37,300	37,000	37,400	300	-100
Miscellaneous store retailers	9,700	9,900	9,700	-200	0
Nonstore retailers	5,800	5,900	6,100	-100	-300

	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009	Change From February 2010	Change From March 2009
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	52,000	52,100	53,800	-100	-1,800
Utilities	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	47,400	47,500	49,100	-100	-1,700
Truck transportation	15,000	15,100	16,600	-100	-1,600
Couriers and messengers	5,800	5,900	6,300	-100	-500
Warehousing and storage	6,800	6,800	7,200	0	-400
Information	32,500	33,100	33,300	-600	-800
Publishing industries, except internet	13,600	13,700	14,700	-100	-1,100
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	5,000	5,100	5,700	-100	-700
Software publishers	8,600	8,600	9,000	0	-400
Telecommunications	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
Financial activities	93,000	93,200	95,700	-200	-2,700
Finance and insurance	57,600	57,600	59,100	0	-1,500
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,100	27,200	27,600	-100	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,300	25,200	26,400	100	-1,100
Real estate and rental and leasing	35,400	35,600	36,600	-200	-1,200
Real estate	29,100	28,800	30,000	300	-900
Professional and business services	172,400	170,600	179,100	1,800	-6,700
Professional and technical services	69,600	68,100	72,000	1,500	-2,400
Legal services	12,000	12,100	12,000	-100	0
Architectural and engineering services	11,800	11,800	13,600	0	-1,800
Computer systems design and related services	9,100	9,100	9,600	0	-500
Management of companies and enterprises	28,500	29,000	30,700	-500	-2,200
Administrative and waste services	74,300	73,500	76,400	800	-2,100
Administrative and support services	66,500	66,000	71,300	500	-4,800
Employment services	25,900	25,200	25,900	700	0
Business support services	13,100	13,200	13,700	-100	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	17,200	17,400	18,400	-200	-1,200
Educational and health services	226,100	226,500	224,100	-400	2,000
Educational services	31,400	31,100	32,900	300	-1,500
Health care and social assistance	194,700	195,400	191,200	-700	3,500
Ambulatory health care services	67,200	67,800	67,200	-600	0
Hospitals	53,800	53,700	53,500	100	300
Nursing and residential care facilities	43,500	43,700	41,100	-200	2,400
Social assistance	30,200	30,200	29,400	0	800
Leisure and hospitality	158,700	156,600	159,200	2,100	-500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	22,500	22,100	22,100	400	400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	16,300	16,000	16,500	300	-200
Accommodation and food services	136,200	134,500	137,100	1,700	-900
Accommodation	19,400	18,500	19,200	900	200
Food services and drinking places	116,800	116,000	117,900	800	-1,100
Full-service restaurants	56,600	56,400	56,700	200	-100
Limited-service eating places	49,800	49,100	50,600	700	-800
Other services	56,900	57,100	57,700	-200	-800
Repair and maintenance	14,800	15,000	15,700	-200	-900
Personal and laundry services	12,500	12,500	12,800	0	-300
Membership associations and organizations	29,600	29,600	29,200	0	400
Religious organizations	16,900	16,900	17,000	0	-100
Government	306,200	304,700	306,700	1,500	-500
Federal government	29,100	28,600	28,900	500	200
State government	80,700	80,000	80,100	700	600
State education	31,500	31,000	31,300	500	200
Local government	196,400	196,100	197,700	300	-1,300
Indian tribal	8,200	8,200	8,100	0	100
Local education	108,700	108,400	109,500	300	-800
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics. "Natural resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).



**Seasonal Expectations and
 Over-the-Month Employment Changes**

February 2010 to March 2010

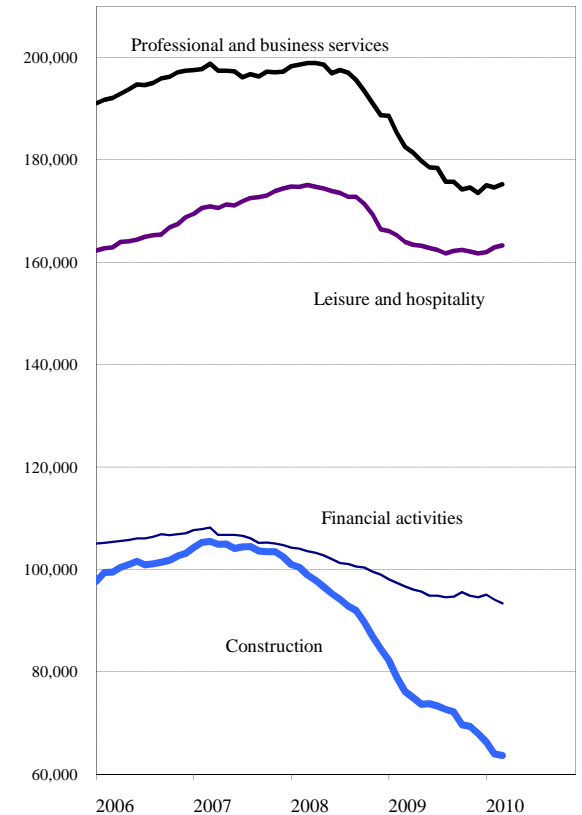
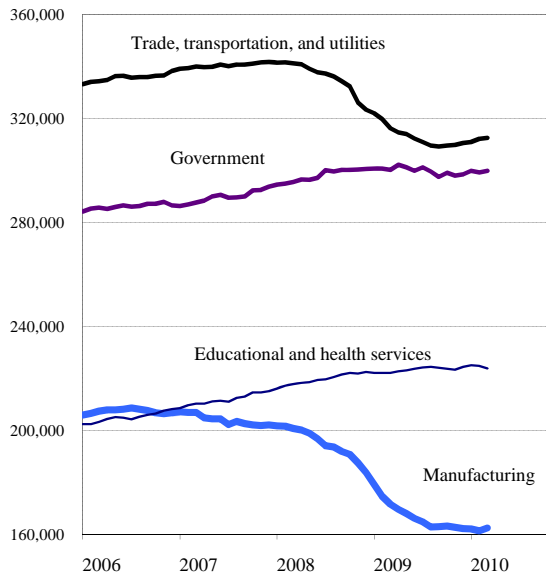
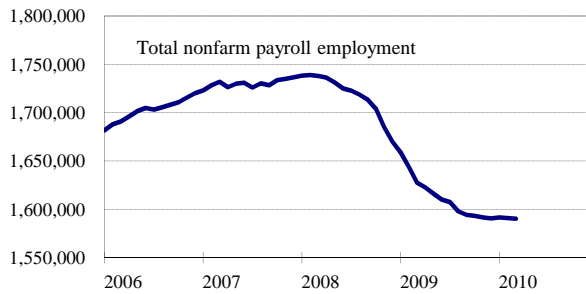
INDUSTRY	OVER THE MONTH		
	Normal Seasonal Movements	Unadjusted OTM Change	Seasonally Adjusted OTM Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	6,400	6,000	-400
Natural resources and mining	0	-100	-100
Construction	200	-100	-300
Manufacturing	-300	800	1,100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,000	1,400	400
Information	0	-600	-600
Financial activities	500	-200	-700
Professional and business services	1,200	1,800	600
Educational and health services	600	-400	-1,000
Leisure and hospitality	1,700	2,100	400
Other services	600	-200	-800
Government	900	1,500	600

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Employment

(Most recent 13 months)

Industry	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
Total nonfarm--monthly change	-15,800	-4,900	-6,800	-6,100	-2,400	-9,600	-3,700	-1,000	-1,800	-1,000	1,200	-900	-400
Total nonfarm	1,627,800	1,622,900	1,616,100	1,610,000	1,607,600	1,598,000	1,594,300	1,593,300	1,591,500	1,590,500	1,591,700	1,590,800	1,590,400
Natural resources and mining	7,300	7,200	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,700	6,800	6,900	7,000	7,000	6,900	7,200	7,100
Construction	76,200	75,000	73,700	73,800	73,400	72,700	72,200	69,700	69,400	68,000	66,300	64,000	63,700
Manufacturing	171,500	169,500	167,900	166,100	164,700	162,800	162,900	163,200	162,700	162,200	162,000	161,300	162,400
Trade, transportation, and utilities	316,100	314,600	313,900	312,200	310,900	309,500	309,100	309,500	309,700	310,500	310,900	312,100	312,500
Information	33,300	32,900	33,200	34,200	33,000	32,900	32,300	32,500	32,700	33,200	32,300	33,100	32,500
Financial activities	96,700	96,100	95,700	94,900	94,900	94,600	94,700	95,600	94,900	94,600	95,100	94,100	93,400
Professional and business services	182,500	181,400	179,800	178,500	178,400	175,700	175,700	174,200	174,600	173,500	175,000	174,600	175,200
Educational and health services	222,000	222,700	223,000	223,600	224,200	224,400	224,000	223,700	223,300	224,400	225,000	224,800	223,800
Leisure and hospitality	164,000	163,400	163,200	162,800	162,400	161,700	162,200	162,400	162,100	161,700	162,000	162,900	163,300
Other services	58,000	58,000	57,500	57,200	57,700	57,500	57,000	56,500	57,100	57,000	56,400	57,500	56,700
Government	300,200	302,100	301,200	299,800	301,200	299,500	297,400	299,100	298,000	298,400	299,800	299,200	299,800

Notes: The most recent month is a preliminary figure.



Oregon Labor Force and Industry Employment 2010

	Annual Average	Jan.*	Feb.*	March**	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Labor Force Status													
Civilian labor force		1,934,148	1,941,045	1,958,304									
Unemployed		225,261	218,807	229,083									
Unemployment rate		11.6	11.3	11.7									
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted		10.7	10.5	10.6									
Employed		1,708,887	1,722,238	1,729,221									
Nonfarm Payroll Employment													
Total nonfarm payroll employment		1,566,800	1,572,400	1,578,400									
Total private		1,266,400	1,267,700	1,272,200									
Natural resources and mining		6,500	6,600	6,500									
Logging		5,000	5,100	4,900									
Construction		62,400	60,100	60,000									
Construction of buildings		15,300	14,700	14,700									
Residential building construction		9,000	8,600	8,500									
Nonresidential building construction		6,300	6,100	6,200									
Heavy and civil engineering construction		8,000	7,700	7,900									
Specialty trade contractors		39,100	37,700	37,400									
Building foundation and exterior contractors		6,200	5,500	5,500									
Building equipment contractors		18,900	18,600	18,300									
Building finishing contractors		8,900	8,700	8,700									
Other specialty trade contractors		5,100	4,900	4,900									
Manufacturing		159,900	158,900	159,700									
Durable goods		112,700	111,300	111,700									
Wood product manufacturing		19,700	19,400	19,400									
Sawmills and wood preservation		5,900	5,800	5,800									
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.		6,600	6,700	6,800									
Other wood product manufacturing		7,200	6,900	6,800									
Primary metal manufacturing		7,500	7,700	7,800									
Fabricated metal product manufacturing		12,900	12,800	12,800									
Machinery manufacturing		9,300	9,000	8,700									
Computer and electronic product manufacturing		35,400	34,500	35,200									
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.		27,200	26,500	27,400									
Electronic instrument manufacturing		4,600	4,600	4,500									
Transportation equipment manufacturing		9,100	8,800	8,400									
Nondurable goods		47,200	47,600	48,000									
Food manufacturing		22,900	23,100	23,400									
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty		8,700	8,700	8,900									
Paper manufacturing		5,200	5,100	5,100									
Trade, transportation, and utilities		307,600	305,000	306,400									
Wholesale trade		73,700	74,100	74,800									
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods		30,900	31,200	31,200									
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods		29,500	29,700	30,400									
Electronic markets and agents and brokers		13,300	13,200	13,200									
Retail trade		180,700	178,800	179,600									
Motor vehicle and parts dealers		22,600	22,500	22,900									
Building material and garden supply stores		12,400	12,500	13,000									
Food and beverage stores		37,800	38,000	37,600									
Clothing and clothing accessories stores		14,900	14,300	14,200									
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores		9,400	9,100	9,200									
General merchandise stores		37,500	37,000	37,300									
Miscellaneous store retailers		9,800	9,900	9,700									
Nonstore retailers		6,200	5,900	5,800									

	Annual Average	Jan.*	Feb.*	March**	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities		53,200	52,100	52,000									
Utilities		4,600	4,600	4,600									
Transportation and warehousing		48,600	47,500	47,400									
Truck transportation		15,400	15,100	15,000									
Couriers and messengers		5,900	5,900	5,800									
Warehousing and storage		6,800	6,800	6,800									
Information		32,300	33,100	32,500									
Publishing industries, except internet		13,800	13,700	13,600									
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers		5,100	5,100	5,000									
Software publishers		8,700	8,600	8,600									
Telecommunications		7,000	7,000	7,000									
Financial activities		93,500	93,200	93,000									
Finance and insurance		57,700	57,600	57,600									
Credit intermediation and related activities		27,400	27,200	27,100									
Insurance carriers and related activities		25,300	25,200	25,300									
Real estate and rental and leasing		35,800	35,600	35,400									
Real estate		29,000	28,800	29,100									
Professional and business services		169,400	170,600	172,400									
Professional and technical services		67,000	68,100	69,600									
Legal services		12,000	12,100	12,000									
Architectural and engineering services		11,900	11,800	11,800									
Computer systems design and related services		9,100	9,100	9,100									
Management of companies and enterprises		29,300	29,000	28,500									
Administrative and waste services		73,100	73,500	74,300									
Administrative and support services		65,500	66,000	66,500									
Employment services		24,700	25,200	25,900									
Business support services		13,200	13,200	13,100									
Services to buildings and dwellings		17,200	17,400	17,200									
Educational and health services		224,300	226,500	226,100									
Educational services		29,500	31,100	31,400									
Health care and social assistance		194,800	195,400	194,700									
Ambulatory health care services		67,700	67,800	67,200									
Hospitals		53,500	53,700	53,800									
Nursing and residential care facilities		43,300	43,700	43,500									
Social assistance		30,300	30,200	30,200									
Leisure and hospitality		155,000	156,600	158,700									
Arts, entertainment, and recreation		21,300	22,100	22,500									
Amusement, gambling, and recreation		15,900	16,000	16,300									
Accommodation and food services		133,700	134,500	136,200									
Accommodation		18,000	18,500	19,400									
Food services and drinking places		115,700	116,000	116,800									
Full-service restaurants		56,200	56,400	56,600									
Limited-service eating places		48,700	49,100	49,800									
Other services		55,500	57,100	56,900									
Repair and maintenance		14,400	15,000	14,800									
Personal and laundry services		12,300	12,500	12,500									
Membership associations and organizations		28,800	29,600	29,600									
Religious organizations		16,500	16,900	16,900									
Government		300,400	304,700	306,200									
Federal government		28,700	28,600	29,100									
State government		78,300	80,000	80,700									
State education		29,500	31,000	31,500									
Local government		193,400	196,100	196,400									
Indian tribal		8,200	8,200	8,200									
Local education		105,700	108,400	108,700									
Labor-management disputes		0	0	0									

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