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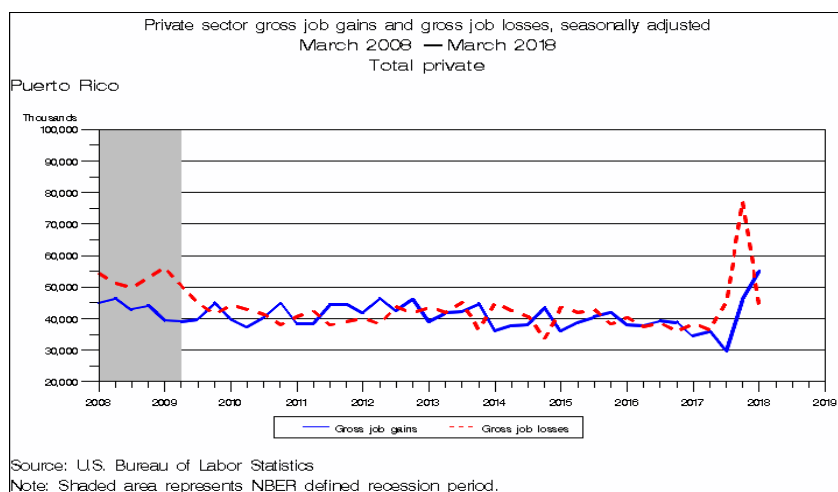
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### BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS:

From January to March 2018 in Puerto Rico, gross job gains represented 8.4 percent of private sector employment and gross job losses represented 6.8 percent of private sector employment, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. This is more than the national rate of gross job gains (6.0 percent) and more for job losses (5.4 percent). The number of job gains from opening and expanding establishments was 55,031 and the number of job losses from closing and contracting establishments was 43,925. Expanding and contracting establishments accounted for most of the jobs gained and lost.



The change in employment level over time is the net result of increases and decreases in employment that occurs in all businesses within the economy. Business Employment Dynamics statistics track these changes in employment at private business units, from the third month of one quarter to the third month of the next. In this data series, gross job gains are defined as increases in employment resulting from expansions of employment at existing establishments, or from opening establishments. Gross job losses are defined as declines in employment at existing establishments, or from the closing of establishments. The difference between the number of gross jobs gained and the number of gross jobs lost is the net change in employment. The data series on Business Employment Dynamics are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program. This program is a quarterly census of all establishments covered under state and federal unemployment insurance programs, representing about 98 percent of employment in nonfarm payrolls. All data referred to the text are seasonally adjusted. (see Technical Note for more information.) The BED data series include gross job gains and gross job losses at the establishment level, by major industry sector, and for the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

## Trends in Gross Job Gains and Job Losses

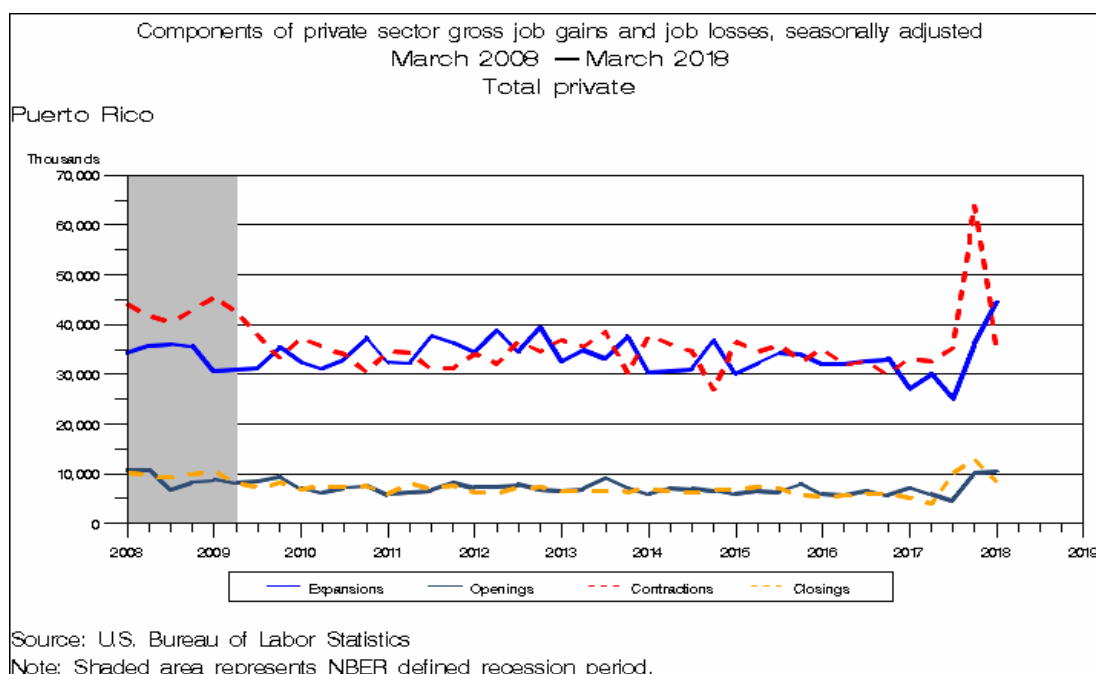
Opening and expanding private sector business establishments in Puerto Rico gained 55,031 jobs in the first quarter 2018. This represents an increase of 8,674 from the previous quarter. Over the quarter, expanding establishments added 44,475 jobs, while opening establishments added 10,556.

Gross job losses totaled 43,925 in the first quarter of 2018, an decrease of 33,067 from the fourth quarter of 2017. This was the second decrease in gross job losses since June of 2017. In the first quarter of 2018, contracting establishments lost 35,553 jobs, while closing establishments accounted for a loss of 8,372 jobs (See table A).

**Table A. Three-month private sector gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted**

Category	(3 months ended)				
	March 2017	June 2017	Sep. 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018
Gross job gains.....	34,388	35,972	29,774	46,357	55,031
At expanding establishments.....	27,140	30,119	25,092	36,204	44,475
At opening establishments .....	7,248	5,853	4,682	10,153	10,556
Gross job losses.....	38,377	36,503	45,400	76,992	43,925
At contracting establishments .....	33,207	32,564	35,286	64,093	35,553
At closing establishments .....	5,170	3,939	10,114	12,899	8,372
Net employment change <sup>1</sup> .....	-3,989	-531	-15,626	-30,635	11,106

<sup>1</sup> The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses.  
See the Technical Note for further information.



Puerto Rico presents some data by industry sectors. By now, we are including Education and Health Services and Retail Trade. From January to March 2018, Retail Trade increased by 7,120 and Education and Health Services decreased its net employment by -158. (See table 1A.)

### Rates of Gross Job Gains and Gross Job Losses

From January to March 2018, gross job gains represented 8.4 percent of private sector employment. Over the quarter, gross job gains at expanding establishments represented 6.8 percent of private sector employment, and gross job gains at opening establishments represented 1.6 percent.

Nationally, these quarter gross job gains at expanding establishments represented 4.9 percent of private sector employment, and at opening establishments represented 1.1 percent.

For the same period, gross job losses represented 6.8 percent of private sector employment. Gross job losses at contracting establishments represented 5.5 percent of private sector employment, the national rate at contracting establishments was 4.5 percent. The rate of gross job losses at closing establishments was 1.3 for Puerto Rico, and 0.9 percent for the United States. (See table B).

**Table B. Three-month private sector gross job gains and losses as percent of employment, seasonally adjusted**

Category	(3 months ended)				
	March 2017	June 2017	Sep. 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018
<b>Total Private for Commonwealth of Puerto Rico</b>	Rates (percent)				
Gross job gains.....	5.1	5.4	4.5	7.1	8.4
At expanding establishments.....	4.0	4.5	3.8	5.5	6.8
At opening establishments .....	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.6
Gross job losses.....	5.7	5.4	6.8	11.8	6.8
At contracting establishments .....	4.9	4.8	5.3	9.8	5.5
At closing establishments .....	0.8	0.6	1.5	2.0	1.3
Net employment change <sup>1</sup> .....	-0.6	0.0	-2.3	-4.7	1.6
<b>Total Private for United States as a whole</b>	Rates (percent)				
Gross job gains.....	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.0
At expanding establishments.....	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.9
At opening establishments .....	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
Gross job losses.....	5.6	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.4
At contracting establishments .....	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.5
At closing establishments .....	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.9
Net employment change <sup>1</sup> .....	0.5	0.4	-0.1	0.8	0.6

The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses.

See the Technical Note for further information.

### Number of Establishments Gaining and Losing Employment

Another way to observe the dynamics of employment change is to count the number of establishments that opened, closed, expanded, or contracted during the quarter. Out of 44,414 active private sector establishments, a total of 10,258 gained jobs from January to March 2018 (See table C). Of these, 8,251 were expanding establishments and 2,007 were opening establishments. During the first quarter of 2018, 10,089 establishments showed job losses. Of these, 7,937 were contracting establishments and 2,152 were closing establishments.

**Table C. Number of private sector establishments by direction of employment change, seasonally adjusted**

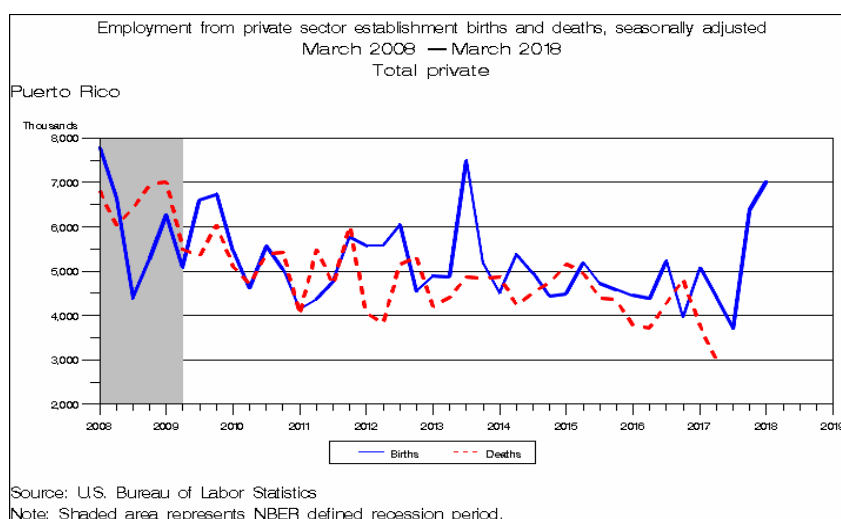
Category	(3 months ended)				
	March 2017	June 2017	Sep. 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018
Establishments gaining jobs.....	8,668	8,551	7,030	8,191	10,258
Expanding establishments .....	7,320	7,224	6,273	6,469	8,251
Opening establishments .....	1,348	1,327	757	1,772	2,007
Establishments losing jobs.....	9,550	8,879	10,197	14,075	10,089
Contracting establishments .....	8,098	7,845	8,200	11,296	7,937
Closing establishments .....	1,452	1,034	1,997	2,779	2,152
Net employment change <sup>1</sup> .....	-104	293	-1,240	-1,057	-145

<sup>1</sup> The net establishment change is the difference between the number of opening establishments and the number of closing establishments.

See the Technical Note for further information.

## Establishment Births and Deaths

From January to March 2018, a total of 974 new private sector, non-farm businesses created 7,021 jobs. This represented an increase of 175 establishment births from the prior quarter and a gain of 634 jobs. The job gains from these new establishments represented 1.1 percent of total births employment. The historical time series of birth data shows that the number of establishment births has remained around 900 every quarter, with the exception of the third quarter of 2017 which was lower. (See Table 5).



## Gross Job Gains and Losses by State

Gross job gains exceeded gross job losses in 45 states and the District of Columbia in the first quarter of 2018. Alaska had the highest rate of gross job gains as a percent of employment at 9.8 percent, above the U.S. rate of 6.0 percent. Hawaii and Tennessee had the lowest rate of gross job gains as a percent of employment at 5.0 percent each. Alaska had the highest rate of gross job losses as a percent of employment at 8.8 percent, above the national rate of 5.4 percent. Michigan had the lowest rate of gross job losses as a percent of employment at 4.6 percent. (See tables 6 and 7.)

## More Information

Additional information on gross job gains and gross job losses are available online at <http://www.bls.gov/bdm>. This information includes data on the levels and rates of gross job gains and gross job losses by firm size; the not seasonally adjusted data and other seasonally adjusted time series not presented in this release; charts of gross job gains and gross job losses by industry and firm size; and frequently asked questions on firm-size data. Additional information about Business Employment Dynamics data can be found in the Technical Note of this release or may be obtained by e-mailing at [BDMinfo@bls.gov](mailto:BDMinfo@bls.gov).

## Technical Note

Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data is a product of a federal-state cooperative program known as Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). BED data is compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from existing quarterly state unemployment insurance (UI) records. Most employers in the U.S. are required to file quarterly reports on employment and wages of workers covered by UI laws, and pay quarterly UI taxes. Quarterly UI reports are sent by the State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) to the BLS and form the basis for the Bureau's establishment sampling frame universe. These reports are also used to produce the quarterly QCEW data on total employment and wages, and the longitudinal BED data on gross job gains and losses. Other important uses for the Bureau's UI reports are published by the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program.

In the BED program, quarterly UI records are linked across quarters to provide a longitudinal history of each establishment. The linkage process allows for the establishment level, which in turn allows for the estimation of jobs gained at opening, expanding units, and jobs lost at closing and contracting units.

## Differences between QCEW, BED, and CES employment measures

The Bureau publishes three different establishment-based employment measures for any given quarter. Each of these measures--QCEW, BED, and CES--makes use of the quarterly UI employment reports in producing data. However, each measure has a somewhat different universe coverage, estimation procedure, and publication product.

Differences in coverage and estimation methods can result in somewhat different measures of over-the-quarter employment change. It is important to understand program differences as well as the intended uses of the program products. (See table below.)

Additional information about each program can be obtained from the program Web sites shown in the table in the following page.

### Revisions to Business Employment Dynamics (BED) Data

Data in this release incorporate annual revisions to the BED series. Annual revisions are published each year with the release of first quarter data. These revisions cover the last four quarters of not seasonally adjusted data and five years of seasonally adjusted data.

## Summary of Major Differences between QCEW, BED, and CES Employment Measures

	QCEW	BED	CES
Source	--Count of UI administrative records submitted by 9.2 million employers nationally	--Count of longitudinally-linked UI administrative records submitted by 6.8 million private sector employers	--Sample survey: 486,000 establishments
Coverage	--UI and UCFE coverage: all employers subject to state and federal UI Laws	--UI Coverage, excluding: government, private households, and establishments with zero employment	Nonfarm wage and salary jobs: --UI Coverage, excluding agriculture, private households, and self-employed --Other employment, including railroads, religious organizations, and other non-UI-covered jobs
Publication frequency	--Quarterly -7 months after the end of each quarter	--Quarterly -8 months after the end of each quarter	--Monthly -First Friday of each month
Use of UI file	--Directly summarizes and publishes each new quarter of UI data	--Links each new UI quarter to longitudinal database and directly summarizes gross job gains and losses	--Uses UI file as a sampling frame and annually realigns (benchmarks) sample estimates to first quarter UI levels
Principal products	--Provides a quarterly and annual universe count of establishments, employment, and wages at the county, MSA, state, and national levels by detailed industry	--Provides quarterly employer dynamics data on establishment openings, closings, expansions, and contractions at the national level by NAICS super sectors and by size of firms, and at the state private-sector total level.  --Future expansions will include data with greater industry details and data at the county and MSA level.	--Provides current monthly estimates of employment, hours, and earnings at the MSA, state, and national level by industry
Principal uses	--Major uses include:  -Detailed locality data  -Periodic universe counts for benchmarking sample survey estimates  -Sample frame for BLS establishment survey	--Major uses include:  -Business cycle analysis  -Analysis of employer dynamics underlying economic expansions and contractions  -Analysis of employment expansion and contraction by size of firm	--Major uses include:  -Principal national economic indicator  -Official time series for employment change measures  -Input into other major economic indicators
Program websites	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/cew/">www.bls.gov/cew/</a>	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/bdm/">www.bls.gov/bdm/</a>	<a href="http://www.bls.gov/ces/">www.bls.gov/ces/</a>

### Coverage

Employment and wage data for workers covered by state UI and Unemployment Compensation for Federal employees (UCFE) laws are compiled from quarterly contribution reports submitted to the SESAs by employers. In addition to the quarterly contribution reports, employers who operate multiple establishments within a state complete a questionnaire, called the "Multiple Worksite Report," which provides

detailed information on the location of their establishments. These reports are based on place of employment rather than place of residence. UI and UCFE coverage is broad and basically comparable from state to state.

Major exclusions from UI coverage are self-employed workers, religious organizations, most agricultural workers on small farms, all members of the Armed Forces, elected officials in most

states, most employees of railroads, some domestic workers, most student workers at schools, and employees of certain small nonprofit organizations.

Gross job gains and gross job losses in this release are derived from longitudinal histories of over 6.8 million private sector employer reports out of 9.2 million total reports of employment and wages submitted by States to BLS in the first quarter of 2012. Gross job gains and gross job losses data in this release do not report estimates for government employees or private households (NAICS 814110), and do not include establishments with zero employment over three quarters. Data from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (49,972 units rounded to 0.0 million) are also excluded from the National data. As an illustration, the table below shows, in millions of establishments, the number of establishments excluded from the gross job gains and gross job losses data in the first quarter 2012:

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**Number of active establishments included in Business Employment Dynamics data at the National Level**

..... Millions	
Total establishments QCEW program .....	9.2
Excluded:	
Public sector .....	0.3
Private households .....	0.8
Zero employment .....	1.3
Establishments in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands .....	0.0
Total establishments included in Business Employment Dynamics data .....	6.8

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**Unit of analysis**

Establishments are used in the tabulation of BED statistics by industry, and firms are used in the tabulation of BED size class statistics. An establishment is defined as an economic unit that produces goods or services, usually at a single physical location, and engages in one or predominantly one activity. A firm's legal business, either corporate or otherwise, may consist of several establishments. Firm-level data are compiled based on an aggregation of establishments under common ownership by a corporate parent using employer tax

identification numbers. The firm level aggregation which is consistent with the role of corporations as the economic decision makers are used for the measurement of BED data elements by size class.

Because of the difference in the unit of analysis, total gross job gains, and gross job losses by size class are lower than total gross job gains and gross job losses by industry, as some establishments gain and lose within a firm are offset during the aggregation process. The total net changes in employment are the same for not seasonally adjusted data, but are similar for seasonally adjusted data.

**Concepts and methodology**

Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data measures net change in employment at the establishment level. These changes come about in one of four ways. A net increase in employment can come from either opening or expanding establishments. A net decrease in employment can come from either closing or contracting establishments. Gross job gains include the sum of all jobs added at either opening or expanding establishments. Gross job losses include the sum of all jobs lost in either closing or contracting establishments. The net change in employment is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

The formal definitions of establishment-level employment changes are as follows:

*Openings.* These are either establishments with positive third month employment, for the first time in the current quarter, with no links to the prior quarter; or with positive third month employment in the current quarter following zero employment in the previous quarter.

*Expansions.* These are establishments with positive employment in the third month in both the previous and current quarters, with a net increase in employment over this period.

*Closings.* These are either establishments with positive third month employment in the previous quarter, with no employment or zero employment reported in the current quarter.

*Contractions.* These are establishments with positive employment in the third month in both the previous and current quarters, with a net decrease in employment over this period.

*Births.* These are units with positive third month employment for the first time in the current quarter with no links to the prior quarter, or units with positive third month employment in the current quarter and zero employment in the third month four quarters. Births are a subset of openings not including reopening of seasonal businesses.

*Deaths.* These are units with no employment or zero employment reported in the third month for four consecutive quarters following the last quarter with

positive employment. Deaths are a subset of closings not including temporary shutdowns of seasonal businesses. A unit that closes during the quarter may be a death, but we wait three quarters to determine whether it is a permanent closing or a temporary shutdown. Therefore, there is a lag of three quarters for the final publication of death statistics.

All employment changes are measured from the third month of each quarter. Not all establishments change their employment levels. These establishments count toward estimates of total employment, but not for levels of gross job gains or gross job losses.

Gross job gains and gross job losses are expressed in rates by dividing their levels by the average employment in the current and previous quarters. This provides a symmetric growth rate. Rates are calculated for the components of gross job gains and gross job losses, and then added to form their respective totals. These rates can be added and subtracted just as their levels can. For instance, the difference between a gross job gain rate and gross job loss rate is the net growth rate.

## **Establishment Births and Deaths**

For the purpose of BED statistics, births are defined as establishments that appear in the longitudinal database for the first time, with positive employment in the third month of a quarter; or showed four consecutive quarters of zero employment in the third month followed by a quarter in which it shows positive employment in the third month. Similarly, deaths are defined as establishments that either drop out of the longitudinal database, or an establishment that had positive employment in the third month of a given quarter followed by four consecutive quarters of showing zero employment in the third month. Although the data for establishment births and deaths are tabulated independently from the data for openings and closings, the concepts are not mutually exclusive. An establishment that is defined as a birth in a given quarter is necessarily an opening as well; and an establishment defined as a death in a quarter must also be a closing. Since openings include seasonal, and other re-openings and closings include temporary shutdowns, the not seasonally adjusted values for births and deaths must be less than those for openings and closings. However, because some BED series do not have many re-openings or temporary shutdowns, as well as the fact that births and deaths are independently seasonally adjusted from openings and closings, there may be instances when the seasonally adjusted value of the former is greater than the latter.

## **Linkage methodology**

Prior to the measurement of gross job gains and gross job losses, QCEW records are linked across two quarters. The linkage process matches the establishments' unique SESA identification numbers (SESA-ID), between 95 to 97 percent of establishments identified as continuous from quarter to quarter. The rest are linked in one of three ways. The first method uses predecessor and successor information, identified by the states, which relate records with different Puerto Rico Department of Labor -IDs across quarters. Predecessor and successor relations can come about for a variety of reasons, including a change in ownership, a firm restructuring, or a UI account restructuring. If a match cannot be attained in this manner, a probability-based match is used. This match attempts to identify two establishments with different Puerto Rico Department of Labor -IDs as continuous. The match is based upon comparisons such as the same name, address, and phone number. Third, an analyst examines unmatched records individually and makes a possible match.

In order to ensure the highest possible quality of data, the Puerto Rico Department of Labor verifies with employers and updates, if necessary, the industry, location, and ownership classification of all establishments on a 4-year cycle. Changes in establishment classification codes, resulting from the verification process, are introduced with the data reported for the first quarter of the year. Changes resulting from improved employer reporting are also introduced in the first quarter.

## **Sizing methodology**

The method of dynamic sizing is used in calculations of the BED size class data series. Dynamic sizing allocates each firm's employment gain or loss, during a quarter to each respective size class where the change occurred. For example, if a firm grew from 2 employees in quarter 1 to 38 employees in quarter 2, then, of the 36-employee increase, 2 would be allocated to the first size class, 5 to the size class 5 to the 9, 10 to size class 10 to the 19, and 19 to size class 20 to the 49.

Dynamic sizing provides symmetrical firm size estimates and eliminates any systematic effects that may be caused by the transitory and reverting changes in firm sizes over time. Additionally, it allocates each job gain or loss to the actual size class where it occurred.

## **Seasonal adjustment**

Over the course of a year, the levels of employment and associated job flows undergo sharp fluctuations due to such seasonal events as: changes in the weather, reduced or



expanded production, harvests, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools. The effect of such seasonal variation can be very large.

Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from quarter to quarter. These adjustments make nonseasonal developments, such as declines in economic activity, easier to recognize. For example, the large number of youths taking summer jobs is likely to obscure other changes that have taken place in June relative to March, making it difficult to determine if the level of economic activity has risen or declined. Because the effect of student finishing school is known previously a year before, statistics for the current year can be adjusted to allow for a comparable change. The adjusted figures provide a more useful tool with which to analyze changes in economic activity.

The employment data series for opening, expanding, closing, and contracting establishments are independently seasonally adjusted. Net changes are calculated based on the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses. Similarly, the establishment data series for opening, expanding, closing, and contracting establishments are independently adjusted, and net changes are calculated based on the difference between the number of opening and closing establishments. Additionally, establishment and employment levels are independently, seasonally adjusted to calculate seasonally adjusted rates. Concurrent seasonal adjustment is run using X-12 ARIMA.

The net over-the-quarter change derived by adding the BED component series will differ from the net employment change estimated from the seasonally adjusted, total private employment series from the CES program. The intended use of BED statistics is to show the labor market dynamic changes that underlie the net employment change statistic. As such, data users particularly interested in net employment change and not in gross job flows underlying this change, should refer to CES data for over-the-quarter net employment changes.

## Reliability of the data

Since the data series in Business Employment Dynamics is based on administrative rather than sample data, there are no issues related to sampling errors. Nonsampling errors, however, still exist. Nonsampling errors can occur for many reasons, such as the employer submitting corrected employment data after the end of the quarter, or typographical errors made by businesses when providing information. Such errors, however, are likely to be distributed randomly throughout the dataset.

Changes in administrative data sometimes create complications for the linkage process. This can result in overstating openings and closings while understating expansions and contractions. BLS continues to refine

methods for improving the linkage process and alleviating the effects of these complications.

## Additional statistics

Several other programs within BLS produce closely related information. The QCEW program, also known as the ES-202 program, provides both quarterly and annual estimates of employment by state, county, and detailed industry. News releases on quarterly county employment and wages, and average annual pay by state and industry are available upon request from the Division of Administrative Statistics and Labor Turnover, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20212; telephone 202-691-6567; (<http://www.bls.gov/cew/>); (e-mail: [QCEWInfo@bls.gov](mailto:QCEWInfo@bls.gov)).

The CES program produces monthly estimates of employment, its net change, and earnings by detailed industry. These estimates are part of the Employment Situation Report put out monthly by the BLS.

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) program provides monthly measures of job openings, as well as employee hires and separations.

## Other information

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Table 1 Private sector gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted  
(In Thousands)

Year	3 months ended	Net change(1)	Gross job gains			Gross job losses		
			Total	Expanding establishments	Opening establishments	Total	Contracting establishments	Closing establishments
2008	March	-9,399	44,948	34,250	10,698	54,347	44,051	10,296
	June	-4,841	46,524	35,660	10,864	51,365	41,803	9,562
	September	-6,908	42,986	36,067	6,919	49,894	40,607	9,287
	December	-8,775	44,088	35,731	8,357	52,863	42,860	10,003
2009	March	-16,765	39,427	30,567	8,860	56,192	45,582	10,610
	June	-11,303	39,112	30,971	8,141	50,415	42,401	8,014
	September	-5,092	39,896	31,323	8,573	44,988	37,783	7,205
	December	3,570	45,005	35,507	9,498	41,435	33,272	8,163
2010	March	-4,536	39,666	32,455	7,211	44,202	37,265	6,937
	June	-5,549	37,414	31,215	6,199	42,963	35,422	7,541
	September	-985	40,399	33,164	7,235	41,384	33,945	7,439
	December	6,899	44,936	37,353	7,583	38,037	30,511	7,526
2011	March	-2,285	38,338	32,476	5,862	40,623	34,635	5,988
	June	-3,924	38,455	32,217	6,238	42,379	34,332	8,047
	September	6,547	44,453	37,680	6,773	37,906	31,041	6,865
	December	5,592	44,538	36,335	8,203	38,946	31,279	7,667
2012	March	1,707	41,904	34,552	7,352	40,197	34,028	6,169
	June	8,060	46,365	38,917	7,448	38,305	32,105	6,200
	September	-1,240	42,455	34,591	7,864	43,695	36,551	7,144
	December	4,217	46,158	39,400	6,758	41,941	34,683	7,258
2013	March	-4,480	39,054	32,533	6,521	43,534	36,955	6,579
	June	-119	41,868	34,837	7,031	41,987	35,580	6,407
	September	-2,847	42,349	33,250	9,099	45,196	38,543	6,653
	December	8,286	44,846	37,608	7,238	36,560	30,175	6,385
2014	March	-8,759	36,098	30,246	5,852	44,857	37,823	7,034
	June	-4,774	37,796	30,652	7,144	42,570	35,997	6,573
	September	-2,516	38,199	31,157	7,042	40,715	34,524	6,191
	December	9,847	43,425	36,817	6,608	33,578	26,770	6,808
2015	March	-7,549	36,020	30,167	5,853	43,569	36,581	6,988
	June	-3,237	38,709	32,195	6,514	41,946	34,587	7,359
	September	-2,377	40,602	34,190	6,412	42,979	35,912	7,067
	December	3,790	42,003	33,957	8,046	38,213	32,609	5,604
2016	March	-2,237	38,089	32,078	6,011	40,326	35,011	5,315
	June	430	37,857	32,078	5,779	37,427	31,818	5,609
	September	689	39,324	32,673	6,651	38,635	32,634	6,001
	December	3,035	38,931	33,217	5,714	35,896	29,938	5,958
2017	March	-3,989	34,388	27,140	7,248	38,377	33,207	5,170
	June	-531	35,972	30,119	5,853	36,503	32,564	3,939
	September	-15,626	29,774	25,092	4,682	45,400	35,286	10,114
	December	-30,635	46,357	36,204	10,153	76,992	64,093	12,899
2018	March	11,106	55,031	44,475	10,556	43,925	35,553	8,372

(1) Net change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses.

Table 1A. Private sector gross job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted.

Category	Gross job gains and losses					Gross job gains and losses as a percent of employment				
	(3 months ended)					(3 months ended)				
	March 2017	June 2017	Sept 2017	Dec 2017	March 2018	March 2017	June 2017	Sept 2017	Dec 2017	March 2018
<b>Total private <sup>1</sup></b>										
Gross job gains .....	34,388	35,972	29,774	46,357	55,031	5.1	5.4	4.5	7.1	8.4
At expanding establishments .....	27,140	30,119	25,092	36,204	44,475	4.0	4.5	3.8	5.5	6.8
At opening establishments .....	7,248	5,853	4,682	10,153	10,556	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.6
Gross job losses .....	38,377	36,503	45,400	76,992	43,925	5.7	5.4	6.8	11.8	6.8
At contracting establishments .....	33,207	32,564	35,286	64,093	35,553	4.9	4.8	5.3	9.8	5.5
At closing establishments .....	5,170	3,939	10,144	12,899	8,372	0.8	0.6	1.5	2.0	1.3
Net employment change .....	-3,989	-531	-15,626	-30,635	11,106	-0.6	0.0	-2.3	-4.7	1.6
<b>Retail Trade</b>										
Gross job gains .....	6,735	6,664	5,353	5,812	13,940	5.2	5.1	4.1	4.8	11.9
At expanding establishments .....	5,821	5,444	4,940	4,967	12,927	4.5	4.2	3.8	4.1	11.0
At opening establishments .....	914	1,220	413	845	1,013	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.9
Gross job losses .....	7,170	7,760	8,119	27,416	6,820	5.5	6.0	6.4	22.6	5.8
At contracting establishments .....	6,331	7,253	6,766	25,086	5,213	4.9	5.6	5.3	20.7	4.4
At closing establishments .....	839	507	1,353	2,330	1,607	0.6	0.4	1.1	1.9	1.4
Net employment change .....	-435	-1,096	-2,766	-21,604	7,120	-0.3	-0.9	-2.3	-17.8	6.1
<b>Education and Health Services</b>										
Gross job gains .....	5,327	6,184	4,372	5,385	6,668	4.6	5.2	3.7	4.8	6.1
At expanding establishments .....	3,622	5,550	3,795	4,379	5,177	3.1	4.7	3.2	3.9	4.7
At opening establishments .....	1,705	634	577	1,006	1,491	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.4
Gross job losses .....	6,548	4,324	9,154	10,679	6,826	5.6	3.7	7.8	9.4	6.2
At contracting establishments .....	5,850	3,766	7,351	8,605	5,743	5.0	3.2	6.3	7.6	5.2
At closing establishments .....	698	558	1,803	2,074	1,083	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.8	1.0
Net employment change .....	-1,221	1,860	-4,782	-5,294	-158	-1.0	1.5	-4.1	-4.6	-0.1

<sup>1</sup>Includes unclassified sector, not shown separately.

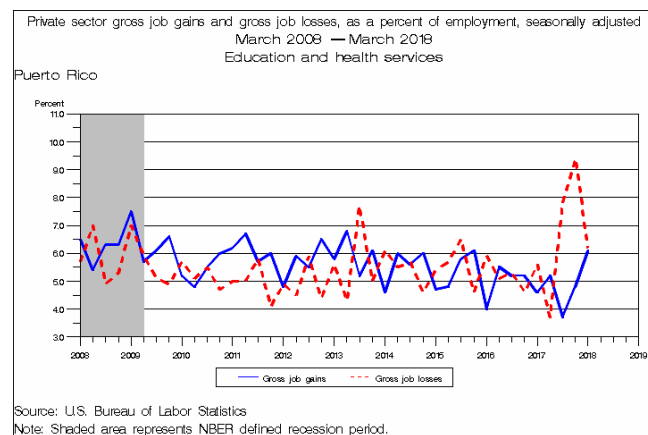
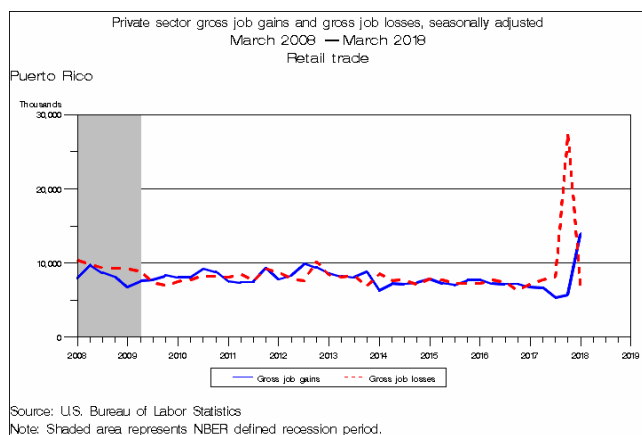


Table 2. Private sector gross job gains and losses, as a percent of employment(1), seasonally adjusted  
(Percent)

Year	3 months ended	Net change(2)	Gross job gains			Gross job losses		
			Total	Expanding establishments	Opening establishments	Total	Contracting establishments	Closing establishments
2008	March	-1.2	6.2	4.7	1.5	7.4	6.0	1.4
	June	-0.7	6.4	4.9	1.5	7.1	5.8	1.3
	September	-0.9	6.0	5.0	1.0	6.9	5.6	1.3
	December	-1.2	6.2	5.0	1.2	7.4	6.0	1.4
2009	March	-2.3	5.7	4.4	1.3	8.0	6.5	1.5
	June	-1.7	5.7	4.5	1.2	7.4	6.2	1.2
	September	-0.8	5.9	4.6	1.3	6.7	5.6	1.1
	December	0.6	6.7	5.3	1.4	6.1	4.9	1.2
2010	March	-0.6	5.9	4.8	1.1	6.5	5.5	1.0
	June	-0.8	5.6	4.7	0.9	6.4	5.3	1.1
	September	-0.1	6.1	5.0	1.1	6.2	5.1	1.1
	December	1.0	6.7	5.6	1.1	5.7	4.6	1.1
2011	March	-0.4	5.7	4.8	0.9	6.1	5.2	0.9
	June	-0.6	5.7	4.8	0.9	6.3	5.1	1.2
	September	1.0	6.6	5.6	1.0	5.6	4.6	1.0
	December	0.9	6.6	5.4	1.2	5.7	4.6	1.1
2012	March	0.3	6.2	5.1	1.1	5.9	5.0	0.9
	June	1.2	6.8	5.7	1.1	5.6	4.7	0.9
	September	-0.2	6.1	5.0	1.1	6.3	5.3	1.0
	December	0.6	6.7	5.7	1.0	6.1	5.0	1.1
2013	March	-0.8	5.6	4.7	0.9	6.4	5.4	1.0
	June	0.0	6.1	5.1	1.0	6.1	5.2	0.9
	September	-0.5	6.1	4.8	1.3	6.6	5.6	1.0
	December	1.3	6.6	5.5	1.1	5.3	4.4	0.9
2014	March	-1.2	5.3	4.4	0.9	6.5	5.5	1.0
	June	-0.8	5.5	4.5	1.0	6.3	5.3	1.0
	September	-0.4	5.6	4.6	1.0	6.0	5.1	0.9
	December	1.5	6.4	5.4	1.0	4.9	3.9	1.0
2015	March	-1.1	5.3	4.4	0.9	6.4	5.4	1.0
	June	-0.4	5.8	4.8	1.0	6.2	5.1	1.1
	September	-0.2	6.1	5.1	1.0	6.3	5.3	1.0
	December	0.6	6.2	5.0	1.2	5.6	4.8	0.8
2016	March	-0.3	5.7	4.8	0.9	6.0	5.2	0.8
	June	0.2	5.7	4.8	0.9	5.5	4.7	0.8
	September	0.1	5.8	4.8	1.0	5.7	4.8	0.9
	December	0.4	5.7	4.9	0.8	5.3	4.4	0.9
2017	March	-0.6	5.1	4.0	1.1	5.7	4.9	0.8
	June	0.0	5.4	4.5	0.9	5.4	4.8	0.6
	September	-2.3	4.5	3.8	0.7	6.8	5.3	1.5
	December	-4.7	7.1	5.5	1.6	11.8	9.8	2.0
2018	March	1.6	8.4	6.8	1.6	6.8	5.5	1.3

(1) The rates measure gross job gains and gross job losses as a percentage of the average of the previous and current quarter employment levels.

(2) See footnote 1, table 1.

Table 3. Number of private sector establishments by direction of employment change, seasonally adjusted Puerto Rico

Year	3 months ended	Net change(1)	Establishments gaining jobs			Establishments losing jobs		
			Total	Expanding establishments	Opening establishments	Total	Contracting establishments	Closing establishments
2008	March	-150	9,664	7,648	2,016	11,866	9,700	2,166
	June	-69	9,833	7,837	1,996	11,351	9,286	2,065
	September	-402	9,218	7,879	1,339	10,781	9,040	1,741
	December	-308	10,007	8,312	1,695	10,505	8,502	2,003
2009	March	-495	8,369	6,589	1,780	11,809	9,534	2,275
	June	-189	8,710	7,049	1,661	10,597	8,747	1,850
	September	181	9,208	7,386	1,822	10,179	8,538	1,641
	December	-117	9,733	8,004	1,729	9,515	7,669	1,846
2010	March	-300	8,461	6,965	1,496	10,677	8,881	1,796
	June	-435	8,681	7,373	1,308	10,112	8,369	1,743
	September	-216	8,970	7,524	1,446	9,655	7,993	1,662
	December	-177	9,846	8,376	1,470	8,938	7,291	1,647
2011	March	-204	8,802	7,381	1,421	10,254	8,629	1,625
	June	-360	8,697	7,317	1,380	9,716	7,976	1,740
	September	-75	9,018	7,551	1,467	9,125	7,583	1,542
	December	280	9,741	8,104	1,637	8,616	7,259	1,357
2012	March	-71	8,841	7,340	1,501	10,038	8,466	1,572
	June	4	9,636	8,161	1,475	9,118	7,647	1,471
	September	236	9,573	7,943	1,630	9,215	7,821	1,394
	December	-99	9,695	8,317	1,378	8,535	7,058	1,477
2013	March	-237	8,588	7,260	1,328	10,027	8,462	1,565
	June	32	8,857	7,424	1,433	9,408	8,007	1,401
	September	247	9,036	7,401	1,635	9,567	8,179	1,388
	December	-95	9,575	8,192	1,383	8,914	7,436	1,478
2014	March	-384	8,276	7,004	1,272	10,219	8,563	1,656
	June	-117	8,685	7,276	1,409	9,475	7,949	1,526
	September	18	8,634	7,227	1,407	9,436	8,047	1,389
	December	28	9,346	7,994	1,352	8,421	7,097	1,324
2015	March	-376	8,274	7,036	1,238	9,935	8,321	1,614
	June	-452	8,602	7,405	1,197	9,488	7,839	1,649
	September	-185	8,319	7,076	1,243	9,519	8,091	1,428
	December	175	9,499	8,013	1,486	8,621	7,310	1,311
2016	March	-114	8,493	7,165	1,328	9,706	8,264	1,442
	June	-30	8,512	7,223	1,289	8,937	7,618	1,319
	September	151	8,690	7,350	1,340	8,965	7,776	1,189
	December	-98	8,971	7,761	1,210	8,600	7,292	1,308
2017	March	-104	8,668	7,320	1,348	9,550	8,098	1,452
	June	293	8,551	7,224	1,327	8,879	7,845	1,034
	September	-1,240	7,030	6,273	757	10,197	8,200	1,997
	December	-1,057	8,191	6,469	1,722	14,075	11,296	2,779
2018	March	-145	10,258	8,251	2,007	10,089	7,937	2,152

(1) Net change is the difference between the number of opening establishments and the number of closing establishments.

Table 4. Private sector establishments by direction of employment change, as a percent of total establishments(1), seasonally adjusted.  
(Percent)

Year	3 months ended	Net change(2)	Establishments gaining jobs			Establishments losing jobs		
			Total	Expanding establishments	Opening establishments	Total	Contracting establishments	Closing establishments
2008	March	-0.3	21.9	17.3	4.6	26.8	21.9	4.9
	June	-0.2	22.2	17.7	4.5	25.7	21.0	4.7
	September	-1.0	20.9	17.9	3.0	24.6	20.6	4.0
	December	-0.7	22.9	19.0	3.9	24.1	19.5	4.6
2009	March	-1.1	19.3	15.2	4.1	27.2	22.0	5.2
	June	-0.4	20.2	16.3	3.9	24.6	20.3	4.3
	September	0.4	21.3	17.1	4.2	23.6	19.8	3.8
	December	-0.3	22.5	18.5	4.0	22.0	17.7	4.3
2010	March	-0.7	19.6	16.1	3.5	24.8	20.6	4.2
	June	-1.0	20.3	17.2	3.1	23.7	19.6	4.1
	September	-0.5	21.1	17.7	3.4	22.7	18.8	3.9
	December	-0.4	23.3	19.8	3.5	21.1	17.2	3.9
2011	March	-0.5	20.9	17.5	3.4	24.3	20.4	3.9
	June	-0.9	20.8	17.5	3.3	23.3	19.1	4.2
	September	-0.2	21.6	18.1	3.5	21.9	18.2	3.7
	December	0.7	23.3	19.4	3.9	20.6	17.4	3.2
2012	March	-0.1	21.1	17.5	3.6	23.9	20.2	3.7
	June	0.0	22.9	19.4	3.5	21.7	18.2	3.5
	September	0.6	22.7	18.8	3.9	21.9	18.6	3.3
	December	-0.2	23.0	19.7	3.3	20.2	16.7	3.5
2013	March	-0.6	20.3	17.2	3.1	23.7	20.0	3.7
	June	0.1	21.0	17.6	3.4	22.3	19.0	3.3
	September	0.6	21.4	17.5	3.9	22.7	19.4	3.3
	December	-0.2	22.6	19.3	3.3	21.0	17.5	3.5
2014	March	-0.9	19.6	16.6	3.0	24.2	20.3	3.9
	June	-0.2	20.8	17.4	3.4	22.6	19.0	3.6
	September	0.1	20.7	17.3	3.4	22.5	19.2	3.3
	December	0.0	22.2	19.0	3.2	20.1	16.9	3.2
2015	March	-0.9	19.8	16.8	3.0	23.8	19.9	3.9
	June	-1.1	20.8	17.9	2.9	22.9	18.9	4.0
	September	-0.5	20.2	17.2	3.0	23.1	19.6	3.5
	December	0.4	23.0	19.4	3.6	20.9	17.7	3.2
2016	March	-0.3	20.5	17.3	3.2	23.5	20.0	3.5
	June	-0.1	20.6	17.5	3.1	21.7	18.5	3.2
	September	0.3	21.0	17.8	3.2	21.7	18.8	2.9
	December	-0.3	21.6	18.7	2.9	20.8	17.6	3.2
2017	March	-0.2	21.0	17.7	3.3	23.0	19.5	3.5
	June	0.7	20.6	17.4	3.2	21.4	18.9	2.5
	September	-3.1	17.1	15.3	1.8	24.9	20.0	4.9
	December	-2.7	20.5	16.2	4.3	35.4	28.4	7.0
2017	March	-0.4	26.0	20.9	5.1	25.6	20.1	5.5

(1) The rates measure establishments gaining or losing jobs as a percentage of the average of the previous and current quarter total number of establishments.

(2) See footnote 1, table 3.

Table 5. Private Sector establishment births and deaths, seasonally adjusted Puerto Rico.

Year	3 months ended	Number of Establishments				Employment			
		Births <sup>1</sup>		Deaths <sup>2</sup>		Births		Deaths	
		Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
2008	March	1,376	3.1	1,428	3.2	7,775	1.1	6,806	0.9
	June	1,300	2.9	1,284	2.9	6,654	0.9	6,033	0.8
	September	628	1.4	1,201	2.7	4,394	0.6	6,405	0.9
	December	1,019	2.3	1,369	3.1	5,283	0.7	6,959	1.0
2009	March	1,195	2.8	1,539	3.5	6,274	0.9	7,008	1.0
	June	996	2.3	1,224	2.8	5,094	0.7	5,481	0.8
	September	1,227	2.8	1,171	2.7	6,607	1.0	5,334	0.8
	December	1,107	2.6	1,342	3.1	6,744	1.0	6,041	0.9
2010	March	1,028	2.4	1,280	3.0	5,468	0.8	5,101	0.8
	June	837	2.0	1,102	2.6	4,623	0.7	4,710	0.7
	September	868	2.0	1,180	2.8	5,566	0.8	5,380	0.8
	December	860	2.0	1,144	2.7	5,048	0.8	5,430	0.8
2011	March	949	2.2	1,073	2.5	4,137	0.6	4,035	0.6
	June	870	2.1	1,117	2.7	4,370	0.7	5,478	0.8
	September	883	2.1	1,108	2.7	4,776	0.7	4,711	0.7
	December	1,152	2.8	979	2.3	5,764	0.9	6,004	0.9
2012	March	1,064	2.5	1,046	2.5	5,577	0.8	4,048	0.6
	June	1,002	2.4	952	2.3	5,583	0.8	3,826	0.6
	September	1,146	2.7	1,029	2.4	6,044	0.9	5,136	0.7
	December	950	2.2	1,070	2.5	4,547	0.7	5,343	0.8
2013	March	936	2.2	1,033	2.4	4,891	0.7	4,193	0.6
	June	943	2.2	921	2.2	4,881	0.7	4,406	0.6
	September	1,182	2.8	1,037	2.5	7,492	1.1	4,871	0.7
	December	968	2.3	1,088	2.6	5,176	0.8	4,815	0.7
2014	March	916	2.2	1,132	2.7	4,519	0.7	4,880	0.7
	June	938	2.2	1,003	2.4	5,367	0.8	4,236	0.6
	September	928	2.2	1,031	2.5	4,953	0.7	4,512	0.7
	December	899	2.1	991	2.4	4,438	0.7	4,748	0.7
2015	March	926	2.2	1,154	2.8	4,505	0.7	5,161	0.8
	June	810	2.0	1,165	2.8	5,190	0.8	4,953	0.7
	September	839	2.0	988	2.4	4,721	0.7	4,390	0.7
	December	905	2.2	927	2.2	4,581	0.7	4,344	0.6
2016	March	918	2.2	974	2.4	4,454	0.7	3,744	0.6
	June	877	2.1	861	2.1	4,384	0.7	3,721	0.6
	September	923	2.2	861	2.1	5,227	0.8	4,289	0.6
	December	803	1.9	972	2.3	3,972	0.6	4,814	0.7
2017	March	994	2.4	1,013	2.4	5,070	0.8	3,772	0.6
	June	906	2.2	732	1.8	4,406	0.7	2,971	0.4
	September	515	1.3	N/A	N/A	3,715	0.6	N/A	N/A
	December	799	2.0	N/A	N/A	6,387	1.0	N/A	N/A
2018	March	974	2.5	N/A	N/A	7,021	1.1	N/A	N/A

(1) Values for births are not available for the three quarters of the time series by definition.

(2) Values for deaths are not available for the most recent three quarters by definition.

Table 6. Private sector gross job gains and losses by state, seasonally adjusted.

State	Gross job gains (3 months ended)					Gross job losses (3 months ended)				
	March 2017	June 2017	Sept. 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018	March 2017	June 2017	Sept. 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018
United States <sup>1</sup>	7,423,000	7,624,000	7,311,000	7,826,000	7,406,000	6,765,000	7,161,000	7,404,000	6,847,000	6,666,000
Alabama	95,396	87,628	94,446	94,822	95,408	81,548	89,429	91,407	86,247	84,599
Alaska	23,446	26,852	21,397	23,753	24,212	24,956	24,550	26,684	25,045	21,672
Arizona	139,743	145,184	155,502	149,164	143,329	128,188	133,759	123,614	126,322	127,123
Arkansas	57,171	53,955	57,887	61,837	54,713	51,795	57,494	55,030	51,164	51,129
California	978,752	1,011,827	944,355	1,006,720	943,168	897,392	946,159	912,206	879,820	873,921
Colorado	148,598	155,332	147,249	151,305	152,077	131,149	138,368	141,723	135,072	133,458
Connecticut	83,754	82,431	76,526	76,225	73,726	77,019	75,429	83,269	75,144	74,835
Delaware	24,795	25,363	24,438	26,545	27,296	22,289	25,080	25,225	24,302	22,600
District of Columbia	30,043	29,471	28,320	30,487	31,638	24,747	27,883	26,722	25,823	25,107
Florida	450,422	487,933	423,467	610,728	461,699	413,230	453,918	556,886	396,998	415,301
Georgia	232,653	230,899	229,356	256,202	243,572	214,385	225,148	226,960	206,907	211,926
Hawaii	28,595	27,783	29,071	27,322	26,880	25,342	28,038	27,155	25,437	26,108
Idaho	45,855	43,239	39,562	44,087	47,380	37,658	39,161	39,690	38,758	35,993
Illinois	303,386	296,909	291,827	306,642	297,390	278,250	285,523	309,933	273,761	263,419
Indiana	148,024	148,425	143,899	152,730	150,823	133,190	144,525	146,250	132,131	135,050
Iowa	79,118	73,924	70,270	77,044	72,763	72,462	75,216	74,090	69,393	68,476
Kansas	66,146	62,158	70,776	67,371	59,291	63,234	73,961	63,746	59,074	62,541
Kentucky	92,657	95,753	94,074	96,637	97,348	88,853	94,600	93,321	88,557	93,418
Louisiana	104,037	99,314	98,944	99,534	104,399	93,946	104,220	97,205	95,862	93,651
Maine	36,553	39,440	33,579	36,637	37,325	33,783	34,978	38,391	34,260	36,037
Maryland	133,097	137,314	137,981	135,910	136,190	127,134	132,372	133,326	136,873	124,625
Massachusetts	172,569	191,505	170,033	179,340	170,940	161,240	162,662	175,714	170,518	161,219
Michigan	209,978	214,731	197,425	209,924	215,009	185,458	196,603	221,611	201,345	172,727
Minnesota	144,230	140,365	131,527	142,622	133,031	121,219	130,303	141,017	137,459	124,520
Mississippi	52,077	52,756	51,886	57,247	49,047	52,469	53,369	52,345	48,680	52,670
Missouri	138,795	134,103	140,341	134,191	128,761	117,736	133,913	139,943	129,197	122,569
Montana	30,342	29,677	26,820	31,819	29,814	27,206	29,181	29,704	27,823	26,996
Nebraska	48,701	45,194	47,837	50,496	46,119	41,711	49,129	47,865	44,716	44,422
Nevada	76,362	72,388	73,746	77,583	77,239	59,916	68,792	68,376	61,853	64,015
New Hampshire	32,928	37,680	31,569	38,049	34,737	32,092	34,282	37,293	33,715	33,948
New Jersey	193,582	230,234	207,984	222,652	195,067	202,338	191,941	215,560	198,679	202,204
New Mexico	40,909	42,742	41,437	40,895	40,492	39,306	40,518	40,213	38,285	35,382
New York	487,109	509,041	494,576	486,419	487,774	446,228	457,553	486,906	458,703	446,548
North Carolina	229,283	228,081	217,327	228,877	227,451	203,934	221,870	218,183	201,030	190,130
North Dakota	26,055	23,247	23,228	23,364	24,123	23,084	23,818	23,107	23,093	21,767
Ohio	265,464	269,114	243,678	264,245	257,964	239,648	254,723	262,622	241,351	233,979
Oklahoma	79,282	82,735	83,769	82,246	78,771	78,593	74,918	74,871	74,837	70,899
Oregon	109,493	105,170	103,655	108,362	126,218	91,556	96,792	100,748	95,674	91,805
Pennsylvania	270,123	281,115	280,427	280,828	269,034	255,325	264,277	264,778	254,044	253,319
Rhode Island	26,447	27,373	25,029	27,510	26,816	24,894	24,811	26,569	25,380	25,611
South Carolina	103,729	102,603	96,088	117,366	101,452	94,832	102,112	104,581	88,279	80,164
South Dakota	22,280	21,835	19,999	22,366	22,660	20,586	21,781	20,660	20,135	20,837
Tennessee	130,766	136,862	135,735	148,658	128,609	125,921	130,049	131,055	124,382	122,183
Texas	585,792	590,669	600,634	647,693	594,270	523,798	543,780	583,688	543,784	524,628
Utah	91,980	81,928	83,405	85,107	91,524	72,807	75,631	76,415	70,867	73,492
Vermont	16,912	20,125	16,838	18,850	16,527	17,343	17,580	20,048	16,838	18,162
Virginia	190,197	197,726	184,675	196,457	184,748	175,344	185,613	193,851	171,383	167,145
Washington	187,588	194,267	174,549	188,715	201,454	161,186	170,639	174,372	163,741	160,868
West Virginia	34,668	34,901	36,996	34,506	37,645	34,265	35,528	34,633	33,250	32,156
Wisconsin	145,194	140,042	123,582	137,630	138,695	117,887	136,344	140,499	121,738	116,842
Wyoming	18,072	17,444	17,775	17,919	17,379	16,553	18,518	16,180	17,229	16,363
Puerto Rico	34,388	35,972	29,774	46,357	55,031	38,377	36,503	45,400	76,992	43,925
Virgin Islands	1,542	1,856	1,111	2,218	2,702	1,500	1,451	3,103	6,800	3,775

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the states will not necessarily add to the U.S. total because of the independent seasonal adjustment of each state.

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Table 7. Private sector gross job gains as a percent of total employment by state, seasonally adjusted.

State	Gross job gains as a percent of employment (3 months ended)					Gross job losses as a percent of employment (3 months ended)				
	March 2017	June 2017	Sept 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018	March 2017	June 2017	Sept 2017	Dec. 2017	March 2018
United States	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.4
Alabama	6.1	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.4	5.3
Alaska	9.4	10.9	8.7	9.7	9.8	10.1	9.9	10.8	10.2	8.8
Arizona	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.3
Arkansas	5.7	5.4	5.8	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.0
California	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9
Colorado	6.9	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.0
Connecticut	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.2	5.8	5.2	5.2
Delaware	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.0	7.1	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.4	5.9
District of Columbia	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	6.0	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.7
Florida	6.1	6.6	5.8	8.2	6.1	5.6	6.1	7.5	5.3	5.5
Georgia	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.9	6.5	5.9	6.1	6.1	5.6	5.6
Hawaii	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.8
Idaho	7.8	7.3	6.7	7.4	7.9	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.6	5.9
Illinois	5.9	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.6	6.0	5.3	5.1
Indiana	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.0	5.1
Iowa	6.1	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.3	5.3
Kansas	5.9	5.5	6.3	5.9	5.2	5.6	6.5	5.7	5.2	5.5
Kentucky	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.2	5.6	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.9
Louisiana	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.5	5.9	6.6	6.1	6.0	5.8
Maine	7.2	7.7	6.5	7.2	7.2	6.6	6.8	7.5	6.6	7.0
Maryland	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.3	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.3	5.7
Massachusetts	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.2
Michigan	5.6	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.3	6.0	5.4	4.6
Minnesota	5.9	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.0
Mississippi	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.3	5.5	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.4	5.8
Missouri	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.9	5.5	5.2
Montana	8.1	7.9	7.2	8.5	7.8	7.2	7.7	7.9	7.4	7.1
Nebraska	6.0	5.5	5.9	6.2	5.6	5.1	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.5
Nevada	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.5	5.2	5.9	5.8	5.2	5.4
New Hampshire	5.8	6.6	5.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	6.0	6.6	5.9	5.9
New Jersey	5.6	6.7	6.0	6.4	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.3	5.8	5.8
New Mexico	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.5
New York	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.6
North Carolina	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.2	5.7	6.2	6.0	5.5	5.2
North Dakota	7.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.3
Ohio	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.0
Oklahoma	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.5
Oregon	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.8	7.8	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.0	5.6
Pennsylvania	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.9
Rhode Island	6.4	6.5	6.0	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.1
South Carolina	6.2	6.1	5.8	7.0	5.9	5.7	6.1	6.2	5.3	4.7
South Dakota	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.4	6.4	5.9	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.9
Tennessee	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8
Texas	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.3	5.1
Utah	7.7	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.1	6.3	6.3	5.9	6.0
Vermont	6.6	7.9	6.5	7.4	6.4	6.8	6.8	7.8	6.5	7.0
Virginia	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.3	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.2	5.5	5.2
Washington	6.9	7.1	6.4	6.9	7.2	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.0	5.7
West Virginia	6.3	6.4	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.1	5.8
Wisconsin	5.9	5.6	5.0	5.6	5.6	4.8	5.5	5.7	5.0	4.7
Wyoming	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.1	9.1	7.9	8.4	8.0
Puerto Rico	5.1	5.4	4.5	7.1	8.4	5.7	5.4	6.8	11.8	6.8
Virgin Islands	5.6	6.7	4.2	9.2	12.0	5.5	5.3	11.6	28.2	16.8

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