

Job Growth: 2002 to 2003

National Percent Change = 0.4% Decrease*

ALPHA ORDER

RANK	STATE	PERCENT CHANGE
33	Alabama	(1.0)
1	Alaska	3.2
4	Arizona	2.7
26	Arkansas	(0.3)
41	California	(1.4)
31	Colorado	(0.9)
35	Connecticut	(1.1)
15	Delaware	0.7
10	Florida	1.7
3	Georgia	3.1
1	Hawaii	3.2
5	Idaho	2.4
25	Illinois	(0.2)
33	Indiana	(1.0)
37	Iowa	(1.2)
37	Kansas	(1.2)
50	Kentucky	(3.6)
43	Louisiana	(2.0)
31	Maine	(0.9)
29	Maryland	(0.8)
44	Massachusetts	(2.5)
48	Michigan	(3.2)
17	Minnesota	0.4
22	Mississippi	(0.1)
18	Missouri	0.3
22	Montana	(0.1)
29	Nebraska	(0.8)
7	Nevada	2.2
26	New Hampshire	(0.3)
18	New Jersey	0.3
6	New Mexico	2.3
41	New York	(1.4)
37	North Carolina	(1.2)
20	North Dakota	0.0
46	Ohio	(2.8)
49	Oklahoma	(3.5)
37	Oregon	(1.2)
20	Pennsylvania	0.0
22	Rhode Island	(0.1)
46	South Carolina	(2.8)
7	South Dakota	2.2
35	Tennessee	(1.1)
16	Texas	0.6
11	Utah	1.3
12	Vermont	1.2
14	Virginia	0.8
13	Washington	1.0
28	West Virginia	(0.4)
45	Wisconsin	(2.6)
9	Wyoming	1.8

RANK ORDER

RANK	STATE	PERCENT CHANGE
1	Alaska	3.2
1	Hawaii	3.2
3	Georgia	3.1
4	Arizona	2.7
5	Idaho	2.4
6	New Mexico	2.3
7	Nevada	2.2
7	South Dakota	2.2
9	Wyoming	1.8
10	Florida	1.7
11	Utah	1.3
12	Vermont	1.2
13	Washington	1.0
14	Virginia	0.8
15	Delaware	0.7
16	Texas	0.6
17	Minnesota	0.4
18	Missouri	0.3
18	New Jersey	0.3
20	North Dakota	0.0
20	Pennsylvania	0.0
22	Mississippi	(0.1)
22	Montana	(0.1)
22	Rhode Island	(0.1)
25	Illinois	(0.2)
26	Arkansas	(0.3)
26	New Hampshire	(0.3)
28	West Virginia	(0.4)
29	Maryland	(0.8)
29	Nebraska	(0.8)
31	Colorado	(0.9)
31	Maine	(0.9)
33	Alabama	(1.0)
33	Indiana	(1.0)
35	Connecticut	(1.1)
35	Tennessee	(1.1)
37	Iowa	(1.2)
37	Kansas	(1.2)
37	North Carolina	(1.2)
37	Oregon	(1.2)
41	California	(1.4)
41	New York	(1.4)
43	Louisiana	(2.0)
44	Massachusetts	(2.5)
45	Wisconsin	(2.6)
46	Ohio	(2.8)
46	South Carolina	(2.8)
48	Michigan	(3.2)
49	Oklahoma	(3.5)
50	Kentucky	(3.6)

District of Columbia

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Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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*Nonfarm jobs. December 2002 to December 2003, seasonally adjusted. National figure based on nonfarm employment from a different survey.