

Job growth compared to working-age population growth, start of recession through March 2004

	Job growth	Working-age population growth	Job shortfall (in thousands)		Job growth	Working-age population growth	Job shortfall (in thousands)
UNITED STATES	-1.5%	3.9%	7,084	SOUTH			
NORTHEAST				South Atlantic			
<i>New England</i>				Delaware	-2.2%	3.7%	25
Maine	-0.4%	2.9%	21	Maryland	1.1%	3.1%	49
New Hampshire	-2.0%	4.3%	40	Dist. of Columbia	3.4%	1.1%	-15
Vermont	-1.2%	3.2%	13	Virginia	0.8%	3.4%	93
Massachusetts	-6.2%	2.1%	279	West Virginia	-2.1%	0.8%	22
Rhode Island	1.5%	2.2%	4	North Carolina	-3.5%	4.3%	311
Connecticut	-2.7%	1.7%	73	South Carolina	-0.6%	3.4%	73
				Georgia	-2.6%	5.0%	303
<i>Middle Atlantic</i>				Florida	2.9%	5.9%	218
New York	-2.8%	0.9%	317	East South Central			
New Jersey	0.5%	2.5%	80	Kentucky	-1.6%	2.7%	78
Pennsylvania	-2.3%	1.6%	221	Tennessee	-1.2%	4.0%	142
MIDWEST				Alabama	-2.1%	3.1%	99
<i>East North Central</i>				Mississippi	-1.4%	3.0%	50
Ohio	-3.8%	1.4%	290	West South Central			
Indiana	-1.7%	2.4%	122	Arkansas	-1.2%	4.0%	61
Illinois	-4.1%	1.9%	360	Louisiana	-0.9%	2.2%	61
Michigan	-4.9%	1.4%	290	Oklahoma	-3.5%	3.2%	102
Wisconsin	-1.3%	3.2%	127	Texas	-1.5%	4.8%	609
<i>West North Central</i>				WEST			
Minnesota	-1.5%	3.8%	144	Mountain			
Iowa	-1.9%	2.0%	56	Montana	2.7%	4.5%	7
Missouri	-1.9%	3.2%	142	Idaho	1.5%	7.1%	32
North Dakota	0.8%	2.7%	6	Wyoming	3.1%	5.4%	6
South Dakota	0.3%	4.2%	15	Colorado	-4.7%	5.1%	221
Nebraska	-1.0%	3.2%	38	New Mexico	3.7%	5.6%	14
Kansas	-2.7%	3.5%	84	Arizona	2.2%	6.8%	105
				Utah	-0.2%	6.8%	77
				Nevada	6.1%	8.1%	21
				Pacific			
				Washington	-1.2%	5.2%	172
				Oregon	-2.3%	4.9%	115
				California	-1.9%	3.8%	847
				Alaska	6.0%	4.1%	-5
				Hawaii	2.5%	4.2%	9

Source: EPI analysis of BLS seasonally adjusted data for jobwatch.org. Population projections from economy.com.