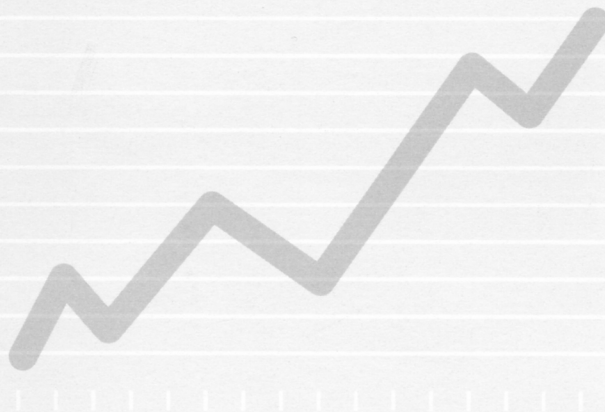


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# **BLUE CHIP JOB GROWTH HIGHLIGHTS**

## **December 2008 vs. December 2007**

### **In the U.S. economy:**

- The U.S. economy contracted by 2,928,000 nonagricultural jobs in December 2008 over December 2007, a 2.1 percent decrease (page 1).
- The goods producing sector contracted by 1,430,000 jobs, a 6.5 percent decrease in December 2008 compared to December 2007 (page 2).
- The service providing sector contracted by 1,498,000 jobs in December 2008 over December 2007, a 1.28 percent decrease (page 3).

### **Among the states:**

- Wyoming holds the number one rank in total nonagricultural job growth in December 2008 over December 2007, with a 2.2 percent increase representing 6,400 jobs (page 1).
- The lowest rate of total nonagricultural job growth for December 2008 compared to December 2007 was in Rhode Island, with a 4.5 percent decrease. (-22,100 jobs) (page 1).
- The Oklahoma construction and mining sector recorded 6.7 percent job growth in December 2008 compared to December 2007 (8,100 jobs) (page 4).
- Oregon recorded 5.4 percent job growth in the educational and health services sector in December 2008, which represents 11,000 jobs (page 11).
- Montana recorded 4.3 percent job growth in the Leisure and Hospitality services sector in December 2008, which represents 2,400 jobs (page 12).

### **Among the metro areas:**

- In metropolitan markets with under 1,000,000 workers, the McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, Texas metropolitan area ranked first in nonagricultural job growth for December 2008 over December 2007, posting a 3.8 percent gain, which represented 8,200 jobs.
- Among metropolitan markets with a workforce of over 1,000,000, the Houston, Baytown, Sugar Land, Texas metropolitan area had the highest rate of growth in nonagricultural employment for December 2008 over December 2007, posting a 2.2 percent gain, which represented 57,300 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: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Wyoming .....	1	2.21	2	2.84	6.4	296.3	289.9
Texas .....	2	1.47	4	2.32	154.7	10,692.7	10,538.0
Alaska .....	3	0.99	27	0.56	3.0	306.5	303.5
Oklahoma.....	4	0.97	14	1.19	15.4	1,599.7	1,584.3
South Dakota.....	5	0.79	11	1.27	3.2	410.2	407.0
North Dakota.....	6	0.52	15	1.14	1.9	365.0	363.1
Louisiana.....	7	0.44	3	2.36	8.5	1,958.0	1,949.5
Kansas .....	8	0.06	17	0.92	0.8	1,397.6	1,396.8
Nebraska .....	9	-0.13	8	1.75	-1.3	974.7	976.0
West Virginia.....	10	-0.35	47	-0.34	-2.7	760.8	763.5
Iowa .....	11	-0.48	31	0.46	-7.3	1,526.9	1,534.2
Maryland.....	12	-0.57	24	0.73	-15.0	2,630.4	2,645.4
Colorado.....	13	-0.68	7	1.79	-16.2	2,351.2	2,367.4
New Mexico.....	14	-0.80	22	0.81	-6.8	844.3	851.1
Virginia .....	15	-0.82	26	0.59	-31.1	3,766.4	3,797.5
Montana .....	16	-0.85	6	1.91	-3.8	443.8	447.6
Missouri .....	17	-0.96	40	0.21	-27.0	2,788.3	2,815.3
New Hampshire .....	18	-1.09	13	1.23	-7.2	653.3	660.5
Massachusetts .....	19	-1.29	25	0.61	-42.8	3,273.0	3,315.8
Washington .....	20	-1.30	5	2.31	-38.5	2,931.6	2,970.1
Pennsylvania.....	21	-1.31	36	0.37	-76.6	5,779.4	5,856.0
New York.....	22	-1.36	19	0.88	-121.4	8,778.5	8,899.9
New Jersey.....	23	-1.54	43	-0.03	-63.6	4,057.6	4,121.2
Arkansas.....	24	-1.55	34	0.40	-18.8	1,193.3	1,212.1
Ohio .....	25	-1.64	45	-0.18	-89.7	5,381.6	5,471.3
Illinois .....	26	-1.69	28	0.52	-101.9	5,931.2	6,033.1
California .....	27	-1.70	42	0.06	-259.8	15,030.7	15,290.5
Delaware .....	28	-1.71	38	0.29	-7.6	435.7	443.3
Connecticut .....	29	-1.72	23	0.74	-29.8	1,699.5	1,729.3
Vermont .....	30	-1.87	44	-0.03	-5.9	308.9	314.8
Maine .....	31	-1.89	32	0.45	-11.8	612.4	624.2
Kentucky .....	32	-1.95	18	0.92	-37.0	1,856.9	1,893.9
Minnesota.....	33	-1.99	39	0.23	-55.4	2,732.1	2,787.5
Alabama .....	34	-2.07	12	1.25	-41.9	1,983.2	2,025.1
UNITED STATES.....	.	-2.11	.	0.82	-2928.0	135,947.0	138,875.0
Hawaii .....	35	-2.14	29	0.46	-13.6	621.6	635.2
Utah.....	36	-2.14	1	2.85	-27.4	1,251.3	1,278.7
Wisconsin.....	37	-2.16	41	0.10	-62.6	2,833.4	2,896.0
Mississippi .....	38	-2.26	30	0.46	-26.3	1,135.0	1,161.3
Tennessee.....	39	-2.28	35	0.38	-64.5	2,764.9	2,829.4
Nevada .....	40	-2.47	33	0.42	-32.1	1,268.9	1,301.0
Oregon .....	41	-2.58	21	0.82	-45.1	1,703.6	1,748.7
South Carolina .....	42	-2.76	16	0.93	-54.1	1,906.9	1,961.0
North Carolina .....	43	-2.87	10	1.63	-120.7	4,090.2	4,210.9
Georgia.....	44	-2.91	20	0.87	-121.8	4,068.0	4,189.8
Florida.....	45	-3.09	48	-0.35	-250.7	7,873.7	8,124.4
Indiana .....	46	-3.72	37	0.32	-112.3	2,908.5	3,020.8
Michigan .....	47	-4.09	50	-1.59	-175.0	4,101.4	4,276.4
Idaho .....	48	-4.32	9	1.64	-28.4	629.6	658.0
Arizona.....	49	-4.33	46	-0.19	-116.5	2,577.0	2,693.5
Rhode Island .....	50	-4.46	49	-1.22	-22.1	473.1	495.2

## Goods Producing Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Oklahoma .....	1	3.10	8	1.80	8.4	279.2	270.8
Alaska .....	2	2.22	11	0.84	0.8	36.9	36.1
Wyoming .....	3	2.18	7	1.91	1.4	65.5	64.1
Texas .....	4	-0.07	3	2.65	-1.2	1,798.2	1,799.4
Louisiana .....	5	-0.14	6	1.99	-0.5	347.3	347.8
South Dakota .....	6	-0.93	14	0.16	-0.6	63.6	64.2
North Dakota .....	7	-1.01	12	0.61	-0.5	48.8	49.3
West Virginia .....	8	-1.69	45	-3.79	-2.1	122.2	124.3
Kansas .....	9	-2.46	10	1.05	-6.4	253.4	259.8
Nebraska .....	10	-2.61	4	2.61	-4.0	149.1	153.1
New Mexico .....	11	-2.90	27	-1.64	-3.3	110.5	113.8
Colorado .....	12	-3.02	19	-0.71	-10.1	324.1	334.2
Iowa .....	13	-3.53	18	-0.65	-10.7	292.8	303.5
Virginia.....	14	-3.77	41	-2.60	-19.8	505.4	525.2
Connecticut.....	15	-4.03	17	-0.53	-10.5	249.8	260.3
New York .....	16	-4.07	23	-1.13	-36.8	867.7	904.5
Missouri.....	17	-4.20	35	-2.14	-18.8	428.8	447.6
Arkansas .....	18	-4.30	43	-3.05	-10.8	240.1	250.9
Mississippi.....	19	-4.58	42	-2.96	-10.8	225.1	235.9
Pennsylvania.....	20	-4.62	26	-1.35	-43.0	888.4	931.4
Massachusetts .....	21	-4.74	29	-1.75	-20.5	411.6	432.1
Tennessee .....	22	-5.00	36	-2.19	-25.7	488.0	513.7
Maryland .....	23	-5.03	20	-0.89	-16.2	305.8	322.0
Maine.....	24	-5.09	21	-0.96	-4.7	87.7	92.4
Alabama.....	25	-5.15	16	-0.26	-21.7	399.8	421.5
New Jersey .....	26	-5.21	38	-2.48	-25.2	458.8	484.0
Montana.....	27	-5.28	5	2.36	-3.2	57.4	60.6
New Hampshire .....	28	-5.29	13	0.37	-5.7	102.1	107.8
Illinois.....	29	-5.48	25	-1.30	-52.1	899.4	951.5
Washington.....	30	-5.49	2	2.67	-27.8	479.0	506.8
Wisconsin .....	31	-5.74	28	-1.65	-35.6	584.2	619.8
Minnesota .....	32	-5.92	39	-2.52	-27.0	428.9	455.9
California.....	33	-5.95	44	-3.54	-138.2	2,184.1	2,322.3
Ohio .....	34	-6.09	30	-1.78	-61.3	945.0	1,006.3
UNITED STATES.....	.	-6.53	.	-1.88	-1430.0	20,474.0	21,904.0
Hawaii .....	35	-6.68	9	1.47	-3.7	51.7	55.4
Kentucky .....	36	-6.98	32	-1.85	-25.2	335.7	360.9
Vermont.....	37	-7.14	40	-2.56	-3.8	49.4	53.2
North Carolina .....	38	-7.26	24	-1.30	-58.0	741.3	799.3
Delaware.....	39	-8.29	15	-0.16	-5.2	57.5	62.7
South Carolina .....	40	-8.99	22	-1.09	-34.2	346.2	380.4
Rhode Island.....	41	-9.00	47	-5.00	-6.5	65.7	72.2
Georgia .....	42	-9.09	37	-2.34	-59.6	596.4	656.0
Indiana .....	43	-9.24	33	-1.94	-64.9	637.3	702.2
Michigan.....	44	-9.68	48	-5.35	-75.0	700.0	775.0
Oregon .....	45	-10.11	34	-1.99	-31.4	279.1	310.5
Nevada.....	46	-11.30	46	-3.87	-21.6	169.6	191.2
Utah .....	47	-11.43	1	3.38	-28.0	217.0	245.0
Arizona .....	48	-12.12	49	-5.62	-49.0	355.4	404.4
Florida .....	49	-12.19	50	-9.12	-116.4	838.1	954.5
Idaho.....	50	-13.37	31	-1.79	-16.1	104.3	120.4

### Service Providing Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Wyoming .....	1	2.21	1	3.11	5.0	230.8	225.8
Texas .....	2	1.78	6	2.25	155.9	8,894.5	8,738.6
South Dakota.....	3	1.11	14	1.48	3.8	346.6	342.8
Alaska .....	4	0.82	42	0.53	2.2	269.6	267.4
North Dakota.....	5	0.76	20	1.23	2.4	316.2	313.8
Kansas .....	6	0.63	32	0.90	7.2	1,144.2	1,137.0
Louisiana.....	7	0.56	4	2.44	9.0	1,610.7	1,601.7
Oklahoma.....	8	0.53	25	1.07	7.0	1,320.5	1,313.5
Nebraska .....	9	0.33	11	1.59	2.7	825.6	822.9
Iowa .....	10	0.28	36	0.74	3.4	1,234.1	1,230.7
Utah.....	11	0.06	2	2.72	0.6	1,034.3	1,033.7
Maryland.....	12	0.05	30	0.96	1.2	2,324.6	2,323.4
West Virginia.....	13	-0.09	46	0.36	-0.6	638.6	639.2
Montana .....	14	-0.16	9	1.84	-0.6	386.4	387.0
New Hampshire .....	15	-0.27	17	1.39	-1.5	551.2	552.7
Colorado.....	16	-0.30	8	2.21	-6.1	2,027.1	2,033.2
Virginia .....	17	-0.35	23	1.12	-11.3	3,261.0	3,272.3
Missouri .....	18	-0.35	40	0.67	-8.2	2,359.5	2,367.7
Washington .....	19	-0.43	7	2.24	-10.7	2,452.6	2,463.3
New Mexico.....	20	-0.47	22	1.19	-3.5	733.8	737.3
Delaware .....	21	-0.63	44	0.37	-2.4	378.2	380.6
Ohio .....	22	-0.64	48	0.19	-28.4	4,436.6	4,465.0
Pennsylvania.....	23	-0.68	38	0.71	-33.6	4,891.0	4,924.6
Kentucky .....	24	-0.77	12	1.59	-11.8	1,521.2	1,533.0
Massachusetts .....	25	-0.77	28	0.97	-22.3	2,861.4	2,883.7
Vermont .....	26	-0.80	43	0.50	-2.1	259.5	261.6
Arkansas.....	27	-0.83	19	1.34	-8.0	953.2	961.2
California .....	28	-0.94	37	0.73	-121.6	12,846.6	12,968.2
Nevada .....	29	-0.95	21	1.19	-10.5	1,099.3	1,109.8
Oregon .....	30	-0.95	15	1.45	-13.7	1,424.5	1,438.2
Illinois .....	31	-0.98	33	0.87	-49.8	5,031.8	5,081.6
New Jersey.....	32	-1.06	47	0.31	-38.4	3,598.8	3,637.2
New York.....	33	-1.06	24	1.12	-84.6	7,910.8	7,995.4
Wisconsin.....	34	-1.19	41	0.59	-27.0	2,249.2	2,276.2
Minnesota.....	35	-1.22	35	0.78	-28.4	2,303.2	2,331.6
South Carolina .....	36	-1.26	16	1.42	-19.9	1,560.7	1,580.6
Alabama .....	37	-1.26	10	1.65	-20.2	1,583.4	1,603.6
UNITED STATES.....	.	-1.28	.	1.34	-1498.0	115,473.0	116,971.0
Connecticut .....	38	-1.31	29	0.97	-19.3	1,449.7	1,469.0
Maine .....	39	-1.34	39	0.70	-7.1	524.7	531.8
Mississippi .....	40	-1.67	18	1.37	-15.5	909.9	925.4
Tennessee.....	41	-1.68	27	0.97	-38.8	2,276.9	2,315.7
Hawaii .....	42	-1.71	45	0.36	-9.9	569.9	579.8
Georgia.....	43	-1.76	13	1.49	-62.2	3,471.6	3,533.8
North Carolina .....	44	-1.84	5	2.34	-62.7	3,348.9	3,411.6
Florida.....	45	-1.87	31	0.94	-134.3	7,035.6	7,169.9
Indiana .....	46	-2.04	26	1.02	-47.4	2,271.2	2,318.6
Idaho .....	47	-2.29	3	2.44	-12.3	525.3	537.6
Michigan .....	48	-2.86	50	-0.72	-100.0	3,401.4	3,501.4
Arizona.....	49	-2.95	34	0.84	-67.5	2,221.6	2,289.1
Rhode Island .....	50	-3.69	49	-0.54	-15.6	407.4	423.0

## Construction & Mining Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Oklahoma .....	1	6.71	4	4.96	8.1	128.8	120.7
Alaska .....	2	3.75	18	1.03	1.1	30.4	29.3
Wyoming .....	3	2.99	13	2.29	1.6	55.2	53.6
Louisiana .....	4	2.77	12	2.29	5.2	192.8	187.6
Texas .....	5	1.98	2	5.62	17.1	880.4	863.3
North Dakota .....	6	1.71	7	3.54	0.4	23.8	23.4
West Virginia .....	7	0.15	42	-4.08	0.1	66.0	65.9
New Mexico .....	8	0.00	26	-0.51	0.0	77.5	77.5
Mississippi .....	9	-0.59	23	-0.15	-0.4	67.4	67.8
Nebraska .....	10	-0.99	1	5.63	-0.5	50.2	50.7
Arkansas .....	11	-1.23	20	0.46	-0.8	64.1	64.9
Missouri .....	12	-2.06	22	0.00	-3.1	147.2	150.3
Kansas .....	13	-2.33	21	0.41	-1.7	71.3	73.0
Colorado .....	14	-2.45	25	-0.27	-4.6	183.5	188.1
Alabama .....	15	-3.64	11	2.60	-4.6	121.9	126.5
Pennsylvania .....	16	-4.36	17	1.05	-12.2	267.6	279.8
South Dakota .....	17	-4.57	36	-2.23	-1.0	20.9	21.9
New York .....	18	-4.61	14	1.94	-16.5	341.3	357.8
Iowa .....	19	-5.20	34	-1.88	-3.8	69.3	73.1
New Jersey .....	20	-5.38	35	-2.20	-9.3	163.7	173.0
Maryland .....	21	-5.51	24	-0.21	-10.5	180.0	190.5
Virginia .....	22	-5.76	38	-2.57	-14.4	235.6	250.0
North Carolina .....	23	-6.91	15	1.46	-18.2	245.2	263.4
Wisconsin .....	24	-7.35	40	-2.75	-9.1	114.7	123.8
UNITED STATES .....	.	-7.38	.	-1.92	-600.0	7,528.0	8,128.0
Montana .....	25	-7.73	6	4.16	-3.1	37.0	40.1
Connecticut .....	26	-7.84	19	0.88	-5.4	63.5	68.9
Ohio .....	27	-8.00	27	-0.63	-18.8	216.3	235.1
Tennessee .....	28	-8.31	3	5.17	-12.0	132.4	144.4
Hawaii .....	29	-8.46	9	3.08	-3.4	36.8	40.2
Kentucky .....	30	-8.54	10	2.74	-9.3	99.6	108.9
Massachusetts .....	31	-8.60	33	-1.50	-11.9	126.4	138.3
New Hampshire .....	32	-8.81	16	1.37	-2.6	26.9	29.5
Washington .....	33	-9.56	8	3.12	-20.2	191.2	211.4
Minnesota .....	34	-9.73	45	-5.14	-11.5	106.7	118.2
California .....	35	-10.45	47	-6.28	-91.5	783.8	875.3
Maine .....	36	-10.54	30	-0.90	-3.5	29.7	33.2
Georgia .....	37	-11.06	29	-0.86	-25.6	205.9	231.5
Delaware .....	38	-11.31	39	-2.75	-3.2	25.1	28.3
Rhode Island .....	39	-11.82	48	-6.78	-2.6	19.4	22.0
Indiana .....	40	-12.17	37	-2.33	-18.9	136.4	155.3
Illinois .....	41	-12.24	31	-1.11	-33.8	242.3	276.1
Vermont .....	42	-12.87	43	-5.00	-2.2	14.9	17.1
Oregon .....	43	-13.24	41	-2.79	-14.3	93.7	108.0
Nevada .....	44	-14.08	44	-5.06	-19.8	120.8	140.6
Michigan .....	45	-15.25	46	-5.90	-25.3	140.6	165.9
Idaho .....	46	-15.27	32	-1.26	-8.4	46.6	55.0
Florida .....	47	-15.42	50	-11.83	-88.3	484.3	572.6
South Carolina .....	48	-16.27	28	-0.68	-21.4	110.1	131.5
Utah .....	49	-19.41	5	4.41	-22.5	93.4	115.9
Arizona .....	50	-19.97	49	-8.99	-44.7	179.1	223.8

### Manufacturing Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
South Dakota.....	1	1.43	13	-0.47	0.6	42.7	42.1
Oklahoma.....	2	0.20	14	-0.60	0.3	150.4	150.1
Montana .....	3	-0.49	15	-0.97	-0.1	20.4	20.5
Wyoming .....	4	-1.90	10	0.00	-0.2	10.3	10.5
Texas.....	5	-1.95	7	0.05	-18.3	917.8	936.1
Virginia.....	6	-1.96	37	-2.62	-5.4	269.8	275.2
Hawaii.....	7	-1.97	35	-2.56	-0.3	14.9	15.2
Maine.....	8	-2.03	16	-1.00	-1.2	58.0	59.2
Arizona.....	9	-2.38	18	-1.10	-4.3	176.3	180.6
Kansas.....	10	-2.52	5	1.30	-4.7	182.1	186.8
Washington.....	11	-2.57	2	2.36	-7.6	287.8	295.4
Connecticut.....	12	-2.66	17	-1.03	-5.1	186.3	191.4
Illinois.....	13	-2.71	23	-1.37	-18.3	657.1	675.4
Massachusetts.....	14	-2.93	30	-1.87	-8.6	285.2	293.8
Iowa.....	15	-2.99	11	-0.26	-6.9	223.5	230.4
California.....	16	-3.23	27	-1.81	-46.7	1,400.3	1,447.0
Nebraska.....	17	-3.42	6	1.19	-3.5	98.9	102.4
North Dakota.....	18	-3.47	31	-1.89	-0.9	25.0	25.9
Nevada.....	19	-3.56	12	-0.39	-1.8	48.8	50.6
Louisiana.....	20	-3.56	4	1.65	-5.7	154.5	160.2
New York.....	21	-3.71	39	-3.03	-20.3	526.4	546.7
Colorado.....	22	-3.76	19	-1.28	-5.5	140.6	146.1
West Virginia.....	23	-3.77	42	-3.47	-2.2	56.2	58.4
New Hampshire.....	24	-3.96	9	0.00	-3.1	75.2	78.3
Utah.....	25	-4.26	1	2.46	-5.5	123.6	129.1
Maryland.....	26	-4.33	29	-1.87	-5.7	125.8	131.5
Alaska.....	27	-4.41	8	0.00	-0.3	6.5	6.8
Vermont.....	28	-4.43	21	-1.37	-1.6	34.5	36.1
Minnesota.....	29	-4.59	26	-1.57	-15.5	322.2	337.7
Pennsylvania.....	30	-4.73	34	-2.34	-30.8	620.8	651.6
New Jersey.....	31	-5.11	38	-2.63	-15.9	295.1	311.0
South Carolina.....	32	-5.14	20	-1.31	-12.8	236.1	248.9
Missouri.....	33	-5.28	41	-3.19	-15.7	281.6	297.3
Wisconsin.....	34	-5.34	22	-1.37	-26.5	469.5	496.0
Tennessee.....	35	-5.35	44	-3.77	-20.1	355.6	375.7
Arkansas.....	36	-5.38	48	-4.22	-10.0	176.0	186.0
Ohio.....	37	-5.51	32	-2.12	-42.5	728.7	771.2
Alabama.....	38	-5.80	24	-1.44	-17.1	277.9	295.0
Delaware.....	39	-5.81	3	2.08	-2.0	32.4	34.4
UNITED STATES.....	.	-6.02	.	-1.86	-830.0	12,946.0	13,776.0
Mississippi.....	40	-6.19	46	-4.05	-10.4	157.7	168.1
Kentucky.....	41	-6.31	43	-3.71	-15.9	236.1	252.0
Florida.....	42	-7.36	49	-4.74	-28.1	353.8	381.9
North Carolina.....	43	-7.43	36	-2.60	-39.8	496.1	535.9
Rhode Island.....	44	-7.77	47	-4.20	-3.9	46.3	50.2
Georgia.....	45	-8.01	40	-3.13	-34.0	390.5	424.5
Michigan.....	46	-8.16	50	-5.20	-49.7	559.4	609.1
Indiana.....	47	-8.41	28	-1.83	-46.0	500.9	546.9
Oregon.....	48	-8.44	25	-1.56	-17.1	185.4	202.5
New Mexico.....	49	-9.09	45	-3.97	-3.3	33.0	36.3
Idaho.....	50	-11.77	33	-2.24	-7.7	57.7	65.4



## Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
North Dakota .....	1	7.80	33	0.00	1.1	15.2	14.1
Delaware.....	2	2.78	21	0.70	0.4	14.8	14.4
Iowa.....	3	1.58	37	-0.16	1.0	64.2	63.2
Alaska.....	4	1.52	31	0.00	0.3	20.1	19.8
Maryland .....	5	1.46	49	-2.14	1.2	83.6	82.4
Nevada.....	6	1.10	3	2.82	0.6	55.2	54.6
Texas .....	7	0.82	19	0.78	3.6	442.7	439.1
Mississippi.....	8	0.81	23	0.61	0.4	49.5	49.1
South Dakota .....	9	0.76	20	0.76	0.1	13.3	13.2
Montana.....	10	0.57	7	2.34	0.1	17.6	17.5
Oklahoma .....	11	0.34	13	1.39	0.2	58.6	58.4
Washington.....	12	0.31	12	1.55	0.3	98.4	98.1
Louisiana .....	13	0.12	48	-2.14	0.1	82.5	82.4
New York .....	14	0.00	41	-0.99	0.0	280.1	280.1
Wyoming.....	15	0.00	1	9.35	0.0	15.2	15.2
Oregon.....	16	-0.17	39	-0.50	-0.1	59.8	59.9
Massachusetts.....	17	-0.23	24	0.58	-0.2	86.7	86.9
Illinois.....	18	-0.30	29	0.22	-0.8	270.3	271.1
West Virginia .....	19	-0.37	42	-1.11	-0.1	26.6	26.7
New Hampshire.....	20	-0.63	50	-2.47	-0.1	15.7	15.8
Utah .....	21	-0.77	9	2.16	-0.4	51.7	52.1
Alabama.....	22	-0.83	25	0.55	-0.6	71.9	72.5
Colorado .....	23	-0.88	6	2.46	-0.7	78.5	79.2
Kansas .....	24	-1.08	16	1.09	-0.6	54.8	55.4
Missouri.....	25	-1.10	17	0.92	-1.2	108.0	109.2
South Carolina.....	26	-1.48	4	2.73	-1.0	66.7	67.7
California.....	27	-1.49	14	1.29	-7.7	509.7	517.4
New Jersey .....	28	-1.53	38	-0.22	-2.8	180.4	183.2
Arizona .....	29	-1.85	45	-1.71	-1.6	84.8	86.4
Pennsylvania.....	30	-1.86	18	0.86	-4.6	242.3	246.9
Vermont.....	31	-2.20	35	0.00	-0.2	8.9	9.1
Nebraska.....	32	-2.29	5	2.53	-1.3	55.4	56.7
Georgia .....	33	-2.32	10	1.94	-4.5	189.5	194.0
Connecticut.....	34	-2.36	26	0.55	-1.3	53.8	55.1
Ohio .....	35	-2.41	28	0.28	-5.2	210.9	216.1
New Mexico .....	36	-2.71	2	3.20	-0.7	25.1	25.8
Maine.....	37	-2.81	11	1.71	-0.5	17.3	17.8
Virginia.....	38	-2.84	36	0.00	-3.5	119.8	123.3
Idaho.....	39	-3.33	32	0.00	-0.7	20.3	21.0
UNITED STATES.....	.	-3.39	.	0.63	-156.5	4,456.1	4,612.6
North Carolina.....	40	-3.71	46	-1.71	-4.9	127.0	131.9
Kentucky .....	41	-3.74	8	2.17	-3.7	95.3	99.0
Tennessee .....	42	-3.79	34	0.00	-5.7	144.7	150.4
Wisconsin .....	43	-3.99	30	0.18	-4.5	108.2	112.7
Rhode Island.....	44	-4.46	47	-1.75	-0.5	10.7	11.2
Michigan.....	45	-4.47	27	0.46	-5.9	126.1	132.0
Indiana .....	46	-5.29	40	-0.96	-7.1	127.1	134.2
Minnesota.....	47	-5.97	15	1.25	-5.8	91.3	97.1
Arkansas .....	48	-7.05	43	-1.16	-4.8	63.3	68.1
Florida .....	49	-8.10	22	0.63	-20.7	234.8	255.5
Hawaii .....	50	-13.64	44	-1.20	-4.5	28.5	33.0

### Trade Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Wyoming .....	1	1.94	2	2.99	0.8	42.1	41.3
Iowa .....	2	1.15	40	-0.24	2.9	255.5	252.6
Kansas .....	3	1.08	27	0.38	2.3	216.2	213.9
Nebraska .....	4	0.98	18	0.65	1.5	155.3	153.8
South Dakota.....	5	0.85	11	1.74	0.6	70.9	70.3
Texas .....	6	0.52	5	2.00	9.0	1,744.3	1,735.3
Alaska .....	7	0.24	31	0.24	0.1	42.3	42.2
North Dakota.....	8	0.16	35	0.00	0.1	64.0	63.9
Louisiana.....	9	0.00	12	1.48	0.0	308.9	308.9
Kentucky .....	10	-0.07	15	0.91	-0.2	299.8	300.0
Oklahoma.....	11	-0.42	14	0.94	-1.0	236.4	237.4
Hawaii .....	12	-0.98	33	0.11	-0.9	90.8	91.7
New Hampshire .....	13	-1.06	22	0.53	-1.4	130.8	132.2
Missouri .....	14	-1.12	29	0.24	-5.1	448.8	453.9
Nevada .....	15	-1.12	4	2.19	-2.1	184.7	186.8
Arkansas.....	16	-1.23	28	0.32	-2.3	184.0	186.3
Ohio .....	17	-1.30	34	0.05	-11.3	858.7	870.0
New Mexico.....	18	-1.30	13	1.40	-1.6	121.4	123.0
Illinois .....	19	-1.60	16	0.75	-15.7	963.3	979.0
Mississippi .....	20	-1.81	43	-0.33	-3.3	179.1	182.4
Colorado.....	21	-1.96	8	1.91	-7.2	360.7	367.9
Virginia .....	22	-2.08	37	-0.14	-11.8	556.2	568.0
Minnesota.....	23	-2.12	21	0.54	-9.5	438.1	447.6
New Jersey.....	24	-2.22	42	-0.26	-16.1	708.9	725.0
Wisconsin.....	25	-2.24	45	-0.44	-10.1	441.2	451.3
Montana .....	26	-2.33	3	2.65	-1.8	75.6	77.4
Alabama .....	27	-2.39	10	1.76	-8.0	327.4	335.4
West Virginia.....	28	-2.42	41	-0.25	-2.9	117.0	119.9
Tennessee.....	29	-2.43	24	0.44	-11.6	466.7	478.3
Maryland.....	30	-2.60	39	-0.19	-10.7	400.3	411.0
Pennsylvania.....	31	-2.64	44	-0.43	-24.4	899.1	923.5
New York.....	32	-2.65	26	0.40	-34.6	1,270.9	1,305.5
Utah.....	33	-2.67	1	4.52	-5.5	200.5	206.0
Georgia.....	34	-2.72	17	0.73	-19.6	701.5	721.1
Delaware .....	35	-2.79	25	0.42	-2.0	69.6	71.6
Vermont .....	36	-2.87	48	-0.95	-1.5	50.8	52.3
Massachusetts .....	37	-2.90	47	-0.73	-14.6	488.6	503.2
Washington .....	38	-3.02	6	1.98	-14.3	459.8	474.1
UNITED STATES .....	.	-3.35	.	1.16	-744.7	21,465.4	22,210.1
Indiana .....	39	-3.53	20	0.56	-16.6	453.3	469.9
California .....	40	-3.57	46	-0.58	-88.6	2,395.2	2,483.8
Michigan .....	41	-3.66	50	-1.48	-24.7	649.8	674.5
North Carolina .....	42	-3.82	9	1.86	-25.6	643.8	669.4
South Carolina .....	43	-4.09	36	-0.03	-13.0	305.0	318.0
Connecticut .....	44	-4.14	32	0.15	-11.2	259.5	270.7
Oregon .....	45	-4.15	19	0.62	-12.1	279.2	291.3
Florida.....	46	-4.32	30	0.24	-60.9	1,350.3	1,411.2
Maine .....	47	-4.51	23	0.52	-5.2	110.1	115.3
Idaho .....	48	-5.00	7	1.97	-5.7	108.4	114.1
Arizona.....	49	-6.29	38	-0.15	-28.4	423.4	451.8
Rhode Island .....	50	-7.75	49	-1.11	-5.5	65.5	71.0

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State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Idaho.....	1	4.59	19	0.93	0.5	11.4	10.9
Delaware.....	2	4.41	28	0.00	0.3	7.1	6.8
Washington.....	3	2.70	10	2.47	2.8	106.4	103.6
Alaska.....	4	1.45	44	-1.43	0.1	7.0	6.9
New Mexico.....	5	1.20	45	-1.78	0.2	16.8	16.6
Arkansas.....	6	0.50	1	3.09	0.1	20.1	20.0
Kansas.....	7	0.49	33	-0.24	0.2	41.0	40.8
Georgia.....	8	0.09	21	0.87	0.1	115.6	115.5
Colorado.....	9	0.00	13	1.72	0.0	76.8	76.8
Louisiana.....	10	0.00	29	0.00	0.0	26.6	26.6
North Dakota.....	11	0.00	43	-1.32	0.0	7.5	7.5
Wyoming.....	12	0.00	49	-2.44	0.0	4.0	4.0
Massachusetts.....	13	-0.11	9	2.50	-0.1	90.1	90.2
Indiana.....	14	-0.24	2	3.02	-0.1	40.9	41.0
Virginia.....	15	-0.67	40	-0.99	-0.6	89.3	89.9
North Carolina.....	16	-0.68	27	0.14	-0.5	72.5	73.0
South Carolina.....	17	-0.72	36	-0.72	-0.2	27.5	27.7
Mississippi.....	18	-0.75	37	-0.75	-0.1	13.2	13.3
Wisconsin.....	19	-0.79	15	1.40	-0.4	50.3	50.7
Iowa.....	20	-0.91	48	-2.08	-0.3	32.7	33.0
New Jersey.....	21	-1.21	4	2.69	-1.2	97.9	99.1
Montana.....	22	-1.28	17	1.30	-0.1	7.7	7.8
California.....	23	-1.31	8	2.50	-6.2	468.8	475.0
Alabama.....	24	-1.39	12	1.77	-0.4	28.4	28.8
Maryland.....	25	-1.55	11	2.18	-0.8	50.8	51.6
Nebraska.....	26	-1.55	30	0.00	-0.3	19.0	19.3
Vermont.....	27	-1.67	31	0.00	-0.1	5.9	6.0
Oklahoma.....	28	-1.72	50	-3.64	-0.5	28.6	29.1
Utah.....	29	-1.85	46	-1.82	-0.6	31.8	32.4
Rhode Island.....	30	-1.85	39	-0.92	-0.2	10.6	10.8
Ohio.....	31	-2.06	34	-0.57	-1.8	85.7	87.5
New York.....	32	-2.08	25	0.71	-5.6	263.6	269.2
Tennessee.....	33	-2.20	26	0.20	-1.1	49.0	50.1
Illinois.....	34	-2.23	23	0.78	-2.6	114.2	116.8
Minnesota.....	35	-2.40	22	0.87	-1.4	56.9	58.3
West Virginia.....	36	-2.61	20	0.88	-0.3	11.2	11.5
Texas.....	37	-2.69	24	0.72	-6.0	217.0	223.0
South Dakota.....	38	-2.78	3	2.86	-0.2	7.0	7.2
UNITED STATES.....	.	-2.80	.	-0.26	-85.0	2,954.0	3,039.0
Missouri.....	39	-2.95	18	1.26	-1.9	62.4	64.3
Connecticut.....	40	-3.05	7	2.61	-1.2	38.1	39.3
Oregon.....	41	-3.30	16	1.39	-1.2	35.2	36.4
Pennsylvania.....	42	-3.44	35	-0.65	-3.7	103.9	107.6
Nevada.....	43	-3.90	6	2.67	-0.6	14.8	15.4
Kentucky.....	44	-3.93	5	2.69	-1.2	29.3	30.5
Maine.....	45	-4.42	38	-0.88	-0.5	10.8	11.3
New Hampshire.....	46	-4.84	14	1.64	-0.6	11.8	12.4
Florida.....	47	-5.04	42	-1.17	-8.1	152.6	160.7
Michigan.....	48	-6.12	32	-0.15	-4.0	61.4	65.4
Arizona.....	49	-7.94	41	-1.15	-3.4	39.4	42.8
Hawaii.....	50	-9.35	47	-1.83	-1.0	9.7	10.7

### Financial Activities Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Nebraska .....	1	1.15	12	1.17	0.8	70.1	69.3
South Dakota.....	2	0.97	3	2.32	0.3	31.2	30.9
Louisiana.....	3	0.93	17	0.73	0.9	97.8	96.9
Minnesota.....	4	0.89	34	-1.10	1.6	180.6	179.0
Wyoming .....	5	0.86	2	2.65	0.1	11.7	11.6
Texas .....	6	0.57	5	1.85	3.7	654.8	651.1
Iowa .....	7	0.39	8	1.57	0.4	103.8	103.4
New Hampshire .....	8	0.26	39	-1.53	0.1	38.7	38.6
Montana .....	9	0.00	18	0.46	0.0	22.0	22.0
South Carolina .....	10	0.00	4	2.29	0.0	107.2	107.2
Mississippi .....	11	-0.21	26	-0.42	-0.1	46.8	46.9
Ohio .....	12	-0.23	33	-1.09	-0.7	299.5	300.2
Kansas .....	13	-0.27	19	0.13	-0.2	74.1	74.3
Oklahoma.....	14	-0.36	6	1.81	-0.3	84.2	84.5
Wisconsin.....	15	-0.49	23	-0.06	-0.8	162.4	163.2
Georgia.....	16	-0.83	45	-2.43	-1.9	226.5	228.4
North Carolina .....	17	-0.90	16	0.77	-1.9	208.8	210.7
Delaware .....	18	-1.09	10	1.33	-0.5	45.3	45.8
Connecticut .....	19	-1.19	38	-1.51	-1.7	141.7	143.4
Alabama .....	20	-1.19	11	1.30	-1.2	99.8	101.0
Arkansas.....	21	-1.29	7	1.69	-0.7	53.4	54.1
Pennsylvania .....	22	-1.36	28	-0.60	-4.5	326.7	331.2
Alaska .....	23	-1.36	20	0.00	-0.2	14.5	14.7
Utah.....	24	-1.46	14	0.94	-1.1	74.1	75.2
North Dakota.....	25	-1.49	1	3.06	-0.3	19.9	20.2
Virginia .....	26	-1.50	37	-1.33	-2.9	190.0	192.9
Indiana .....	27	-1.66	30	-0.65	-2.3	136.1	138.4
West Virginia.....	28	-1.68	32	-1.00	-0.5	29.2	29.7
Maryland.....	29	-2.17	43	-2.06	-3.4	153.4	156.8
Oregon .....	30	-2.18	42	-2.04	-2.3	103.1	105.4
Vermont .....	31	-2.27	22	0.00	-0.3	12.9	13.2
Kentucky .....	32	-2.44	9	1.40	-2.3	92.1	94.4
Illinois .....	33	-2.44	27	-0.52	-9.9	395.3	405.2
UNITED STATES .....	.	-2.70	.	-1.45	-222.0	8,010.0	8,232.0
New York.....	34	-2.70	24	-0.30	-19.8	713.1	732.9
New Jersey.....	35	-2.77	47	-2.91	-7.5	263.0	270.5
Tennessee.....	36	-2.77	21	0.00	-4.0	140.2	144.2
Washington .....	37	-2.78	29	-0.64	-4.3	150.2	154.5
Missouri .....	38	-2.81	15	0.91	-4.7	162.4	167.1
Hawaii.....	39	-2.98	25	-0.33	-0.9	29.3	30.2
Colorado.....	40	-3.01	40	-1.79	-4.8	154.6	159.4
Massachusetts .....	41	-3.07	31	-0.66	-6.9	217.5	224.4
Maine .....	42	-3.32	35	-1.19	-1.1	32.0	33.1
Florida.....	43	-3.38	41	-1.97	-18.3	522.9	541.2
California .....	44	-3.40	49	-4.32	-30.2	858.2	888.4
Idaho .....	45	-3.45	36	-1.24	-1.1	30.8	31.9
Michigan .....	46	-3.88	44	-2.34	-8.1	200.9	209.0
Arizona.....	47	-3.93	48	-3.47	-7.1	173.6	180.7
New Mexico.....	48	-4.48	13	1.13	-1.6	34.1	35.7
Nevada .....	49	-5.43	46	-2.57	-3.5	61.0	64.5
Rhode Island .....	50	-5.51	50	-4.43	-1.9	32.6	34.5

## Professional and Business Services Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Wyoming .....	1	3.37	12	2.89	0.6	18.4	17.8
Texas .....	2	3.33	8	3.57	44.0	1,364.3	1,320.3
Alaska .....	3	2.07	31	1.26	0.5	24.6	24.1
Maine .....	4	1.11	17	2.47	0.6	54.5	53.9
Oklahoma .....	5	0.94	15	2.60	1.7	182.9	181.2
North Dakota .....	6	0.67	5	4.20	0.2	30.0	29.8
West Virginia .....	7	0.65	14	2.68	0.4	61.6	61.2
Louisiana .....	8	0.59	18	2.22	1.2	203.7	202.5
Vermont.....	9	0.00	32	0.91	0.0	22.2	22.2
Maryland .....	10	-0.45	30	1.39	-1.8	399.8	401.6
Missouri.....	11	-0.50	41	0.15	-1.7	337.9	339.6
Utah .....	12	-0.55	11	3.16	-0.9	162.5	163.4
Virginia.....	13	-0.77	23	1.78	-5.0	645.4	650.4
Nebraska.....	14	-0.84	4	4.41	-0.9	105.7	106.6
Arkansas .....	15	-0.85	13	2.88	-1.0	116.9	117.9
California.....	16	-1.06	42	0.07	-24.3	2,266.9	2,291.2
Illinois.....	17	-1.13	33	0.90	-9.9	863.1	873.0
New Jersey .....	18	-1.19	37	0.47	-7.3	607.2	614.5
New Hampshire.....	19	-1.20	3	5.05	-0.8	65.8	66.6
Massachusetts.....	20	-1.27	25	1.71	-6.2	480.2	486.4
Kansas .....	21	-1.90	7	3.59	-2.8	144.3	147.1
Alabama.....	22	-2.02	16	2.58	-4.5	218.2	222.7
New Mexico .....	23	-2.03	39	0.37	-2.2	106.1	108.3
Pennsylvania.....	24	-2.09	24	1.76	-14.9	697.8	712.7
Connecticut.....	25	-2.50	43	-0.14	-5.2	202.8	208.0
South Dakota .....	26	-2.52	2	5.30	-0.7	27.1	27.8
Ohio .....	27	-2.70	36	0.75	-18.1	651.3	669.4
New York .....	28	-2.78	29	1.54	-32.1	1,122.8	1,154.9
Washington.....	29	-3.06	10	3.40	-10.7	338.8	349.5
Oregon .....	30	-3.15	44	-0.20	-6.2	190.8	197.0
Colorado .....	31	-3.27	6	3.66	-11.5	340.0	351.5
Hawaii .....	32	-3.34	35	0.78	-2.6	75.2	77.8
Nevada.....	33	-3.42	50	-2.64	-5.3	149.6	154.9
Montana.....	34	-3.44	1	5.44	-1.4	39.3	40.7
UNITED STATES.....	.	-3.93	.	1.67	-712.0	17,405.0	18,117.0
Florida .....	35	-3.97	40	0.26	-53.3	1,288.0	1,341.3
Minnesota .....	36	-4.36	38	0.40	-14.4	315.5	329.9
Tennessee .....	37	-4.52	34	0.82	-15.0	316.8	331.8
Indiana .....	38	-4.58	22	1.79	-13.3	276.8	290.1
Mississippi.....	39	-4.79	28	1.59	-4.6	91.4	96.0
Georgia .....	40	-5.07	19	1.98	-28.7	537.6	566.3
Delaware.....	41	-5.07	49	-2.40	-3.1	58.0	61.1
Kentucky .....	42	-5.09	45	-0.32	-9.5	177.3	186.8
Wisconsin .....	43	-5.11	27	1.64	-14.2	263.9	278.1
Michigan.....	44	-5.60	47	-2.27	-32.1	541.5	573.6
South Carolina.....	45	-6.12	26	1.66	-13.9	213.1	227.0
Rhode Island.....	46	-6.79	48	-2.27	-3.8	52.2	56.0
Arizona .....	47	-6.97	46	-0.93	-28.1	375.3	403.4
Iowa .....	48	-7.64	20	1.93	-9.3	112.4	121.7
North Carolina.....	49	-7.76	9	3.55	-39.6	470.5	510.1
Idaho.....	50	-7.88	21	1.85	-6.5	76.0	82.5

## Educational and Health Services Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Oregon .....	1	5.04	11	3.36	11.0	229.1	218.1
Utah.....	2	4.89	1	4.39	7.1	152.3	145.2
South Dakota.....	3	4.26	29	2.35	2.6	63.6	61.0
Florida.....	4	4.16	19	2.91	42.7	1,068.7	1,026.0
Delaware .....	5	3.72	13	3.32	2.2	61.4	59.2
Colorado.....	6	3.63	7	3.64	8.9	254.0	245.1
New Mexico.....	7	3.61	22	2.80	4.1	117.8	113.7
North Carolina .....	8	3.45	3	4.07	18.1	542.6	524.5
California .....	9	3.09	12	3.34	52.5	1,752.6	1,700.1
Arizona.....	10	2.93	21	2.88	9.1	320.2	311.1
UNITED STATES .....	.	2.76	.	2.84	517.0	19,246.0	18,729.0
Nevada .....	11	2.75	2	4.30	2.6	97.1	94.5
Missouri .....	12	2.58	47	1.02	10.0	398.0	388.0
Arkansas.....	13	2.55	26	2.48	4.0	160.8	156.8
Wyoming .....	14	2.53	5	3.95	0.6	24.3	23.7
Minnesota.....	15	2.52	6	3.76	11.0	447.4	436.4
Maryland.....	16	2.47	28	2.37	9.4	389.9	380.5
Texas.....	17	2.36	16	3.13	30.2	1,309.4	1,279.2
Idaho .....	18	2.27	17	3.03	1.7	76.6	74.9
Georgia.....	19	2.19	9	3.56	10.2	475.5	465.3
South Carolina .....	20	2.05	15	3.17	4.2	209.5	205.3
Pennsylvania .....	21	2.01	33	2.04	22.0	1,117.7	1,095.7
Virginia .....	22	1.99	30	2.30	8.5	434.9	426.4
Iowa .....	23	1.78	45	1.36	3.7	211.8	208.1
Tennessee.....	24	1.77	25	2.62	6.3	362.6	356.3
Hawaii.....	25	1.77	48	0.82	1.3	74.9	73.6
Louisiana.....	26	1.75	4	4.02	4.4	255.3	250.9
Alaska .....	27	1.63	50	-0.81	0.6	37.3	36.7
New Hampshire .....	28	1.61	18	2.93	1.7	107.2	105.5
Maine .....	29	1.53	46	1.29	1.8	119.2	117.4
Wisconsin.....	30	1.46	40	1.66	5.9	410.0	404.1
Connecticut .....	31	1.46	23	2.65	4.3	299.1	294.8
Massachusetts .....	32	1.46	27	2.47	9.3	647.7	638.4
Nebraska .....	33	1.41	43	1.43	1.9	136.3	134.4
Washington .....	34	1.38	10	3.41	4.9	359.4	354.5
Ohio .....	35	1.27	42	1.55	10.2	814.6	804.4
Rhode Island .....	36	1.18	44	1.40	1.2	102.6	101.4
Michigan .....	37	1.06	34	2.02	6.4	611.6	605.2
West Virginia.....	38	1.03	35	2.02	1.2	117.6	116.4
Oklahoma.....	39	1.02	14	3.31	2.0	198.6	196.6
New Jersey.....	40	0.88	39	1.74	5.2	595.0	589.8
Mississippi .....	41	0.78	38	1.75	1.0	128.7	127.7
North Dakota.....	42	0.78	32	2.19	0.4	51.8	51.4
Illinois .....	43	0.76	36	1.97	6.0	796.5	790.5
Vermont .....	44	0.69	24	2.64	0.4	58.7	58.3
Montana .....	45	0.66	20	2.90	0.4	60.8	60.4
Kansas.....	46	0.64	41	1.59	1.1	173.7	172.6
New York.....	47	0.56	37	1.87	9.3	1,663.5	1,654.2
Indiana .....	48	0.22	8	3.57	0.9	409.5	408.6
Kentucky .....	49	0.12	49	0.71	0.3	242.1	241.8
Alabama .....	50	-1.66	31	2.23	-3.5	207.6	211.1

### Leisure and Hospitality Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		<u>Thousands of Jobs</u>		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Montana.....	1	4.27	12	2.18	2.4	58.6	56.2
Texas .....	2	3.26	4	4.19	32.0	1,014.4	982.4
Oklahoma .....	3	1.96	27	1.17	2.7	140.8	138.1
Iowa .....	4	1.87	41	0.08	2.5	135.9	133.4
Nebraska.....	5	1.60	31	1.00	1.3	82.5	81.2
Wyoming.....	6	1.26	9	2.58	0.4	32.2	31.8
West Virginia .....	7	0.99	39	0.28	0.7	71.4	70.7
Maryland .....	8	0.96	15	1.82	2.2	231.9	229.7
North Dakota .....	9	0.91	5	3.80	0.3	33.1	32.8
Ohio.....	10	0.91	48	-0.74	4.4	487.6	483.2
Vermont.....	11	0.89	42	0.00	0.3	34.0	33.7
South Dakota .....	12	0.75	49	-0.99	0.3	40.5	40.2
Louisiana .....	13	0.41	6	3.79	0.8	197.9	197.1
Washington.....	14	0.25	3	4.29	0.7	282.6	281.9
Kansas .....	15	0.09	46	-0.35	0.1	114.6	114.5
Colorado .....	16	-0.47	20	1.66	-1.3	274.2	275.5
Pennsylvania.....	17	-0.51	28	1.12	-2.5	486.0	488.5
North Carolina.....	18	-0.54	10	2.55	-2.1	388.7	390.8
New York .....	19	-0.63	18	1.71	-4.4	689.7	694.1
Alaska.....	20	-1.05	30	1.06	-0.3	28.2	28.5
Connecticut.....	21	-1.11	11	2.19	-1.5	133.7	135.2
California.....	22	-1.18	29	1.11	-18.3	1,534.7	1,553.0
New Jersey .....	23	-1.45	35	0.67	-4.8	325.8	330.6
Florida .....	24	-1.46	25	1.36	-13.6	918.5	932.1
Utah .....	25	-1.50	8	2.71	-1.7	111.9	113.6
Illinois.....	26	-1.57	37	0.40	-8.2	512.8	521.0
Indiana .....	27	-1.62	44	-0.18	-4.5	274.1	278.6
Missouri.....	28	-1.68	36	0.62	-4.6	269.3	273.9
UNITED STATES.....	.	-1.74	.	1.84	-230.0	13,014.0	13,244.0
Wisconsin .....	29	-1.77	47	-0.44	-4.4	244.7	249.1
Delaware.....	30	-1.80	50	-1.27	-0.7	38.1	38.8
Michigan.....	31	-1.91	43	-0.05	-7.5	384.2	391.7
Massachusetts .....	32	-1.95	33	0.83	-5.7	286.6	292.3
Nevada.....	33	-2.03	32	0.89	-6.9	332.7	339.6
Arkansas .....	34	-2.06	26	1.25	-2.0	95.3	97.3
Kentucky .....	35	-2.10	7	3.12	-3.6	168.0	171.6
Virginia.....	36	-2.31	16	1.75	-7.8	330.3	338.1
Rhode Island.....	37	-2.63	21	1.65	-1.3	48.1	49.4
Georgia .....	38	-2.68	13	2.04	-10.6	384.3	394.9
South Carolina.....	39	-2.69	23	1.56	-5.6	202.6	208.2
Tennessee .....	40	-2.78	19	1.71	-7.6	265.6	273.2
Alabama.....	41	-2.91	17	1.72	-5.0	166.6	171.6
Maine.....	42	-2.95	38	0.37	-1.6	52.6	54.2
New Mexico .....	43	-3.23	34	0.81	-2.8	83.9	86.7
Minnesota .....	44	-3.52	24	1.55	-8.5	233.3	241.8
Arizona .....	45	-3.56	22	1.62	-9.8	265.7	275.5
New Hampshire.....	46	-4.10	45	-0.33	-2.5	58.5	61.0
Hawaii .....	47	-4.19	40	0.18	-4.6	105.1	109.7
Oregon.....	48	-4.45	1	4.59	-7.7	165.5	173.2
Mississippi.....	49	-5.15	14	2.02	-6.5	119.8	126.3
Idaho.....	50	-5.94	2	4.53	-3.7	58.6	62.3

### Government Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007

State	Rank		Rank		Thousands of Jobs		
	Dec. 2008	Percent Change	Dec. 2007	Percent Change	Job Growth	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007
Wyoming .....	1	3.20	6	2.54	2.2	70.9	68.7
Idaho .....	2	3.07	2	3.61	3.7	124.4	120.7
Kentucky .....	3	3.01	5	2.97	10.0	342.4	332.4
Kansas .....	4	2.82	38	0.30	7.5	273.5	266.0
South Carolina .....	5	2.71	12	1.88	9.4	355.9	346.5
Nevada .....	6	2.64	3	3.43	4.3	167.1	162.8
Colorado.....	7	2.60	8	2.45	10.0	394.5	384.5
Hawaii.....	8	2.14	34	0.72	2.7	128.9	126.2
Utah.....	9	2.05	26	1.16	4.3	214.3	210.0
New Hampshire .....	10	2.03	22	1.23	2.0	100.5	98.5
Texas.....	11	2.00	35	0.68	35.1	1,789.5	1,754.4
Washington .....	12	1.68	28	1.08	9.1	551.2	542.1
Virginia .....	13	1.68	14	1.64	11.7	710.0	698.3
Oregon .....	14	1.65	9	2.34	4.9	302.5	297.6
South Dakota.....	15	1.31	37	0.39	1.0	77.4	76.4
Alaska .....	16	1.20	24	1.22	1.0	84.1	83.1
Iowa .....	17	0.93	27	1.14	2.4	259.7	257.3
Alabama .....	18	0.87	20	1.33	3.3	383.6	380.3
Wisconsin.....	19	0.86	32	0.87	3.7	432.9	429.2
Maryland.....	20	0.86	18	1.47	4.2	495.1	490.9
Arizona.....	21	0.82	1	4.82	3.6	445.0	441.4
Massachusetts .....	22	0.81	30	0.96	3.6	447.0	443.4
UNITED STATES .....	.	0.72	.	1.26	164.0	22,902.0	22,738.0
Oklahoma.....	23	0.71	49	-0.79	2.3	327.7	325.4
West Virginia.....	24	0.68	45	-0.41	1.0	148.4	147.4
North Dakota.....	25	0.64	44	-0.38	0.5	79.1	78.6
Missouri .....	26	0.60	23	1.23	2.7	454.4	451.7
New Mexico.....	27	0.55	29	0.96	1.1	199.9	198.8
Louisiana.....	28	0.35	4	3.29	1.3	368.6	367.3
North Carolina .....	29	0.32	15	1.58	2.3	720.3	718.0
California .....	30	0.25	10	2.00	6.3	2,548.5	2,542.2
Pennsylvania .....	31	0.21	43	-0.28	1.6	762.2	760.6
Connecticut .....	32	0.08	13	1.70	0.2	258.0	257.8
New York.....	33	0.05	19	1.37	0.8	1,536.1	1,535.3
Tennessee.....	34	0.02	31	0.89	0.1	429.1	429.0
Florida.....	35	0.02	11	1.99	0.2	1,156.2	1,156.0
Delaware .....	36	0.00	21	1.30	0.0	62.4	62.4
Minnesota.....	37	-0.02	46	-0.49	-0.1	424.8	424.9
Illinois .....	38	-0.03	33	0.87	-0.3	859.9	860.2
Vermont .....	39	-0.18	40	0.18	-0.1	56.8	56.9
Maine .....	40	-0.18	39	0.18	-0.2	108.7	108.9
Montana .....	41	-0.23	48	-0.79	-0.2	87.6	87.8
Arkansas.....	42	-0.23	17	1.51	-0.5	215.0	215.5
Indiana .....	43	-0.25	36	0.45	-1.1	444.8	445.9
Ohio .....	44	-0.26	42	-0.10	-2.1	811.4	813.5
New Jersey.....	45	-0.48	41	0.12	-3.2	657.1	660.3
Nebraska .....	46	-0.60	25	1.21	-1.0	165.7	166.7
Mississippi .....	47	-0.61	7	2.46	-1.5	244.7	246.2
Georgia.....	48	-0.68	16	1.54	-4.7	682.7	687.4
Michigan .....	49	-2.26	50	-1.38	-15.2	657.8	673.0
Rhode Island .....	50	-3.20	47	-0.61	-2.1	63.5	65.6



**Metropolitan Areas by States**  
**Total Nonagricultural Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007**

<i>State/Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<b>Alabama</b>						
Huntsville .....	80	29	-0.14	-0.3	213.6	213.9
Auburn-Opelika.....	81	16	-0.18	-0.1	56.0	56.1
Mobile .....	103	92	-0.65	-1.2	183.4	184.6
Anniston-Oxford.....	113	77	-0.74	-0.4	53.3	53.7
Montgomery .....	116	63	-0.77	-1.4	180.3	181.7
Florence-Muscle Shoals .....	133	74	-1.03	-0.6	57.5	58.1
Tuscaloosa .....	167	205	-1.31	-1.3	97.6	98.9
Birmingham-Hoover.....	219	178	-1.92	-10.3	526.4	536.7
Dothan .....	259	239	-2.68	-1.7	61.8	63.5
Decatur .....	260	17	-2.68	-1.6	58.1	59.7
<b>Alaska</b>						
Anchorage .....	20	179	1.38	2.3	168.9	166.6
<b>Arizona</b>						
Flagstaff.....	140	221	-1.09	-0.7	63.6	64.3
Tucson .....	292	295	-4.07	-15.7	370.2	385.9
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale .....	299	230	-4.50	-86.8	1,841.2	1,928.0
Prescott .....	307	117	-5.62	-3.7	62.1	65.8
Lake Havasu City-Kingman .....	309	288	-7.20	-3.9	50.3	54.2
Yuma .....	311	62	-7.91	-4.5	52.4	56.9
<b>Arkansas</b>						
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers .....	149	185	-1.19	-2.5	207.5	210.0
Fort Smith.....	163	93	-1.27	-1.6	124.1	125.7
Little Rock-North Little Rock .....	195	85	-1.65	-5.8	345.0	350.8

<i>State/Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<b>California</b>						
Bakersfield .....	60	97	0.33	0.8	242.8	242.0
Merced .....	94	43	-0.50	-0.3	59.5	59.8
Salinas .....	106	79	-0.69	-0.9	129.4	130.3
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta .....	112	114	-0.74	-1.3	173.4	174.7
Santa Rosa-Petaluma .....	134	153	-1.04	-2.0	190.2	192.2
Fresno.....	150	194	-1.20	-3.7	303.4	307.1
Santa Cruz-Watsonville .....	155	26	-1.23	-1.2	96.5	97.7
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara.....	164	111	-1.28	-11.7	905.1	916.8
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos .....	179	220	-1.39	-18.4	1,301.4	1,319.8
Napa .....	180	192	-1.42	-0.9	62.4	63.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana.....	187	266	-1.47	-82.9	5,573.6	5,656.5
Visalia-Porterville .....	196	232	-1.66	-1.9	112.8	114.7
Vallejo-Fairfield.....	203	207	-1.72	-2.2	125.4	127.6
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont .....	227	124	-2.01	-41.4	2,020.9	2,062.3
Chico .....	233	171	-2.08	-1.6	75.5	77.1
Modesto .....	242	199	-2.31	-3.7	156.7	160.4
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville .....	253	174	-2.57	-23.4	887.0	910.4
Stockton .....	263	60	-2.73	-5.9	209.9	215.8
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles.....	266	139	-2.75	-2.9	102.6	105.5
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura .....	267	301	-2.78	-8.2	287.1	295.3
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario .....	279	267	-3.02	-38.5	1,234.3	1,272.8
Redding.....	301	70	-4.67	-3.1	63.3	66.4
<b>Colorado</b>						
Grand Junction.....	2	2	3.41	2.2	66.7	64.5
Boulder.....	22	127	1.36	2.3	171.2	168.9
Greeley .....	86	34	-0.36	-0.3	83.6	83.9
Pueblo .....	95	42	-0.51	-0.3	59.1	59.4
Denver-Aurora .....	124	68	-0.91	-11.5	1,245.8	1,257.3
Fort Collins-Loveland.....	146	28	-1.15	-1.6	137.8	139.4
Colorado Springs .....	193	103	-1.59	-4.2	259.5	263.7
<b>Connecticut</b>						
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk.....	131	135	-1.00	-4.3	424.6	428.9
Waterbury .....	132	285	-1.01	-0.7	68.7	69.4
Danbury .....	143	99	-1.12	-0.8	70.8	71.6
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford.....	145	130	-1.13	-6.4	559.2	565.6
New Haven .....	206	204	-1.77	-5.0	277.5	282.5
Norwich-New London .....	235	154	-2.10	-2.9	135.1	138.0
<b>Delaware</b>						
Dover .....	61	274	0.15	0.1	66.4	66.3

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<b>District of Columbia</b>						
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria.....	55	158	0.39	11.8	3,039.7	3,027.9
<b>Florida</b>						
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent.....	139	240	-1.08	-1.9	173.7	175.6
Gainesville.....	169	46	-1.33	-1.8	133.7	135.5
Orlando.....	201	142	-1.72	-19.1	1,090.5	1,109.6
Tallahassee.....	216	187	-1.87	-3.4	178.4	181.8
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach.....	229	253	-2.03	-3.5	169.2	172.7
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce.....	238	276	-2.14	-2.9	132.6	135.5
Jacksonville.....	250	219	-2.42	-15.4	621.5	636.9
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin.....	252	284	-2.57	-2.2	83.4	85.6
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater.....	255	277	-2.64	-34.4	1,270.8	1,305.2
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville.....	258	282	-2.67	-5.7	207.7	213.4
Lakeland.....	264	264	-2.74	-5.9	209.8	215.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach.....	269	248	-2.82	-69.5	2,398.8	2,468.3
Ocala.....	282	216	-3.19	-3.4	103.3	106.7
Panama City-Lynn Haven.....	287	146	-3.39	-2.6	74.0	76.6
Naples-Marco Island.....	298	310	-4.34	-5.7	125.6	131.3
Cape Coral-Fort Myers.....	304	311	-5.14	-11.7	215.8	227.5
<b>Georgia</b>						
Athens-Clarke County.....	64	105	0.12	0.1	84.5	84.4
Gainesville.....	123	53	-0.90	-0.7	77.2	77.9
Albany.....	156	238	-1.23	-0.8	64.0	64.8
Macon.....	192	215	-1.58	-1.6	99.5	101.1
Savannah.....	213	81	-1.85	-3.0	159.3	162.3
Columbus.....	241	222	-2.20	-2.7	120.2	122.9
Augusta-Richmond County.....	243	101	-2.33	-5.1	213.7	218.8
Valdosta.....	278	223	-3.00	-1.7	55.0	56.7
Warner Robins.....	280	125	-3.03	-1.8	57.6	59.4
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta.....	283	89	-3.29	-82.0	2,412.6	2,494.6
Dalton.....	306	296	-5.23	-4.1	74.3	78.4
<b>Hawaii</b>						
Honolulu.....	210	166	-1.81	-8.4	455.7	464.1

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<b>Idaho</b>						
Coeur d Alene .....	293	4	-4.15	-2.4	55.5	57.9
Boise City-Nampa.....	294	188	-4.20	-11.7	266.9	278.6
<b>Illinois</b>						
Peoria .....	37	159	0.79	1.5	190.2	188.7
Champaign-Urbana .....	69	190	0.09	0.1	115.3	115.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island .....	75	181	0.00	0.0	190.1	190.1
Springfield .....	83	143	-0.27	-0.3	112.4	112.7
Bloomington-Normal.....	102	115	-0.64	-0.6	92.5	93.1
Decatur.....	109	90	-0.71	-0.4	55.6	56.0
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet .....	165	184	-1.29	-59.1	4,537.6	4,596.7
Rockford .....	248	131	-2.38	-3.9	159.7	163.6
<b>Indiana</b>						
Lafayette .....	54	289	0.42	0.4	95.2	94.8
Indianapolis.....	98	123	-0.58	-5.4	922.3	927.7
Fort Wayne .....	118	280	-0.78	-1.7	216.5	218.2
Evansville.....	178	147	-1.38	-2.5	178.6	181.1
Terre Haute .....	239	303	-2.15	-1.6	72.7	74.3
Muncie .....	240	263	-2.18	-1.2	53.8	55.0
South Bend-Mishawaka .....	272	254	-2.93	-4.3	142.5	146.8
Bloomington .....	305	156	-5.17	-4.4	80.7	85.1
Elkhart-Goshen .....	308	140	-6.11	-7.9	121.3	129.2
<b>Iowa</b>						
Cedar Rapids.....	49	160	0.51	0.7	139.3	138.6
Des Moines .....	97	83	-0.55	-1.8	324.5	326.3
Waterloo-Cedar Falls.....	104	94	-0.66	-0.6	90.8	91.4
Iowa City.....	115	73	-0.76	-0.7	91.3	92.0
Dubuque.....	138	300	-1.08	-0.6	54.9	55.5
Sioux City .....	226	236	-2.00	-1.5	73.6	75.1
<b>Kansas</b>						
Topeka .....	87	88	-0.36	-0.4	110.5	110.9
Wichita.....	108	61	-0.71	-2.2	306.3	308.5

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<b>Kentucky</b>						
Bowling Green .....	159	32	-1.25	-0.8	63.2	64.0
Lexington-Fayette.....	162	208	-1.27	-3.3	256.5	259.8
Louisville.....	251	113	-2.54	-16.1	617.2	633.3
<b>Louisiana</b>						
Lafayette.....	16	21	1.59	2.4	153.8	151.4
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner .....	25	15	1.26	6.6	532.0	525.4
Baton Rouge .....	29	39	1.07	4.0	379.5	375.5
Alexandria .....	52	41	0.46	0.3	66.1	65.8
Monroe .....	56	294	0.38	0.3	79.7	79.4
Shreveport-Bossier City .....	65	19	0.11	0.2	181.9	181.7
Lake Charles.....	66	265	0.11	0.1	92.8	92.7
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux.....	85	86	-0.31	-0.3	96.2	96.5
<b>Maine</b>						
Bangor .....	90	255	-0.45	-0.3	67.1	67.4
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford.....	211	214	-1.82	-3.6	194.7	198.3
<b>Maryland</b>						
Salisbury.....	58	250	0.35	0.2	56.8	56.6
Hagerstown-Martinsburg.....	67	259	0.10	0.1	103.1	103.0
Baltimore-Towson.....	127	164	-0.94	-12.6	1,325.5	1,338.1
<b>Massachusetts</b>						
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy.....	119	148	-0.78	-19.7	2,497.7	2,517.4
Springfield.....	173	261	-1.36	-4.1	296.3	300.4
Barnstable Town.....	184	233	-1.46	-1.4	94.8	96.2
New Bedford .....	208	292	-1.79	-1.2	65.9	67.1
Worcester.....	222	243	-1.95	-4.9	245.9	250.8

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<b>Michigan</b>						
Grand Rapids-Wyoming .....	130	196	-1.00	-4.0	395.4	399.4
Niles-Benton Harbor .....	152	18	-1.21	-0.8	65.2	66.0
Kalamazoo-Portage .....	200	218	-1.69	-2.5	145.8	148.3
Ann Arbor .....	207	290	-1.78	-3.6	198.6	202.2
Jackson .....	217	304	-1.89	-1.1	57.0	58.1
Muskegon-Norton Shores .....	265	270	-2.74	-1.8	63.8	65.6
Holland-Grand Haven .....	268	291	-2.80	-3.2	111.2	114.4
Lansing-East Lansing .....	288	246	-3.50	-8.0	220.3	228.3
Battle Creek .....	289	297	-3.90	-2.3	56.7	59.0
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North .....	296	309	-4.25	-3.8	85.7	89.5
Detroit-Warren-Livonia .....	300	302	-4.56	-89.7	1,879.2	1,968.9
Flint .....	310	307	-7.54	-11.3	138.5	149.8
<b>Minnesota</b>						
Rochester .....	76	104	0.00	0.0	107.6	107.6
Duluth .....	190	112	-1.55	-2.1	133.0	135.1
St. Cloud .....	194	51	-1.63	-1.7	102.5	104.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington .....	246	203	-2.36	-42.8	1,769.2	1,812.0
<b>Mississippi</b>						
Pascagoula .....	170	7	-1.35	-0.8	58.3	59.1
Jackson .....	223	177	-1.97	-5.2	259.3	264.5
Gulfport-Biloxi .....	274	50	-2.96	-3.3	108.0	111.3
Hattiesburg .....	291	191	-4.02	-2.5	59.7	62.2
<b>Missouri</b>						
St. Joseph .....	50	172	0.50	0.3	60.0	59.7
Joplin .....	57	176	0.37	0.3	81.4	81.1
Springfield .....	70	37	0.05	0.1	204.5	204.4
Columbia .....	74	118	0.00	0.0	94.7	94.7
Kansas City .....	148	95	-1.15	-11.8	1,012.5	1,024.3
Jefferson City .....	157	67	-1.24	-1.0	79.5	80.5
St. Louis .....	199	213	-1.68	-23.0	1,346.3	1,369.3
<b>Montana</b>						
Billings .....	141	12	-1.10	-0.9	80.7	81.6
Missoula .....	153	189	-1.22	-0.7	56.6	57.3
<b>Nebraska</b>						
Lincoln .....	53	138	0.46	0.8	176.4	175.6
Omaha-Council Bluffs .....	63	128	0.13	0.6	471.3	470.7

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<b>Nevada</b>						
Las Vegas-Paradise .....	197	168	-1.66	-15.5	917.4	932.9
Reno-Sparks .....	302	249	-4.75	-10.8	216.5	227.3
<b>New Hampshire</b>						
Portsmouth.....	15	100	1.60	0.9	57.0	56.1
Rochester-Dover.....	59	76	0.34	0.2	58.9	58.7
Manchester .....	78	98	-0.10	-0.1	102.8	102.9
<b>New Jersey</b>						
Trenton-Ewing.....	158	119	-1.25	-3.0	237.9	240.9
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton.....	205	273	-1.76	-1.1	61.3	62.4
Atlantic City .....	270	299	-2.87	-4.3	145.3	149.6
<b>New Mexico</b>						
Las Cruces .....	31	82	1.01	0.7	70.2	69.5
Albuquerque .....	88	210	-0.40	-1.6	396.8	398.4
Santa Fe .....	172	150	-1.36	-0.9	65.2	66.1
<b>New York</b>						
Ithaca .....	99	165	-0.61	-0.4	64.9	65.3
Syracuse.....	101	149	-0.64	-2.1	326.7	328.8
Utica-Rome .....	105	212	-0.67	-0.9	133.9	134.8
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown.....	144	262	-1.12	-2.9	254.9	257.8
Rochester .....	151	202	-1.21	-6.3	516.2	522.5
Kingston .....	154	260	-1.23	-0.8	64.4	65.2
Albany-Schenectady-Troy.....	168	234	-1.32	-6.0	448.3	454.3
Buffalo-Niagara Falls .....	174	228	-1.37	-7.6	548.3	555.9
Binghamton .....	175	137	-1.37	-1.6	115.0	116.6
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island.....	177	136	-1.38	-120.3	8,617.1	8,737.4
Glens Falls.....	198	96	-1.66	-0.9	53.2	54.1

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<b>North Carolina</b>						
Winston-Salem.....	10	121	1.84	4.1	226.5	222.4
Durham .....	45	47	0.58	1.7	295.4	293.7
Greensboro-High Point .....	62	195	0.13	0.5	378.1	377.6
Raleigh-Cary .....	71	6	0.04	0.2	529.5	529.3
Greenville.....	79	9	-0.13	-0.1	78.9	79.0
Wilmington .....	111	23	-0.74	-1.1	147.2	148.3
Asheville .....	117	30	-0.77	-1.4	180.2	181.6
Fayetteville.....	185	64	-1.46	-1.9	128.6	130.5
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord .....	209	40	-1.80	-15.7	857.0	872.7
Rocky Mount .....	254	209	-2.59	-1.7	64.0	65.7
Burlington .....	271	80	-2.89	-1.8	60.4	62.2
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton .....	276	251	-2.98	-4.9	159.7	164.6
<b>North Dakota</b>						
Bismarck .....	5	173	2.49	1.5	61.7	60.2
Fargo .....	40	84	0.75	0.9	121.2	120.3
Grand Forks .....	42	133	0.73	0.4	55.5	55.1
<b>Ohio</b>						
Springfield .....	46	306	0.58	0.3	52.3	52.0
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman .....	82	287	-0.25	-0.6	242.0	242.6
Columbus .....	91	108	-0.46	-4.4	956.2	960.6
Lima .....	110	281	-0.72	-0.4	55.5	55.9
Cincinnati-Middletown.....	120	151	-0.82	-8.6	1,046.3	1,054.9
Akron .....	122	175	-0.87	-3.0	341.4	344.4
Canton-Massillon.....	125	241	-0.92	-1.6	172.6	174.2
Mansfield .....	218	298	-1.92	-1.1	56.3	57.4
Dayton.....	220	279	-1.92	-7.8	398.6	406.4
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor .....	237	258	-2.13	-22.9	1,052.5	1,075.4
Toledo .....	285	275	-3.35	-11.1	320.0	331.1
<b>Oklahoma</b>						
Oklahoma City .....	30	109	1.01	5.8	580.9	575.1
Tulsa.....	68	186	0.09	0.4	428.5	428.1
<b>Oregon</b>						
Bend .....	73	78	0.00	0.0	72.1	72.1
Salem .....	176	106	-1.38	-2.1	150.5	152.6
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton .....	202	72	-1.72	-18.2	1,037.9	1,056.1
Medford .....	232	120	-2.07	-1.8	85.1	86.9
Eugene-Springfield .....	257	197	-2.65	-4.2	154.3	158.5



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<b>Pennsylvania</b>						
Pittsburgh.....	100	183	-0.61	-7.1	1,148.8	1,155.9
Lancaster .....	121	182	-0.83	-2.0	239.1	241.1
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre.....	129	229	-0.98	-2.6	262.4	265.0
Erie .....	142	134	-1.11	-1.5	133.4	134.9
Altoona .....	160	145	-1.26	-0.8	62.6	63.4
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington.....	161	161	-1.27	-36.2	2,820.2	2,856.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton .....	171	231	-1.36	-4.7	341.7	346.4
State College.....	183	87	-1.45	-1.1	74.9	76.0
Harrisburg-Carlisle .....	191	217	-1.56	-5.2	328.1	333.3
Reading.....	225	268	-1.99	-3.5	172.4	175.9
York-Hanover.....	230	129	-2.05	-3.8	181.9	185.7
Johnstown.....	262	206	-2.73	-1.7	60.6	62.3
Williamsport.....	273	272	-2.96	-1.6	52.5	54.1
<b>Puerto Rico</b>						
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo.....	281	305	-3.06	-23.7	750.0	773.7
Ponce .....	286	224	-3.36	-2.3	66.1	68.4
<b>Rhode Island</b>						
Providence-Fall River-Warwick.....	290	286	-3.94	-23.1	563.1	586.2
<b>South Carolina</b>						
Spartanburg .....	92	252	-0.47	-0.6	126.3	126.9
Florence .....	96	3	-0.55	-0.5	91.0	91.5
Greenville .....	188	31	-1.48	-4.8	319.5	324.3
Charleston-North Charleston.....	204	49	-1.73	-5.2	294.8	300.0
Columbia .....	231	65	-2.06	-7.7	365.8	373.5
Anderson .....	256	225	-2.64	-1.7	62.6	64.3
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach .....	295	52	-4.22	-5.2	118.0	123.2
<b>South Dakota</b>						
Rapid City.....	35	107	0.83	0.5	60.5	60.0
Sioux Falls.....	43	59	0.67	0.9	136.2	135.3

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<b>Tennessee</b>						
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol .....	47	200	0.57	0.7	123.3	122.6
Johnson City .....	93	226	-0.48	-0.4	82.5	82.9
Chattanooga .....	128	227	-0.96	-2.4	248.0	250.4
Jackson .....	181	180	-1.43	-0.9	62.0	62.9
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro .....	182	91	-1.45	-11.2	763.6	774.8
Knoxville .....	186	132	-1.46	-5.0	336.3	341.3
Clarksville .....	234	256	-2.09	-1.8	84.4	86.2
Memphis .....	249	141	-2.40	-15.7	639.0	654.7
<b>Texas</b>						
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr .....	1	55	3.82	8.2	222.6	214.4
Laredo .....	3	122	3.08	2.7	90.4	87.7
College Station-Bryan.....	4	116	2.58	2.4	95.5	93.1
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land .....	6	13	2.20	57.3	2,666.1	2,608.8
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood .....	7	71	2.19	2.7	126.2	123.5
Texarkana.....	8	102	2.10	1.2	58.3	57.1
El Paso .....	9	48	1.91	5.3	282.7	277.4
Brownsville-Harlingen.....	11	155	1.76	2.2	126.9	124.7
San Antonio .....	12	44	1.76	14.9	859.5	844.6
Midland.....	13	22	1.64	1.1	68.3	67.2
Odessa.....	14	5	1.63	1.0	62.3	61.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington .....	18	45	1.45	43.3	3,035.1	2,991.8
Longview .....	19	8	1.43	1.4	99.5	98.1
Corpus Christi .....	23	163	1.30	2.3	179.8	177.5
Waco .....	24	14	1.26	1.4	112.4	111.0
Austin-Round Rock .....	26	27	1.24	9.6	780.9	771.3
Lubbock .....	28	244	1.15	1.5	131.4	129.9
Abilene.....	33	211	0.90	0.6	67.2	66.6
Amarillo .....	36	162	0.80	0.9	113.7	112.8
Wichita Falls .....	39	66	0.79	0.5	64.1	63.6
Tyler.....	41	58	0.74	0.7	95.5	94.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur .....	44	193	0.61	1.0	166.2	165.2
<b>Utah</b>						
Ogden-Clearfield .....	215	57	-1.87	-3.8	199.4	203.2
Salt Lake City .....	224	25	-1.97	-12.9	642.8	655.7
Provo-Orem .....	284	24	-3.32	-6.5	189.1	195.6
St. George .....	303	33	-5.01	-2.7	51.2	53.9
<b>Vermont</b>						
Burlington-South Burlington .....	166	242	-1.29	-1.5	114.4	115.9

<i>State/Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<b>Virginia</b>						
Harrisonburg .....	21	271	1.38	0.9	66.1	65.2
Lynchburg .....	27	75	1.17	1.3	112.2	110.9
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News .....	32	144	0.99	7.7	788.7	781.0
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford.....	84	308	-0.28	-0.2	70.9	71.1
Roanoke.....	89	247	-0.43	-0.7	163.7	164.4
Richmond .....	135	170	-1.05	-6.7	633.2	639.9
Charlottesville .....	212	69	-1.83	-1.9	101.8	103.7
Winchester.....	214	126	-1.85	-1.1	58.3	59.4
<b>Washington</b>						
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco .....	48	1	0.53	0.5	94.1	93.6
Olympia .....	51	20	0.48	0.5	104.0	103.5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue .....	72	36	0.01	0.2	1,768.0	1,767.8
Bellingham .....	126	11	-0.92	-0.8	86.1	86.9
Yakima .....	228	35	-2.01	-1.6	77.9	79.5
Spokane .....	245	56	-2.35	-5.2	216.5	221.7
Bremerton-Silverdale .....	275	110	-2.97	-2.6	85.0	87.6
<b>West Virginia</b>						
Wheeling .....	17	278	1.46	1.0	69.6	68.6
Morgantown .....	38	54	0.79	0.5	63.8	63.3
Charleston.....	77	269	-0.07	-0.1	150.5	150.6
Huntington-Ashland .....	147	152	-1.15	-1.4	120.4	121.8
Parkersburg-Marietta.....	247	38	-2.38	-1.8	73.9	75.7
<b>Wisconsin</b>						
Green Bay.....	107	157	-0.70	-1.2	169.8	171.0
Oshkosh-Neenah .....	114	169	-0.75	-0.7	93.2	93.9
Eau Claire .....	136	201	-1.07	-0.9	83.5	84.4
Madison.....	137	167	-1.08	-3.8	348.0	351.8
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis.....	189	245	-1.51	-13.0	848.2	861.2
Appleton .....	221	198	-1.93	-2.3	117.1	119.4
La Crosse.....	236	235	-2.11	-1.6	74.1	75.7
Sheboygan .....	244	257	-2.34	-1.5	62.7	64.2
Wausau .....	261	237	-2.71	-2.0	71.8	73.8
Racine.....	277	293	-2.99	-2.4	78.0	80.4
Janesville .....	297	283	-4.26	-3.0	67.5	70.5
<b>Wyoming</b>						
Cheyenne.....	34	10	0.89	0.4	45.4	45.0

**27 Metropolitan Markets over 1,000,000 Workers as of Dec. 2008**  
**Top Twenty in Total Nonagricultural Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007**

<i>Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i> <i>Change</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>		<i>Growth</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land TX.....	1	1	2.20	57.3	2,666.1	2,608.8
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington TX.....	2	3	1.45	43.3	3,035.1	2,991.8
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria DC.....	3	13	0.39	11.8	3,039.7	3,027.9
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue WA.....	4	2	0.01	0.2	1,768.0	1,767.8
Pittsburgh PA.....	5	16	-0.61	-7.1	1,148.8	1,155.9
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy MA.....	6	11	-0.78	-19.7	2,497.7	2,517.4
Cincinnati-Middletown OH.....	7	12	-0.82	-8.6	1,046.3	1,054.9
Denver-Aurora CO.....	8	4	-0.91	-11.5	1,245.8	1,257.3
Baltimore-Towson MD.....	9	15	-0.94	-12.6	1,325.5	1,338.1
Kansas City MO.....	10	7	-1.15	-11.8	1,012.5	1,024.3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington PA.....	11	14	-1.27	-36.2	2,820.2	2,856.4
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet IL.....	12	17	-1.29	-59.1	4,537.6	4,596.7
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island NY .	13	9	-1.38	-120.3	8,617.1	8,737.4
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos CA.....	14	20	-1.39	-18.4	1,301.4	1,319.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana CA.....	15	24	-1.47	-82.9	5,573.6	5,656.5
St. Louis MO.....	16	19	-1.68	-23.0	1,346.3	1,369.3
Orlando FL.....	17	10	-1.72	-19.1	1,090.5	1,109.6
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton OR.....	18	5	-1.72	-18.2	1,037.9	1,056.1
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont CA.....	19	8	-2.01	-41.4	2,020.9	2,062.3
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor OH.....	20	23	-2.13	-22.9	1,052.5	1,075.4

**284 Metropolitan Markets under 1,000,000 Workers as of Dec. 2008**  
**Top Twenty in Total Nonagricultural Job Growth: Dec. 2008 over Dec. 2007**

<i>Metropolitan Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Percent</i> <i>Change</i>	<i>Thousands of Jobs</i>		
	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>		<i>Job</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>		<i>Growth</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr TX.....	1	52	3.82	8.2	222.6	214.4
Grand Junction CO.....	2	2	3.41	2.2	66.7	64.5
Laredo TX.....	3	115	3.08	2.7	90.4	87.7
College Station-Bryan TX.....	4	109	2.58	2.4	95.5	93.1
Bismarck ND.....	5	158	2.49	1.5	61.7	60.2
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood TX.....	6	67	2.19	2.7	126.2	123.5
Texarkana TX.....	7	95	2.10	1.2	58.3	57.1
El Paso TX.....	8	45	1.91	5.3	282.7	277.4
Winston-Salem NC.....	9	114	1.84	4.1	226.5	222.4
Brownsville-Harlingen TX.....	10	143	1.76	2.2	126.9	124.7
San Antonio TX.....	11	42	1.76	14.9	859.5	844.6
Midland TX.....	12	21	1.64	1.1	68.3	67.2
Odessa TX.....	13	5	1.63	1.0	62.3	61.3
Portsmouth NH.....	14	93	1.60	0.9	57.0	56.1
Lafayette LA.....	15	20	1.59	2.4	153.8	151.4
Wheeling WV.....	16	252	1.46	1.0	69.6	68.6
Longview TX.....	17	8	1.43	1.4	99.5	98.1
Anchorage AK.....	18	164	1.38	2.3	168.9	166.6
Harrisonburg VA.....	19	246	1.38	0.9	66.1	65.2
Boulder CO.....	20	119	1.36	2.3	171.2	168.9



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