

# The Labor Market Report

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## ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index — Third Quarter 2005

### Special Points of Interest:

- The ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index for the Third Quarter 2005
- Tennessee Historical Civilian Labor Force Series, 1975 to Present
- County Unemployment Rates
- Civilian Labor Force Summary
- State Unemployment Insurance Activities

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The American Chamber of Commerce Research Association (ACCRA), founded in 1961, is a nonprofit professional organization comprised of research staff of chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, and related organizations in participating urban areas throughout the United States and Canada. ACCRA developed the ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index in 1968 to meet the need for a measure of living cost differentials among urban areas.

The index measures the relative price levels for consumer goods and services in metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas whose chambers of commerce have agreed to participate in the survey. The average of all participating cities equals 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

Taxes, both state and local, are an integral part of the cost of living and vary widely between state and metro areas. Due to the multiplicity of

state and local taxes, taxing jurisdictions, and assessment procedures, the ACCRA felt it was not feasible to measure taxes levied on real and intangible property, retail sales, and income.

The index does not measure inflation (price change over time) because each quarterly report is a separate snapshot of prices at a single point in time. The number and mix of the chambers of commerce that participate may change from one quarter to the next. Index data from different quarters cannot be compared.

While items seem self-descriptive for most categories, the miscellaneous goods and services category needs to be enumerated due to the vagueness of the heading and the weight carried (35 percent). This category includes men's shirts and women's slacks, fast food items, health and beauty items, dry cleaning, major appliance repair, newspapers, entertainment, and alcoholic beverages.

Since last year, the weighting system of the

cost-of-living index changed. Housing declined by 1 percent while utilities increased by 1 percent.

The highest and lowest costs in the country by group are as follows: Grocery Items: Honolulu, Hawaii (152.5) and San Marcos, Texas (77.9); Housing: New York (Manhattan) (362.4) and Jonesboro, Arkansas and Douglas, Georgia (both 67.6); Utilities: Fairbanks, Alaska (159.5) and Springfield, Missouri (72); Transportation: Kodiak, Alaska (126.2) and McAlester, Oklahoma (78.1); Health Care: Juneau, Alaska (146.5) and Nevada, Missouri (79.9); and Miscellaneous Goods and Services: New York (Manhattan) (138.3) and McAlester, Oklahoma (75.4).

For more information on subscribing to this cost-of-living index or joining the ACCRA, please contact your local chamber of commerce. You may contact the ACCRA directly at 703-522-4980 (phone), 703-522-4985 (fax), or visit its Web site at [www.accra.org](http://www.accra.org).

# ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index – Third Quarter 2005

| (Average = 100.0)  | Composite Index | Grocery Items | Housing     | Utilities   | Transportation | Health Care  | Misc. Goods & Services |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Index Weights  | 100%            | 13%           | 29%         | 10%         | 9%             | 4%           | 35%                    |
| <b>Tennessee Cities (in bold), Selected Large and Regional Cities, Most and Least Expensive Cities</b> |                 |               |             |             |                |              |                        |
| New York (Manhattan), NY   | 201.2           | 133.7         | 362.4       | 149.8       | 111.7          | 131.4        | 138.3                  |
| San Francisco, CA  | 174.8           | 144.1         | 290.6       | 98.8        | 120.1          | 123.4        | 132.0                  |
| San Jose, CA   | 166.2           | 143.2         | 263.5       | 107.3       | 123.9          | 121.3        | 127.0                  |
| Honolulu, HI   | 158.7           | 152.5         | 230.1       | 138.2       | 113.9          | 110.2        | 124.7                  |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA   | 157.4           | 137.3         | 261.5       | 107.9       | 112.2          | 118.4        | 108.9                  |
| Orange County, CA  | 157.1           | 131.1         | 255.8       | 106.6       | 115.8          | 121.3        | 114.3                  |
| Nassau County, NY  | 152.5           | 127.1         | 218.2       | 133.1       | 104.4          | 110.1        | 130.2                  |
| San Diego, CA  | 150.6           | 116.6         | 240.0       | 98.7        | 118.9          | 122.5        | 115.5                  |
| New York (Queens), NY  | 149.8           | 124.8         | 206.6       | 135.9       | 106.8          | 119.6        | 130.4                  |
| Oakland, CA  | 148.8           | 143.6         | 218.4       | 85.4        | 124.2          | 118.1        | 121.1                  |
| Stamford, CT   | 148.7           | 120.1         | 229.8       | 118.0       | 114.7          | 118.6        | 113.1                  |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA   | 145.9           | 116.4         | 224.0       | 117.3       | 106.7          | 116.1        | 113.7                  |
| Boston, MA   | 138.9           | 119.3         | 179.1       | 129.6       | 109.7          | 132.3        | 123.9                  |
| Bergen-Passaic, NJ   | 136.3           | 121.2         | 189.3       | 112.6       | 107.2          | 105.9        | 115.6                  |
| Juneau, AK   | 133.8           | 138.9         | 135.1       | 139.2       | 122.7          | 146.5        | 130.8                  |
| Providence, RI   | 127.1           | 116.6         | 155.2       | 120.1       | 100.7          | 114.3        | 118.0                  |
| Philadelphia, PA   | 125.6           | 122.6         | 147.5       | 116.1       | 111.3          | 117.9        | 116.0                  |
| Baltimore, MD  | 117.0           | 102.7         | 140.3       | 114.7       | 115.9          | 107.7        | 105.0                  |
| Seattle, WA  | 115.8           | 108.0         | 133.1       | 110.8       | 109.7          | 122.6        | 106.6                  |
| Richmond, VA   | 108.4           | 101.2         | 116.0       | 101.0       | 104.8          | 99.4         | 108.9                  |
| Detroit, MI  | 102.6           | 103.3         | 108.3       | 109.3       | 100.4          | 99.1         | 96.5                   |
| Denver, CO   | 99.6            | 106.7         | 101.9       | 96.7        | 94.0           | 106.0        | 96.6                   |
| Atlanta, GA  | 97.7            | 93.3          | 98.1        | 86.5        | 106.7          | 99.0         | 99.7                   |
| Charleston-North Charleston, SC  | 97.7            | 97.9          | 94.0        | 96.8        | 97.4           | 113.4        | 99.4                   |
| Tampa, FL  | 97.2            | 96.4          | 92.9        | 91.2        | 109.7          | 93.6         | 100.1                  |
| <b>Nashville-Franklin, TN</b>  | <b>96.8</b>     | <b>102.5</b>  | <b>82.1</b> | <b>99.3</b> | <b>92.5</b>    | <b>95.8</b>  | <b>107.4</b>           |
| Louisville, KY   | 95.7            | 94.8          | 82.6        | 96.3        | 117.8          | 98.3         | 100.6                  |
| <b>Chattanooga, TN</b>   | <b>93.4</b>     | <b>99.3</b>   | <b>91.2</b> | <b>80.8</b> | <b>99.3</b>    | <b>98.6</b>  | <b>94.5</b>            |
| <b>Memphis, TN</b>   | <b>93.4</b>     | <b>91.9</b>   | <b>84.3</b> | <b>84.4</b> | <b>99.6</b>    | <b>101.9</b> | <b>101.4</b>           |
| Dallas, TX   | 93.3            | 97.5          | 75.8        | 115.7       | 104.9          | 99.9         | 96.0                   |
| Cincinnati, OH   | 92.8            | 90.9          | 85.5        | 109.1       | 91.2           | 95.5         | 94.9                   |
| St. Louis, MO-IL   | 92.6            | 95.9          | 87.2        | 103.1       | 90.8           | 95.7         | 92.9                   |
| Charlotte, NC  | 92.2            | 95.8          | 77.6        | 76.9        | 96.9           | 114.4        | 103.5                  |
| <b>Cleveland, TN</b>   | <b>90.8</b>     | <b>98.8</b>   | <b>85.5</b> | <b>92.9</b> | <b>88.8</b>    | <b>91.9</b>  | <b>92.1</b>            |
| <b>Morristown, TN</b>  | <b>89.3</b>     | <b>93.7</b>   | <b>75.8</b> | <b>78.0</b> | <b>94.5</b>    | <b>88.1</b>  | <b>101.0</b>           |
| <b>Jackson/Madison County, TN</b>  | <b>88.5</b>     | <b>88.6</b>   | <b>77.0</b> | <b>91.5</b> | <b>98.7</b>    | <b>91.1</b>  | <b>94.2</b>            |
| <b>Knoxville, TN</b>   | <b>88.1</b>     | <b>90.5</b>   | <b>78.1</b> | <b>89.7</b> | <b>84.4</b>    | <b>91.3</b>  | <b>95.6</b>            |
| <b>Kingsport, TN</b>   | <b>88.0</b>     | <b>100.6</b>  | <b>76.7</b> | <b>82.3</b> | <b>90.1</b>    | <b>91.9</b>  | <b>93.3</b>            |
| Houston, TX  | 87.7            | 82.8          | 72.3        | 102.3       | 101.5          | 97.8         | 93.4                   |
| <b>Johnson City, TN</b>  | <b>87.3</b>     | <b>88.8</b>   | <b>78.0</b> | <b>87.0</b> | <b>88.0</b>    | <b>89.1</b>  | <b>94.1</b>            |
| McAllen, TX  | 84.8            | 79.9          | 72.8        | 84.2        | 92.5           | 97.7         | 93.1                   |
| Joplin, MO   | 84.8            | 80.3          | 75.1        | 88.5        | 83.6           | 86.3         | 93.7                   |
| Salinas, KS  | 84.7            | 84.5          | 76.9        | 85.4        | 94.7           | 92.9         | 87.4                   |
| Jackson, MS  | 84.3            | 86.1          | 71.6        | 98.5        | 89.6           | 95.5         | 87.5                   |
| Laredo, TX   | 83.7            | 79.7          | 81.3        | 85.2        | 98.7           | 97.0         | 81.3                   |
| Jonesboro, AR  | 83.6            | 89.3          | 67.6        | 93.4        | 88.2           | 86.4         | 90.5                   |
| <b>Cookeville, TN</b>  | <b>80.9</b>     | <b>84.5</b>   | <b>72.5</b> | <b>77.4</b> | <b>80.7</b>    | <b>87.3</b>  | <b>87.0</b>            |
| McAlester, OK  | 76.5            | 82.0          | 71.2        | 82.6        | 78.1           | 87.2         | 75.4                   |

**How to use the ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index:** Assume that City A has a composite index of 98.3 and City B has a composite index of 128.5. If you live in City A and are contemplating a job offer in City B, how much of an increase in your after-tax income is needed to maintain your current lifestyle?  $100 * \{(City\ B - City\ A) / City\ A\} = 100 * \{(128.5 - 98.3) / 98.3\} = 100 * (.3072) = 30.72\%$ , or about a 31% increase. Conversely, if you are considering a move from City B to City A, how much of a cut in after-tax income can you sustain without reducing your present lifestyle?  $100 * \{(City\ A - City\ B) / City\ B\} = 100 * \{(98.3 - 128.5) / 128.5\} = 100 * (-.235) = -23.5\%$ , or about a 24% reduction.

# Statewide

## HISTORICAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY\*

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS)

MONTHLY DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| Year and Month | Civilian Labor Force |            |                      |                    |            |         |       | Unemployed Number | Rate (%) |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|---------|-------|-------------------|----------|
|                | Total                | Employment | Employed             |                    |            |         |       |                   |          |
|                |                      |            | Total                | Nonfarm Employment |            |         |       |                   |          |
|                |                      |            | **Manu-<br>facturing | **Trade            | **Services |         |       |                   |          |
| 1975           | 1,836.0              | 1,683.0    | 1,505.7              | 459.0              | 320.8      | 229.4   | 154.0 | 8.3 %             |          |
| 1976           | 1,860.8              | 1,745.6    | 1,575.4              | 486.1              | 339.5      | 240.5   | 115.2 | 6.2               |          |
| 1977           | 1,939.0              | 1,816.7    | 1,648.1              | 507.5              | 357.2      | 254.5   | 122.3 | 6.3               |          |
| 1978           | 1,983.7              | 1,866.2    | 1,737.0              | 526.0              | 379.1      | 270.7   | 117.5 | 5.9               |          |
| 1979           | 2,040.5              | 1,918.5    | 1,777.3              | 524.7              | 388.7      | 285.4   | 122.0 | 6.0               |          |
| 1980           | 2,071.6              | 1,920.1    | 1,746.6              | 502.1              | 379.7      | 291.0   | 151.5 | 7.3               |          |
| 1981           | 2,123.1              | 1,927.6    | 1,775.4              | 506.9              | 379.9      | 304.4   | 195.5 | 9.2               |          |
| 1982           | 2,141.2              | 1,891.5    | 1,703.0              | 466.7              | 380.5      | 313.1   | 249.7 | 11.7              |          |
| 1983           | 2,188.2              | 1,932.4    | 1,719.0              | 468.6              | 389.9      | 323.4   | 255.8 | 11.7              |          |
| 1984           | 2,233.5              | 2,026.4    | 1,812.0              | 497.1              | 413.3      | 344.3   | 207.1 | 9.3               |          |
| 1985           | 2,255.7              | 2,070.0    | 1,867.8              | 492.4              | 435.3      | 360.2   | 185.7 | 8.2               |          |
| 1986           | 2,291.3              | 2,110.7    | 1,929.8              | 490.5              | 452.1      | 384.7   | 180.6 | 7.9               |          |
| 1987           | 2,324.1              | 2,166.5    | 2,011.6              | 497.4              | 477.2      | 408.9   | 157.6 | 6.8               |          |
| 1988           | 2,333.6              | 2,197.2    | 2,092.1              | 511.9              | 495.6      | 440.3   | 136.4 | 5.8               |          |
| 1989           | 2,364.9              | 2,241.3    | 2,167.2              | 524.5              | 508.4      | 467.2   | 123.6 | 5.2               |          |
| 1990           | 2,401.1              | 2,269.0    | 2,193.2              | 493.4              | 379.1      | 611.0   | 132.1 | 5.5               |          |
| 1991           | 2,425.4              | 2,266.0    | 2,183.6              | 480.3              | 373.0      | 626.7   | 159.4 | 6.6               |          |
| 1992           | 2,479.5              | 2,316.7    | 2,245.0              | 492.8              | 374.1      | 664.8   | 162.8 | 6.6               |          |
| 1993           | 2,543.3              | 2,391.6    | 2,328.5              | 502.8              | 382.5      | 709.8   | 151.7 | 6.0               |          |
| 1994           | 2,645.7              | 2,511.1    | 2,423.0              | 513.8              | 398.4      | 751.4   | 134.6 | 5.1               |          |
| 1995           | 2,718.0              | 2,574.0    | 2,498.9              | 518.0              | 412.6      | 795.0   | 144.0 | 5.3               |          |
| 1996           | 2,758.4              | 2,611.0    | 2,533.3              | 501.5              | 420.9      | 814.3   | 147.4 | 5.3               |          |
| 1997           | 2,788.3              | 2,640.0    | 2,584.0              | 498.0              | 430.5      | 849.7   | 148.3 | 5.3               |          |
| 1998           | 2,811.7              | 2,685.2    | 2,638.4              | 498.6              | 437.1      | 875.7   | 126.5 | 4.5               |          |
| 1999           | 2,838.7              | 2,722.1    | 2,685.3              | 494.7              | 443.6      | 900.8   | 116.6 | 4.1               |          |
| 2000           | 2,864.0              | 2,749.7    | 2,728.9              | 488.1              | 447.5      | 930.9   | 114.3 | 4.0               |          |
| 2001           | 2,859.7              | 2,728.5    | 2,688.3              | 454.2              | 446.6      | 921.5   | 131.2 | 4.6               |          |
| 2002           | 2,883.4              | 2,733.7    | 2,664.4              | 428.5              | 438.7      | 938.0   | 149.7 | 5.2               |          |
| 2003           | 2,903.0              | 2,742.2    | 2,667.5              | 414.1              | 440.8      | 950.3   | 160.8 | 5.5               |          |
| 2004           | 2,907.8              | 2,751.8    | 2,701.1              | 411.5              | 447.2      | 976.0   | 156.0 | 5.4               |          |
| 2005           |                      |            |                      |                    |            |         |       |                   |          |
| January        | 2,882.4              | 2,693.2    | 2,678.5              | 409.1              | 445.8      | 965.1   | 189.2 | 6.5 %             |          |
| February       | 2,891.5              | 2,709.3    | 2,691.6              | 408.8              | 445.0      | 972.9   | 182.2 | 6.3               |          |
| March          | 2,876.4              | 2,700.7    | 2,707.5              | 409.6              | 447.9      | 979.1   | 175.7 | 6.1               |          |
| April          | 2,879.8              | 2,719.0    | 2,725.9              | 410.9              | 449.3      | 990.7   | 160.8 | 5.6               |          |
| May            | 2,889.8              | 2,725.8    | 2,730.8              | 412.5              | 450.6      | 993.5   | 164.0 | 5.7               |          |
| June           | 2,915.8              | 2,730.8    | 2,707.5              | 409.6              | 447.9      | 979.1   | 185.0 | 6.3               |          |
| July           | 2,914.7              | 2,752.3    | 2,710.0              | 411.1              | 451.8      | 996.7   | 162.4 | 5.6               |          |
| August         | 2,909.1              | 2,753.2    | 2,724.8              | 410.5              | 453.4      | 1,000.7 | 155.9 | 5.4               |          |
| September      | 2,905.7              | 2,764.5    | 2,742.3              | 412.1              | 457.7      | 1,000.4 | 141.2 | 4.9               |          |
| October        | 2,938.7              | 2,780.8    | 2,746.1              | 411.5              | 462.2      | 995.6   | 157.9 | 5.4               |          |
| November (r)   | 2,925.3              | 2,763.2    | 2,753.3              | 411.3              | 467.5      | 996.2   | 162.1 | 5.5               |          |
| December (p)   | 2,925.0              | 2,777.1    | 2,758.1              | 411.0              | 472.1      | 995.7   | 147.9 | 5.1               |          |

(r)=revised

\*\*These industries not comparable to industry employment data before

(p)=preliminary

1990 because of change to NAICS coding system.

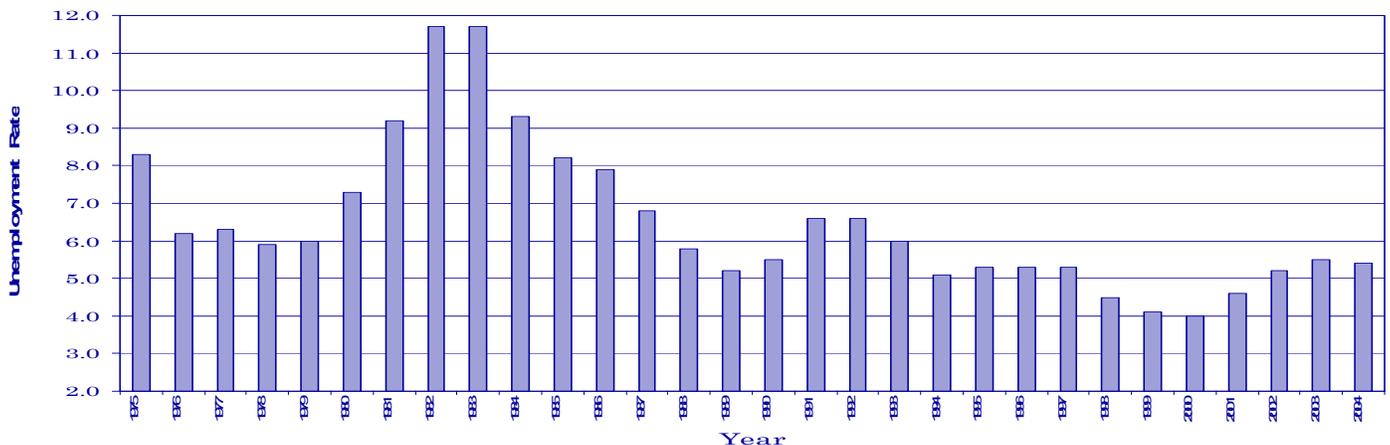
Trade = Wholesale and Retail Trade

Services = Professional/Business Services, Educational/Health Services, Leisure/Hospitality, and Other Services.

| County     | Dec  | Dec  | County     | Dec  | Dec  |
|------------|------|------|------------|------|------|
|            | 2004 | 2005 |            | 2004 | 2005 |
| Anderson   | 5.0  | 4.4  | Lauderdale | 9.0  | 7.8  |
| Bedford    | 4.6  | 4.8  | Lawrence   | 8.7  | 12.7 |
| Benton     | 8.1  | 7.1  | Lewis      | 7.4  | 8.0  |
| Bledsoe    | 7.3  | 6.5  | Lincoln    | 5.2  | 4.4  |
| Blount     | 4.4  | 4.5  | Loudon     | 4.0  | 4.1  |
| Bradley    | 4.8  | 4.7  | Macon      | 4.6  | 4.9  |
| Campbell   | 5.9  | 5.5  | Madison    | 5.5  | 5.1  |
| Cannon     | 4.0  | 5.2  | Marion     | 7.3  | 4.6  |
| Carroll    | 8.0  | 6.5  | Marshall   | 6.5  | 6.1  |
| Carter     | 5.3  | 4.9  | Maury      | 5.1  | 5.1  |
| Cheatham   | 4.0  | 3.8  | McMinn     | 5.9  | 5.3  |
| Chester    | 5.3  | 4.7  | McNairy    | 6.2  | 5.2  |
| Claiborne  | 5.1  | 5.1  | Meigs      | 7.0  | 7.4  |
| Clay       | 9.2  | 14.5 | Monroe     | 6.1  | 5.5  |
| Cocke      | 7.2  | 7.3  | Montgomery | 4.6  | 4.6  |
| Coffee     | 4.7  | 5.0  | Moore      | 3.6  | 4.3  |
| Crockett   | 7.4  | 6.7  | Morgan     | 7.6  | 6.3  |
| Cumberland | 6.7  | 6.3  | Obion      | 6.2  | 5.3  |
| Davidson   | 4.1  | 4.2  | Overton    | 5.3  | 6.1  |
| Decatur    | 6.9  | 6.9  | Perry      | 6.1  | 5.8  |
| DeKalb     | 5.2  | 6.0  | Pickett    | 8.9  | 8.4  |
| Dickson    | 4.8  | 4.6  | Polk       | 6.3  | 6.2  |
| Dyer       | 6.1  | 5.6  | Putnam     | 4.4  | 4.8  |
| Fayette    | 9.6  | 8.6  | Rhea       | 6.3  | 6.4  |
| Fentress   | 6.7  | 6.7  | Roane      | 5.7  | 5.4  |
| Franklin   | 4.8  | 5.3  | Robertson  | 4.1  | 4.1  |
| Gibson     | 8.6  | 7.0  | Rutherford | 3.6  | 3.8  |
| Giles      | 7.2  | 7.1  | Scott      | 7.5  | 6.6  |
| Grainger   | 5.6  | 5.1  | Sequatchie | 5.3  | 4.8  |
| Greene     | 7.4  | 8.0  | Sevier     | 5.8  | 5.1  |
| Grundy     | 6.3  | 8.1  | Shelby     | 6.3  | 5.6  |
| Hamblen    | 5.1  | 5.8  | Smith      | 5.2  | 4.4  |
| Hamilton   | 4.4  | 4.4  | Stewart    | 7.2  | 7.7  |
| Hancock    | 10.2 | 7.9  | Sullivan   | 5.1  | 4.2  |
| Hardeman   | 10.3 | 8.5  | Sumner     | 4.0  | 4.0  |
| Hardin     | 7.7  | 6.5  | Tipton     | 6.2  | 5.3  |
| Hawkins    | 5.3  | 5.5  | Trousdale  | 5.7  | 5.0  |
| Haywood    | 8.3  | 6.8  | Unicoi     | 6.1  | 6.2  |
| Henderson  | 6.9  | 6.2  | Union      | 4.8  | 4.7  |
| Henry      | 8.1  | 7.3  | Van Buren  | 7.1  | 8.8  |
| Hickman    | 5.1  | 5.6  | Warren     | 5.3  | 9.3  |
| Houston    | 8.1  | 8.5  | Washington | 4.7  | 4.2  |
| Humphreys  | 7.6  | 7.4  | Wayne      | 9.1  | 13.4 |
| Jackson    | 6.8  | 6.7  | Weakley    | 6.3  | 5.5  |
| Jefferson  | 5.5  | 5.3  | White      | 5.9  | 10.2 |
| Johnson    | 7.7  | 7.3  | Williamson | 3.1  | 3.1  |
| Knox       | 3.8  | 3.7  | Wilson     | 3.9  | 4.0  |
| Lake       | 7.4  | 7.5  |            |      |      |

\*Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

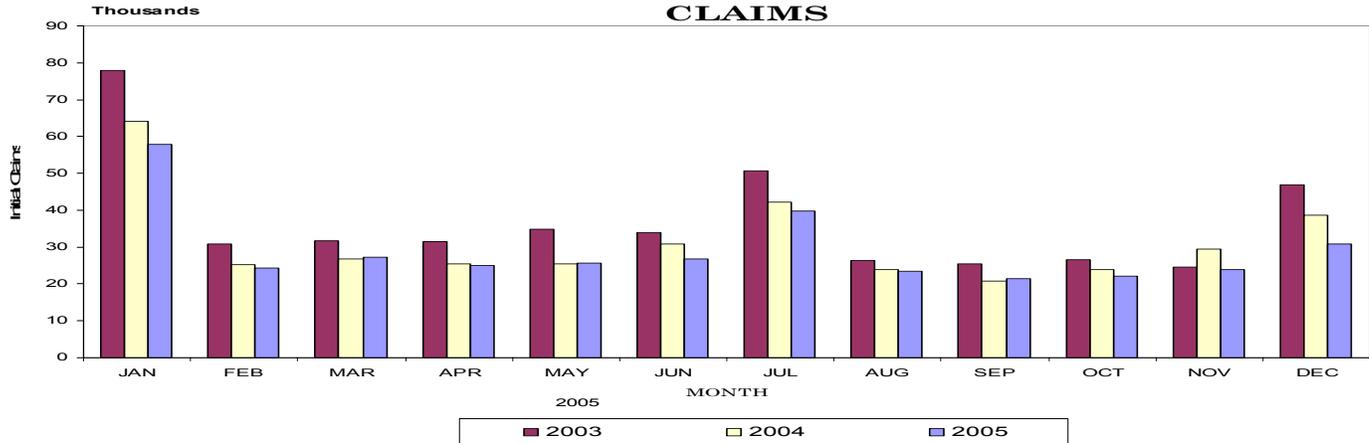
Unemployment Rates 1975-2004



# Statewide

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

### MONTHLY INITIAL CLAIMS



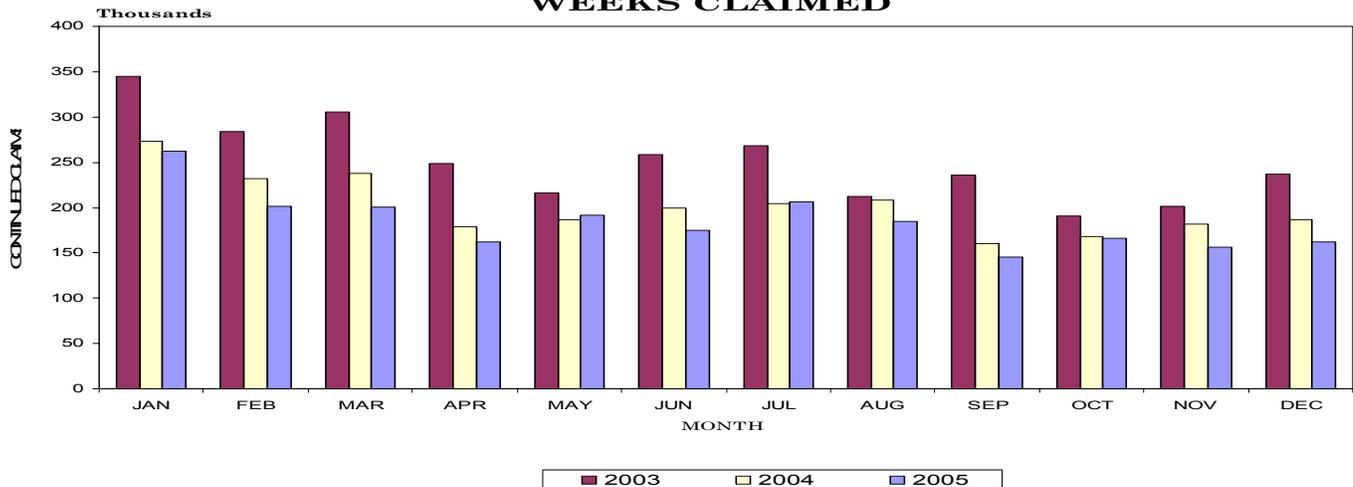
## BENEFIT PROGRAMS

| STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM         |               |               |               | FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS  |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLAIMS                        | Dec. 2004     | Nov. 2005     | Dec. 2005     | FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  | Dec. 2004 | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
| Initial Claims                | 38,576        | 23,946        | 30,901        | Benefits Paid             | \$578,500 | \$469,051 | \$492,815 |
| Continued Weeks Claimed       | 186,541       | 156,638       | 162,187       | Benefit Weeks Claimed     | 2,424     | 1,853     | 1,902     |
| Nonmonetary Determinations    | 5,910         | 6,127         | 5,786         | Initial Claims            | 176       | 215       | 104       |
| Appeals Decisions             | 1,755         | 2,046         | 1,689         | Continued Weeks Claimed   | 2,363     | 1,862     | 1,876     |
| Lower Authority               | 1,468         | 1,678         | 1,437         | Appeals Decisions         | 9         | 24        | 8         |
| Higher Authority              | 287           | 368           | 252           |                           |           |           |           |
| BENEFITS                      |               |               |               | FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL |           |           |           |
| Amount Paid                   | \$35,123,819  | \$31,764,559  | \$30,725,775  | Benefits Paid             | \$522,415 | \$516,089 | \$675,960 |
| Benefit Weeks Paid            | 186,895       | 154,926       | 155,431       | Benefit Weeks Claimed     | 1,934     | 1,868     | 2,311     |
| Average Weekly Benefit Amount | \$212         | \$217         | \$215         | Initial Claims            | 113       | 268       | 292       |
| First Payments                | 14,812        | 10,068        | 12,663        | Continued Weeks Claimed   | 1,839     | 1,871     | 2,385     |
| Final Payments                | 4,783         | 4,323         | 3,917         | Appeals Decisions         | 2         | 4         | 4         |
| Average Weeks Duration        | 14            | 14            | 14            |                           |           |           |           |
| Trust Fund Balance*           | \$566,813,444 | \$649,852,061 | \$629,417,564 |                           |           |           |           |

\*Trust Fund includes a one-time deposit in March 2002 of \$162 million of Reed Act

## CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED

### MONTHLY CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED



# Statewide

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

| Industry  | Revised       |               | Preliminary    | Net Change    |           |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
|   | December 2004 | November 2005 |                | December 2004 | Nov. 2005 |
| Total Nonfarm                                   | 2,742.2       | 2,753.3       | <b>2,758.1</b> | 15.9          | 4.8       |
| Total Private                                   | 2,323.3       | 2,333.4       | <b>2,337.6</b> | 14.3          | 4.2       |
| Goods-Producing                                 | 536.7         | 536.5         | <b>536.3</b>   | -0.4          | -0.2      |
| Natural Resources & Mining                      | 4.2           | 4.1           | <b>4.2</b>     | 0.0           | 0.1       |
| Construction                                    | 118.8         | 121.1         | <b>121.1</b>   | 2.3           | 0.0       |
| Manufacturing                                   | 413.7         | 411.3         | <b>411.0</b>   | -2.7          | -0.3      |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing                     | 255.5         | 254.8         | <b>254.3</b>   | -1.2          | -0.5      |
| Wood Product Manufacturing                      | 17.7          | 18.0          | <b>18.0</b>    | 0.3           | 0.0       |
| Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing       | 15.9          | 16.2          | <b>16.2</b>    | 0.3           | 0.0       |
| Primary Metal Manufacturing                     | 12.4          | 12.5          | <b>12.6</b>    | 0.2           | 0.1       |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing          | 42.2          | 42.2          | <b>42.2</b>    | 0.0           | 0.0       |
| Machinery Manufacturing                         | 34.3          | 34.1          | <b>33.0</b>    | -1.3          | -1.1      |
| Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing     | 11.2          | 10.8          | <b>10.9</b>    | -0.3          | 0.1       |
| Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing  | 23.3          | 22.9          | <b>22.9</b>    | -0.4          | 0.0       |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing          | 62.3          | 62.2          | <b>62.5</b>    | 0.2           | 0.3       |
| Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing               | 36.9          | 37.8          | <b>37.9</b>    | 1.0           | 0.1       |
| Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing       | 19.8          | 19.7          | <b>19.8</b>    | 0.0           | 0.1       |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing                     | 16.4          | 16.2          | <b>16.2</b>    | -0.2          | 0.0       |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing                  | 158.2         | 156.5         | <b>156.7</b>   | -1.5          | 0.2       |
| Food Manufacturing                              | 35.2          | 35.0          | <b>35.2</b>    | 0.0           | 0.2       |
| Animal Slaughtering & Processing                | 10.8          | 10.6          | <b>10.7</b>    | -0.1          | 0.1       |
| Bakeries & Tortilla Manufacturing               | 7.6           | 7.4           | <b>7.4</b>     | -0.2          | 0.0       |
| Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing        | 5.9           | 5.9           | <b>5.9</b>     | 0.0           | 0.0       |
| Textile Mills                                   | 6.7           | 6.5           | <b>6.5</b>     | -0.2          | 0.0       |
| Textile Product Mills                           | 4.0           | 4.2           | <b>4.2</b>     | 0.2           | 0.0       |
| Apparel Manufacturing                           | 8.9           | 8.3           | <b>8.3</b>     | -0.6          | 0.0       |
| Paper Manufacturing                             | 18.8          | 18.5          | <b>18.6</b>    | -0.2          | 0.1       |
| Printing & Related Support Activities           | 19.4          | 19.1          | <b>19.0</b>    | -0.4          | -0.1      |
| Chemical Manufacturing                          | 27.7          | 26.9          | <b>27.0</b>    | -0.7          | 0.1       |
| Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing        | 28.5          | 29.2          | <b>29.2</b>    | 0.7           | 0.0       |
| Plastics Product Manufacturing                  | 14.4          | 14.8          | <b>14.8</b>    | 0.4           | 0.0       |
| Rubber Product Manufacturing                    | 14.1          | 14.4          | <b>14.4</b>    | 0.3           | 0.0       |
| Service-Providing                               | 2,205.5       | 2,216.8       | <b>2,221.8</b> | 16.3          | 5.0       |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities              | 606.0         | 608.0         | <b>612.2</b>   | 6.2           | 4.2       |
| Wholesale Trade                                 | 128.4         | 130.4         | <b>130.4</b>   | 2.0           | 0.0       |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods             | 65.0          | 65.9          | <b>66.0</b>    | 1.0           | 0.1       |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods          | 46.8          | 46.9          | <b>46.7</b>    | -0.1          | -0.2      |
| Wholesale Electronic Markets                    | 16.6          | 17.6          | <b>17.7</b>    | 1.1           | 0.1       |
| Retail Trade                                    | 337.6         | 337.1         | <b>341.7</b>   | 4.1           | 4.6       |
| Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers                   | 43.2          | 43.7          | <b>43.7</b>    | 0.5           | 0.0       |
| Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores             | 9.9           | 10.0          | <b>10.0</b>    | 0.1           | 0.0       |
| Building Material, Garden Equipment, & Supplies | 25.4          | 26.5          | <b>26.5</b>    | 1.1           | 0.0       |
| Food & Beverage Stores                          | 46.4          | 45.2          | <b>45.3</b>    | -1.1          | 0.1       |
| Health & Personal Care Stores                   | 21.2          | 20.9          | <b>21.3</b>    | 0.1           | 0.4       |
| Gasoline Stations                               | 24.8          | 24.8          | <b>24.8</b>    | 0.0           | 0.0       |
| Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores          | 33.7          | 33.1          | <b>34.1</b>    | 0.4           | 1.0       |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores     | 14.3          | 13.9          | <b>14.6</b>    | 0.3           | 0.7       |
| General Merchandise Stores                      | 77.0          | 77.4          | <b>78.8</b>    | 1.8           | 1.4       |
| Miscellaneous Store Retailers                   | 19.9          | 19.6          | <b>19.8</b>    | -0.1          | 0.2       |
| Nonstore Retailers                              | 12.4          | 12.7          | <b>13.2</b>    | 0.8           | 0.5       |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities        | 140.0         | 140.5         | <b>140.1</b>   | 0.1           | -0.4      |
| Utilities                                       | 3.5           | 3.7           | <b>3.7</b>     | 0.2           | 0.0       |
| Transportation & Warehousing                    | 136.5         | 136.8         | <b>136.4</b>   | -0.1          | -0.4      |
| Truck Transportation                            | 61.4          | 62.3          | <b>62.1</b>    | 0.7           | -0.2      |
| Information                                     | 49.8          | 47.9          | <b>48.0</b>    | -1.8          | 0.1       |
| Publishing Industries (except internet)         | 14.2          | 13.7          | <b>13.7</b>    | -0.5          | 0.0       |
| Telecommunications                              | 15.7          | 14.9          | <b>14.9</b>    | -0.8          | 0.0       |
| Financial Activities                            | 143.7         | 144.8         | <b>145.4</b>   | 1.7           | 0.6       |
| Finance & Insurance                             | 108.0         | 108.5         | <b>108.9</b>   | 0.9           | 0.4       |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing                  | 35.7          | 36.3          | <b>36.5</b>    | 0.8           | 0.2       |
| Professional & Business Services                | 308.0         | 305.7         | <b>306.5</b>   | -1.5          | 0.8       |
| Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services  | 102.2         | 100.9         | <b>102.0</b>   | -0.2          | 1.1       |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises           | 23.3          | 23.7          | <b>23.7</b>    | 0.4           | 0.0       |
| Administrative, Support, & Waste Management     | 182.5         | 181.1         | <b>180.8</b>   | -1.7          | -0.3      |
| Educational & Health Services                   | 324.1         | 330.6         | <b>330.4</b>   | 6.3           | -0.2      |
| Educational Services                            | 44.5          | 44.7          | <b>44.5</b>    | 0.0           | -0.2      |
| Health Care & Social Assistance                 | 279.6         | 285.9         | <b>285.9</b>   | 6.3           | 0.0       |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services                 | 102.6         | 105.9         | <b>106.0</b>   | 3.4           | 0.1       |
| Hospitals                                       | 88.1          | 89.6          | <b>89.7</b>    | 1.6           | 0.1       |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities           | 50.8          | 51.1          | <b>51.1</b>    | 0.3           | 0.0       |
| Social Assistance                               | 38.1          | 39.3          | <b>39.1</b>    | 1.0           | -0.2      |
| Leisure & Hospitality                           | 252.7         | 256.8         | <b>255.6</b>   | 2.9           | -1.2      |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation               | 26.6          | 28.4          | <b>27.7</b>    | 1.1           | -0.7      |
| Accommodation & Food Services                   | 226.1         | 228.4         | <b>227.9</b>   | 1.8           | -0.5      |
| Accommodation                                   | 32.2          | 30.9          | <b>30.4</b>    | -1.8          | -0.5      |
| Food Services & Drinking Places                 | 193.9         | 197.5         | <b>197.5</b>   | 3.6           | 0.0       |
| Other Services                                  | 102.3         | 103.1         | <b>103.2</b>   | 0.9           | 0.1       |
| Repair & Maintenance                            | 22.1          | 22.2          | <b>22.0</b>    | -0.1          | -0.2      |
| Personal & Laundry Services                     | 25.4          | 25.5          | <b>25.5</b>    | 0.1           | 0.0       |
| Government                                      | 418.9         | 419.9         | <b>420.5</b>   | 1.6           | 0.6       |
| Federal Government                              | 50.1          | 49.5          | <b>49.7</b>    | -0.4          | 0.2       |
| State Government                                | 96.1          | 96.4          | <b>95.5</b>    | -0.6          | -0.9      |
| State Government Educational Services           | 49.3          | 49.1          | <b>48.2</b>    | -1.1          | -0.9      |
| Local Government                                | 272.7         | 274.0         | <b>275.3</b>   | 2.6           | 1.3       |
| Local Government Educational Services           | 141.4         | 141.2         | <b>142.3</b>   | 0.9           | 1.1       |

## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

| Industry                               | Dec. 2004 | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Manufacturing                          | \$561.19  | \$550.37  | \$549.02  |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing            | \$553.61  | \$525.25  | \$533.11  |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | \$605.11  | \$605.09  | \$604.09  |
| Machinery Manufacturing                | \$516.49  | \$505.72  | \$505.66  |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing         | \$572.11  | \$590.38  | \$573.20  |
| Food Manufacturing                     | \$493.73  | \$503.37  | \$506.80  |

### AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

| Industry                               | Dec. 2004 | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Manufacturing                          | 40.2      | 39.2      | 39.3      |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing            | 39.6      | 38.2      | 38.8      |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | 40.1      | 39.6      | 39.9      |
| Machinery Manufacturing                | 37.4      | 40.2      | 40.1      |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing         | 41.1      | 40.8      | 40.0      |
| Food Manufacturing                     | 36.6      | 35.7      | 36.2      |

### AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

| Industry                               | Dec. 2004 | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Manufacturing                          | \$13.96   | \$14.04   | \$13.97   |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing            | \$13.98   | \$13.75   | \$13.74   |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | \$15.09   | \$15.28   | \$15.14   |
| Machinery Manufacturing                | \$13.81   | \$12.58   | \$12.61   |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing         | \$13.92   | \$14.47   | \$14.33   |
| Food Manufacturing                     | \$13.49   | \$14.10   | \$14.00   |

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee's seasonally adjusted estimated unemployment rate for December 2005 was 5.4 percent, down 0.3 percent from the November 2005 rate. This is the third consecutive month, and 11th month this year, that the rate is above the national average.

The United States' unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in December 2005. In December 2004, the national unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, and the state's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent.

Across Tennessee, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in 79 counties, increased in 13 counties, and remained the same in three counties. The lowest rate occurred in Williamson County at 3.1 percent, down 0.6 percent from the previous month. The highest rate was Clay County's 14.5 percent, up from 13.9 percent in November. (Continued on Page 6)

# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

December 2004

Revised November 2005

Preliminary December 2005

|                                       | Labor Force | Employment  | Unemployed | Rate | Labor Force | Employment  | Unemployed | Rate | Labor Force | Employment  | Unemployed | Rate |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------|-------------|-------------|------------|------|-------------|-------------|------------|------|
| <b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>            |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |
| U.S.                                  | 148,173,000 | 140,133,000 | 8,040,000  | 5.4  | 150,183,000 | 142,611,000 | 7,572,000  | 5.0  | 150,153,000 | 142,779,000 | 7,375,000  | 4.9  |
| TENNESSEE                             | 2,902,700   | 2,747,500   | 155,200    | 5.3  | 2,914,900   | 2,748,400   | 166,500    | 5.7  | 2,927,000   | 2,769,300   | 157,700    | 5.4  |
| <b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>        |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |
| U.S.                                  | 147,877,000 | 140,278,000 | 7,599,000  | 5.1  | 150,239,000 | 142,968,000 | 7,271,000  | 4.8  | 149,874,000 | 142,918,000 | 6,956,000  | 4.6  |
| TENNESSEE                             | 2,905,900   | 2,754,100   | 151,800    | 5.2  | 2,925,300   | 2,763,200   | 162,100    | 5.5  | 2,925,000   | 2,777,100   | 147,900    | 5.1  |
| <b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b> |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |
| Chattanooga                           | 250,800     | 239,490     | 11,310     | 4.5  | 253,290     | 241,070     | 12,220     | 4.8  | 253,490     | 242,550     | 10,940     | 4.3  |
| Clarksville                           | 102,610     | 97,570      | 5,040      | 4.9  | 105,600     | 99,320      | 6,270      | 5.9  | 105,360     | 99,570      | 5,790      | 5.5  |
| Cleveland                             | 52,950      | 50,290      | 2,660      | 5.0  | 52,850      | 49,900      | 2,950      | 5.6  | 53,050      | 50,450      | 2,600      | 4.9  |
| Jackson                               | 53,940      | 51,000      | 2,940      | 5.4  | 54,330      | 51,200      | 3,130      | 5.8  | 54,240      | 51,490      | 2,750      | 5.1  |
| Johnson City                          | 96,410      | 91,580      | 4,830      | 5.0  | 96,750      | 91,840      | 4,920      | 5.1  | 97,080      | 92,620      | 4,460      | 4.6  |
| Kingsport-Bristol                     | 140,530     | 133,410     | 7,120      | 5.1  | 141,290     | 134,080     | 7,210      | 5.1  | 140,780     | 134,310     | 6,470      | 4.6  |
| Knoxville                             | 337,770     | 324,070     | 13,700     | 4.1  | 341,570     | 326,080     | 15,490     | 4.5  | 341,520     | 327,970     | 13,560     | 4.0  |
| Memphis                               | 599,870     | 562,370     | 37,500     | 6.3  | 603,870     | 566,420     | 37,450     | 6.2  | 605,910     | 570,110     | 35,800     | 5.9  |
| Morristown                            | 62,870      | 59,520      | 3,350      | 5.3  | 63,900      | 60,090      | 3,810      | 6.0  | 64,040      | 60,520      | 3,520      | 5.5  |
| Nashville                             | 734,230     | 705,080     | 29,150     | 4.0  | 741,810     | 707,520     | 34,290     | 4.6  | 743,780     | 713,820     | 29,970     | 4.0  |
| <b>Micropolitan Statistical Areas</b> |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |             |             |            |      |
| Athens                                | 23,930      | 22,520      | 1,410      | 5.9  | 24,010      | 22,600      | 1,410      | 5.9  | 23,920      | 22,650      | 1,270      | 5.3  |
| Brownsville                           | 9,240       | 8,470       | 770        | 8.3  | 9,190       | 8,470       | 720        | 7.8  | 9,100       | 8,480       | 620        | 6.8  |
| Columbia                              | 35,690      | 33,870      | 1,820      | 5.1  | 35,820      | 33,750      | 2,080      | 5.8  | 35,650      | 33,820      | 1,830      | 5.1  |
| Cookeville                            | 49,260      | 46,890      | 2,370      | 4.8  | 48,880      | 46,250      | 2,620      | 5.4  | 48,750      | 46,170      | 2,580      | 5.3  |
| Crossville                            | 22,000      | 20,530      | 1,470      | 6.7  | 22,080      | 20,760      | 1,320      | 6.0  | 21,850      | 20,470      | 1,380      | 6.3  |
| Dyersburg                             | 17,820      | 16,740      | 1,080      | 6.1  | 17,780      | 16,730      | 1,050      | 5.9  | 17,780      | 16,790      | 1,000      | 5.6  |
| Greeneville                           | 31,940      | 29,580      | 2,360      | 7.4  | 32,660      | 30,290      | 2,360      | 7.2  | 32,410      | 29,810      | 2,600      | 8.0  |
| Harriman                              | 25,080      | 23,640      | 1,440      | 5.7  | 25,480      | 23,960      | 1,520      | 6.0  | 25,440      | 24,060      | 1,380      | 5.4  |
| Humboldt                              | 21,730      | 19,860      | 1,870      | 8.6  | 21,650      | 19,850      | 1,800      | 8.3  | 21,500      | 20,000      | 1,500      | 7.0  |
| LaFollette                            | 17,050      | 16,040      | 1,010      | 5.9  | 17,040      | 15,980      | 1,050      | 6.2  | 17,020      | 16,090      | 930        | 5.5  |
| Lawrenceburg                          | 17,720      | 16,180      | 1,540      | 8.7  | 17,300      | 14,940      | 2,360      | 13.6 | 17,110      | 14,940      | 2,170      | 12.7 |
| Lewisburg                             | 12,710      | 11,880      | 830        | 6.5  | 12,660      | 11,810      | 860        | 6.8  | 12,520      | 11,760      | 760        | 6.1  |
| Martin                                | 15,760      | 14,760      | 1,000      | 6.3  | 15,490      | 14,560      | 940        | 6.0  | 15,340      | 14,510      | 840        | 5.5  |
| McMinnville                           | 19,220      | 18,210      | 1,010      | 5.3  | 18,880      | 17,080      | 1,800      | 9.5  | 18,600      | 16,870      | 1,720      | 9.3  |
| Newport                               | 15,380      | 14,270      | 1,110      | 7.2  | 15,280      | 14,150      | 1,130      | 7.4  | 15,270      | 14,150      | 1,110      | 7.3  |
| Paris                                 | 14,160      | 13,010      | 1,150      | 8.1  | 14,110      | 13,110      | 1,010      | 7.1  | 13,930      | 12,910      | 1,020      | 7.3  |
| Sevierville                           | 43,210      | 40,720      | 2,490      | 5.8  | 44,280      | 42,040      | 2,250      | 5.1  | 44,010      | 41,770      | 2,250      | 5.1  |
| Shelbyville                           | 20,850      | 19,880      | 970        | 4.6  | 20,950      | 19,790      | 1,160      | 5.5  | 20,760      | 19,750      | 1,010      | 4.8  |
| Tullahoma                             | 48,560      | 46,290      | 2,270      | 4.7  | 48,920      | 46,200      | 2,720      | 5.6  | 48,860      | 46,380      | 2,480      | 5.1  |
| Union City                            | 18,450      | 17,280      | 1,170      | 6.3  | 18,280      | 17,170      | 1,110      | 6.1  | 18,230      | 17,180      | 1,050      | 5.7  |

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Total nonfarm employment increased by 15,900 jobs from December 2004 to December 2005. During this period, there were increases in health care/social assistance (up 6,300 jobs), which includes increases of 3,400 jobs in ambulatory health care services, 1,600 jobs in hospitals, and 1,000 jobs in social assistance; retail trade (up 4,100 jobs), which includes an increase of 1,800 jobs in general merchandise stores; local government (up 2,600 jobs); construction (up 2,300 jobs); wholesale trade (up 2,000 jobs), which includes increases of

1,100 jobs in wholesale electronic markets and 1,000 jobs in durable goods merchant wholesalers; accommodation/food services (up 1,800 jobs), which includes an increase of 3,600 jobs in food services/drinking places and a 1,800 job decline in accommodation; financial activities (up 1,700 jobs); and motor vehicle parts manufacturing (up 1,100 jobs). This was partially offset by declines in information (down 1,800 jobs), administrative/support/waste management (down 1,700 jobs), machinery manufacturing (down 1,300 jobs), and state government

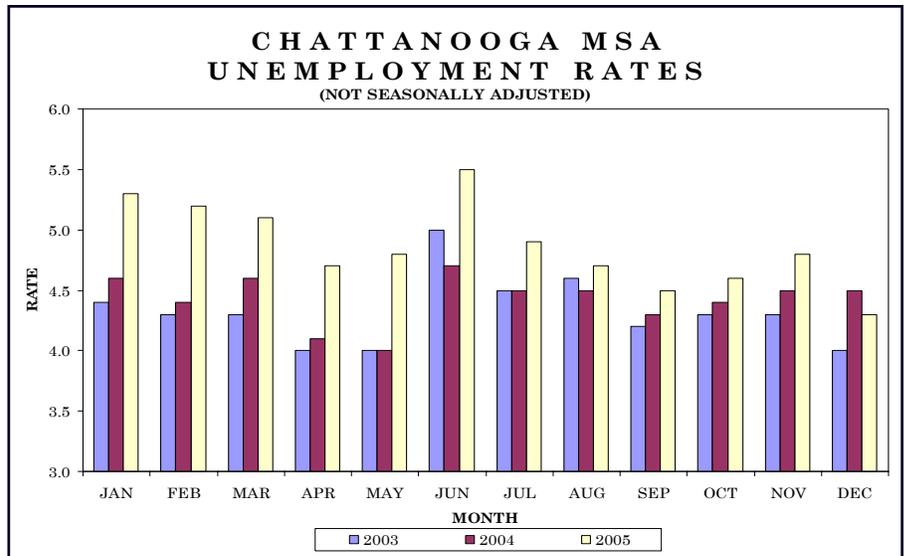
educational services and food/beverage stores (both down 1,100 jobs).

During December, nonfarm employment increased by 4,800 jobs. There were seasonal increases in retail trade (up 4,600 jobs), which includes increases of 1,400 jobs in general merchandise stores and 1,000 jobs in clothing/clothing accessories stores; local government (up 1,300 jobs); and professional/scientific/technical services (up 1,100 jobs). This was partially offset by declines in leisure/hospitality (down 1,200 jobs) and machinery manufacturing (down 1,100 jobs).

The data from all the nonfarm employment estimates tables include all full- and part-time nonfarm wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded. These numbers may not add due to rounding. Data are based on the 2004 benchmark.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 500 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal increases in retail trade (up 400 jobs) and local government (up 300 jobs). This was partially offset by small declines of fewer than 100 persons in selected industries.

During the past 12 months, nonfarm employment increased by 2,400 jobs. During that time, goods-producing jobs declined by 500, while service-providing jobs increased by 2,900.



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

## CHATTANOOGA MSA

| Industry                       | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004            | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
|                                | Manufacturing           | \$511.27  | \$536.90  | \$534.78             | 41.0      | 41.3      | 41.2                    | \$12.47   | \$13.00   |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing    | \$548.23                | \$580.38  | \$586.71  | 40.4                 | 40.7      | 41.0      | \$13.57                 | \$14.26   | \$14.31   |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | \$481.48                | \$501.12  | \$489.82  | 41.4                 | 41.9      | 41.3      | \$11.63                 | \$11.96   | \$11.86   |

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

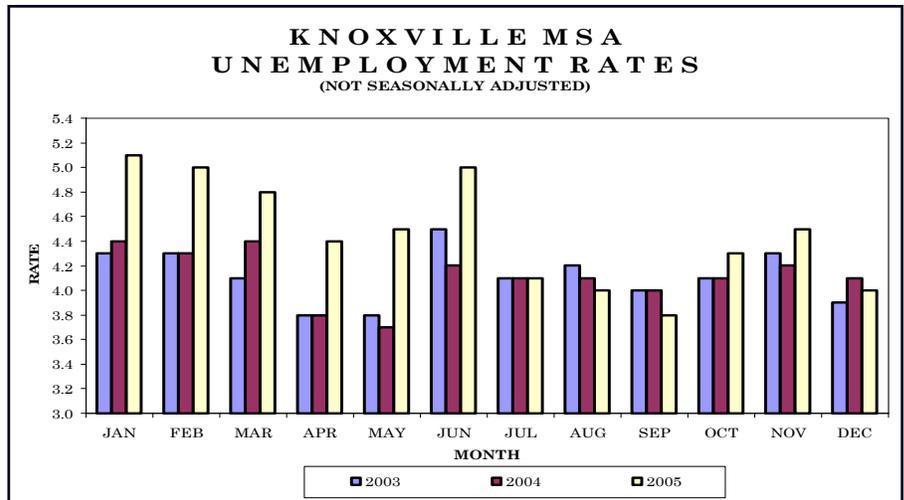
| Industry                                       | December 2004 | Revised November 2005 | Preliminary December 2005 | Net Change            |                       |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  |               |                       |                           | Dec. 2004 - Dec. 2005 | Nov. 2005 - Dec. 2005 |
| Total Nonfarm                                  | 241.9         | 243.8                 | 244.3                     | 2.4                   | 0.5                   |
| Total Private                                  | 205.2         | 207.2                 | 207.4                     | 2.2                   | 0.2                   |
| Goods-Producing                                | 44.8          | 44.4                  | 44.3                      | -0.5                  | -0.1                  |
| Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction      | 9.5           | 9.8                   | 9.7                       | 0.2                   | -0.1                  |
| Manufacturing                                  | 35.3          | 34.6                  | 34.6                      | -0.7                  | 0.0                   |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing                    | 15.8          | 15.7                  | 15.7                      | -0.1                  | 0.0                   |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing                 | 19.5          | 18.9                  | 18.9                      | -0.6                  | 0.0                   |
| Food Manufacturing                             | 6.1           | 6.1                   | 6.1                       | 0.0                   | 0.0                   |
| Textile Mills                                  | 4.9           | 4.6                   | 4.6                       | -0.3                  | 0.0                   |
| Service-Providing                              | 197.1         | 199.4                 | 200.0                     | 2.9                   | 0.6                   |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities             | 56.4          | 57.5                  | 57.8                      | 1.4                   | 0.3                   |
| Wholesale Trade                                | 9.3           | 9.6                   | 9.6                       | 0.3                   | 0.0                   |
| Retail Trade                                   | 27.0          | 27.7                  | 28.1                      | 1.1                   | 0.4                   |
| General Merchandise Stores                     | 6.3           | 7.0                   | 7.1                       | 0.8                   | 0.1                   |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities       | 20.1          | 20.2                  | 20.1                      | 0.0                   | -0.1                  |
| Information                                    | 3.1           | 3.1                   | 3.1                       | 0.0                   | 0.0                   |
| Financial Activities                           | 18.9          | 18.9                  | 19.0                      | 0.1                   | 0.1                   |
| Professional & Business Services               | 26.6          | 26.7                  | 26.6                      | 0.0                   | -0.1                  |
| Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services | 8.4           | 8.4                   | 8.4                       | 0.0                   | 0.0                   |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises          | 3.9           | 4.1                   | 4.1                       | 0.2                   | 0.0                   |
| Administrative, Support, & Waste Management    | 14.3          | 14.2                  | 14.1                      | -0.2                  | -0.1                  |
| Educational & Health Services                  | 24.2          | 24.4                  | 24.4                      | 0.2                   | 0.0                   |
| Leisure & Hospitality                          | 20.4          | 21.2                  | 21.2                      | 0.8                   | 0.0                   |
| Accommodation & Food Services                  | 18.4          | 19.2                  | 19.2                      | 0.8                   | 0.0                   |
| Other Services                                 | 10.8          | 11.0                  | 11.0                      | 0.2                   | 0.0                   |
| Government                                     | 36.7          | 36.6                  | 36.9                      | 0.2                   | 0.3                   |
| Federal Government                             | 6.9           | 6.7                   | 6.8                       | -0.1                  | 0.1                   |
| State Government                               | 6.5           | 6.6                   | 6.5                       | 0.0                   | -0.1                  |
| Local Government                               | 23.3          | 23.3                  | 23.6                      | 0.3                   | 0.3                   |



# Knoxville MSA - Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, Union

Total nonfarm employment decreased by 500 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal decreases in state government (down 500 jobs); natural resources/mining/construction (down 400 jobs); and leisure/hospitality (down 300 jobs), which includes a drop of 200 jobs in food services/drinking places. This is partially offset by an increase in retail trade (up 400 jobs) and transportation/warehousing/utilities and professional/business services (both up 200 jobs).

During the past 12 months, nonfarm employment increased by 3,900 jobs. During this time, goods-producing jobs decreased by 600, while service-providing jobs increased by 4,500.



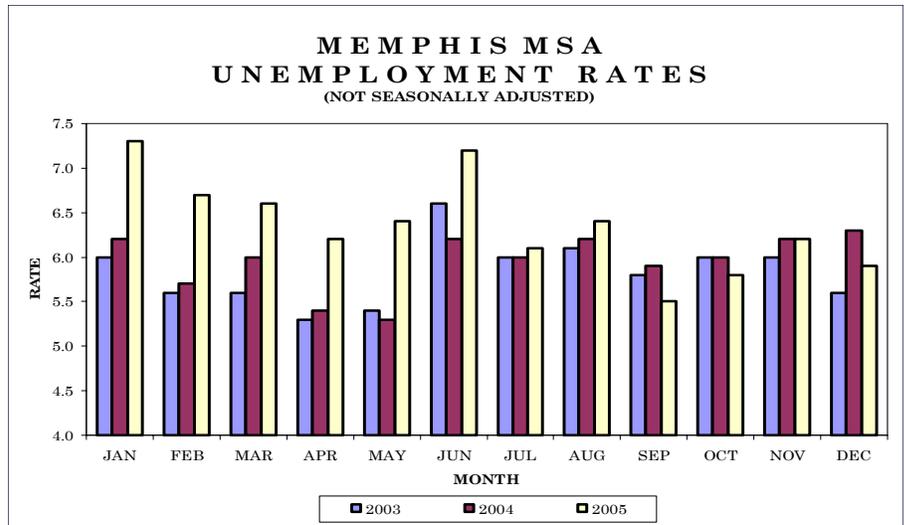
## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS KNOXVILLE MSA

| Industry                       | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004            | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
| Manufacturing                  | \$594.66                | \$620.52  | \$618.89  | 39.2                 | 39.1      | 39.8      | \$15.17                 | \$15.87   | \$15.55   |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing    | \$652.37                | \$678.78  | \$681.25  | 39.9                 | 39.1      | 39.7      | \$16.35                 | \$17.36   | \$17.16   |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | \$480.95                | \$498.62  | \$517.60  | 37.9                 | 39.2      | 40.0      | \$12.69                 | \$12.72   | \$12.94   |

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

| Industry                                    | December 2004 | Revised       | Preliminary   | Net Change |           |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
|   |               | November 2005 | December 2005 | Dec. 2004  | Nov. 2005 |
|   |               | 2005          | 2005          | Dec. 2005  | Dec. 2005 |
| Total Nonfarm                               | 327.8         | 332.2         | <b>331.7</b>  | 3.9        | -0.5      |
| Total Private                               | 274.9         | 279.1         | <b>279.2</b>  | 4.3        | 0.1       |
| Goods-Producing                             | 55.8          | 55.6          | <b>55.2</b>   | -0.6       | -0.4      |
| Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction   | 17.0          | 17.4          | <b>17.0</b>   | 0.0        | -0.4      |
| Manufacturing                               | 38.8          | 38.2          | <b>38.2</b>   | -0.6       | 0.0       |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing                 | 28.2          | 27.7          | <b>27.7</b>   | -0.5       | 0.0       |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing      | 8.1           | 8.2           | <b>8.2</b>    | 0.1        | 0.0       |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing      | 8.6           | 8.8           | <b>8.8</b>    | 0.2        | 0.0       |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing              | 10.6          | 10.5          | <b>10.5</b>   | -0.1       | 0.0       |
| Service-Providing                           | 272.0         | 276.6         | <b>276.5</b>  | 4.5        | -0.1      |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities          | 71.4          | 72.1          | <b>72.7</b>   | 1.3        | 0.6       |
| Wholesale Trade                             | 16.6          | 17.2          | <b>17.2</b>   | 0.6        | 0.0       |
| Retail Trade                                | 44.1          | 44.2          | <b>44.6</b>   | 0.5        | 0.4       |
| Food & Beverage Stores                      | 6.1           | 6.3           | <b>6.3</b>    | 0.2        | 0.0       |
| General Merchandise Stores                  | 10.1          | 10.3          | <b>10.4</b>   | 0.3        | 0.1       |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities    | 10.7          | 10.7          | <b>10.9</b>   | 0.2        | 0.2       |
| Information                                 | 6.2           | 6.4           | <b>6.4</b>    | 0.2        | 0.0       |
| Financial Activities                        | 16.7          | 17.1          | <b>17.0</b>   | 0.3        | -0.1      |
| Professional & Business Services            | 39.0          | 39.1          | <b>39.3</b>   | 0.3        | 0.2       |
| Administrative, Support, & Waste Management | 20.0          | 19.8          | <b>19.9</b>   | -0.1       | 0.1       |
| Educational & Health Services               | 38.5          | 39.3          | <b>39.4</b>   | 0.9        | 0.1       |
| Leisure & Hospitality                       | 33.4          | 35.5          | <b>35.2</b>   | 1.8        | -0.3      |
| Accommodation & Food Services               | 30.6          | 32.4          | <b>32.2</b>   | 1.6        | -0.2      |
| Food Services & Drinking Places             | 27.6          | 29.5          | <b>29.3</b>   | 1.7        | -0.2      |
| Other Services                              | 13.9          | 14.0          | <b>14.0</b>   | 0.1        | 0.0       |
| Government                                  | 52.9          | 53.1          | <b>52.5</b>   | -0.4       | -0.6      |
| Federal Government                          | 5.2           | 5.1           | <b>5.1</b>    | -0.1       | 0.0       |
| State Government                            | 18.7          | 19.1          | <b>18.6</b>   | -0.1       | -0.5      |
| Local Government                            | 29.0          | 28.9          | <b>28.8</b>   | -0.2       | -0.1      |

Total nonfarm employment declined by 100 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal decreases in durable goods manufacturing (down 1,500 jobs); educational/health services (down 600 jobs), which includes a drop of 200 jobs in health care/social assistance; and natural resources/mining/construction and state government (both down 500 jobs). This was partially offset by increases in retail trade (up 1,300 jobs), which includes an increase of 300 jobs in general merchandise stores; transportation/warehousing/utilities (up 1,100 jobs); professional/business services (up 500 jobs), which includes an increase of 400 jobs in professional/scientific/technical services; and food services/drinking places (up 400 jobs).



**HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS MEMPHIS MSA**

| Industry                       | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004            | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
| Manufacturing                  | \$615.30                | \$654.84  | \$630.00  | 42.0                 | 42.8      | 40.0      | \$14.65                 | \$15.30   | \$15.75   |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing    | \$539.29                | \$565.09  | \$581.19  | 39.8                 | 39.6      | 40.9      | \$13.55                 | \$14.27   | \$14.21   |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | \$679.13                | \$727.76  | \$668.49  | 43.9                 | 45.4      | 39.3      | \$15.47                 | \$16.03   | \$17.01   |

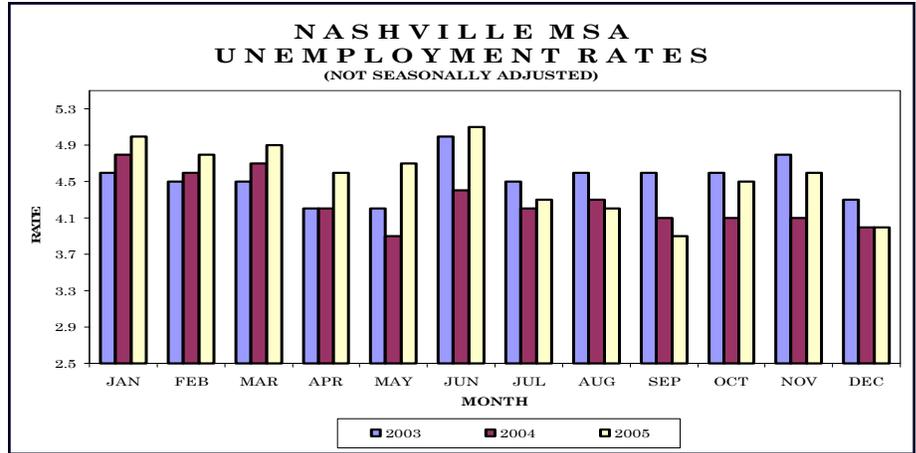
**ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)**

| Industry                                       | December 2004 | Revised November 2005 | Preliminary December 2005 | Net Change            |                       |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | 2004          | 2005                  | 2005                      | Dec. 2004 - Dec. 2005 | Nov. 2005 - Dec. 2005 |
| Total Nonfarm                                  | 624.2         | 637.5                 | <b>637.4</b>              | 13.2                  | -0.1                  |
| Total Private                                  | 532.5         | 544.8                 | <b>545.4</b>              | 12.9                  | 0.6                   |
| Goods-Producing                                | 78.6          | 80.3                  | <b>78.1</b>               | -0.5                  | -2.2                  |
| Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction      | 26.7          | 27.1                  | <b>26.6</b>               | -0.1                  | -0.5                  |
| Manufacturing                                  | 51.9          | 53.2                  | <b>51.5</b>               | -0.4                  | -1.7                  |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing                    | 23.7          | 24.6                  | <b>23.1</b>               | -0.6                  | -1.5                  |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing                 | 28.2          | 28.6                  | <b>28.4</b>               | 0.2                   | -0.2                  |
| Service-Providing                              | 545.6         | 557.2                 | <b>559.3</b>              | 13.7                  | 2.1                   |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities             | 174.2         | 178.5                 | <b>181.0</b>              | 6.8                   | 2.5                   |
| Wholesale Trade                                | 36.9          | 37.9                  | <b>38.0</b>               | 1.1                   | 0.1                   |
| Retail Trade                                   | 74.4          | 76.8                  | <b>78.1</b>               | 3.7                   | 1.3                   |
| Food & Beverage Stores                         | 9.9           | 9.9                   | <b>10.0</b>               | 0.1                   | 0.1                   |
| General Merchandise Stores                     | 15.0          | 15.3                  | <b>15.6</b>               | 0.6                   | 0.3                   |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities       | 62.9          | 63.8                  | <b>64.9</b>               | 2.0                   | 1.1                   |
| Truck Transportation                           | 15.1          | 15.1                  | <b>15.0</b>               | -0.1                  | -0.1                  |
| Warehousing & Storage                          | 7.9           | 8.2                   | <b>8.3</b>                | 0.4                   | 0.1                   |
| Information                                    | 8.8           | 8.4                   | <b>8.4</b>                | -0.4                  | 0.0                   |
| Financial Activities                           | 33.0          | 32.9                  | <b>32.9</b>               | -0.1                  | 0.0                   |
| Professional & Business Services               | 72.9          | 75.6                  | <b>76.1</b>               | 3.2                   | 0.5                   |
| Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services | 18.8          | 19.4                  | <b>19.8</b>               | 1.0                   | 0.4                   |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises          | 5.0           | 4.9                   | <b>4.9</b>                | -0.1                  | 0.0                   |
| Administrative, Support, & Waste Management    | 49.1          | 51.3                  | <b>51.4</b>               | 2.3                   | 0.1                   |
| Educational & Health Services                  | 73.2          | 74.3                  | <b>73.7</b>               | 0.5                   | -0.6                  |
| Health Care & Social Assistance                | 63.1          | 63.6                  | <b>63.8</b>               | 0.7                   | 0.2                   |
| Hospitals                                      | 24.2          | 24.6                  | <b>24.6</b>               | 0.4                   | 0.0                   |
| Leisure & Hospitality                          | 67.4          | 70.2                  | <b>70.6</b>               | 3.2                   | 0.4                   |
| Accommodation & Food Services                  | 59.9          | 62.3                  | <b>62.7</b>               | 2.8                   | 0.4                   |
| Food Services & Drinking Places                | 42.2          | 43.3                  | <b>43.7</b>               | 1.5                   | 0.4                   |
| Other Services                                 | 24.4          | 24.6                  | <b>24.6</b>               | 0.2                   | 0.0                   |
| Government                                     | 91.7          | 92.7                  | <b>92.0</b>               | 0.3                   | -0.7                  |
| Federal Government                             | 15.6          | 15.9                  | <b>15.8</b>               | 0.2                   | -0.1                  |
| State Government                               | 16.4          | 16.6                  | <b>16.1</b>               | -0.3                  | -0.5                  |
| Local Government                               | 59.7          | 60.2                  | <b>60.1</b>               | 0.4                   | -0.1                  |



## Nashville MSA — Cannon, Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Hickman, Macon, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, Wilson

Total nonfarm employment increased by 1,600 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal increases in retail trade (up 1,300 jobs), which includes an increase of 200 jobs in general merchandise stores; local government (up 600 jobs); state government (up 300 jobs); and professional/scientific/technical services, financial activities, and transportation/warehousing/utilities (all up 200 jobs). This was partially offset by decreases in leisure/hospitality (down 500 jobs), which includes a drop of 300 jobs in arts/entertainment/recreation and a decline of 200 jobs in accommodation/food services; administrative/support/waste management (down 400 jobs); other services (down 300 jobs); and wholesale trade (down 200 jobs).



### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

### NASHVILLE MSA

| Industry                       | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004            | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 | Dec. 2004               | Nov. 2005 | Dec. 2005 |
| Manufacturing                  | \$594.05                | \$585.63  | \$588.94  | 40.8                 | 41.3      | 41.3      | \$14.56                 | \$14.18   | \$14.26   |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing    | \$630.60                | \$621.19  | \$618.80  | 41.9                 | 42.9      | 42.5      | \$15.05                 | \$14.48   | \$14.56   |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | \$514.75                | \$512.62  | \$527.29  | 38.5                 | 38.0      | 38.8      | \$13.37                 | \$13.49   | \$13.59   |

### ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

| Industry  | December 2004 | Revised       | Preliminary   | Net Change          |                     |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   |               | November 2005 | December 2005 | Dec. 2004 Dec. 2005 | Nov. 2005 Dec. 2005 |
| Total Nonfarm                                   | 727.7         | 736.1         | <b>737.7</b>  | 10.0                | 1.6                 |
| Total Private                                   | 631.0         | 639.9         | <b>640.6</b>  | 9.6                 | 0.7                 |
| Goods-Producing                                 | 119.4         | 119.1         | <b>119.2</b>  | -0.2                | 0.1                 |
| Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction       | 34.5          | 35.1          | <b>35.2</b>   | 0.7                 | 0.1                 |
| Manufacturing                                   | 84.9          | 84.0          | <b>84.0</b>   | -0.9                | 0.0                 |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing                     | 58.1          | 57.6          | <b>57.5</b>   | -0.6                | -0.1                |
| Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing     | 5.0           | 4.9           | <b>4.9</b>    | -0.1                | 0.0                 |
| Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing  | 7.4           | 7.4           | <b>7.5</b>    | 0.1                 | 0.1                 |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing          | 19.6          | 20.1          | <b>20.2</b>   | 0.6                 | 0.1                 |
| Nondurable Goods Manufacturing                  | 26.8          | 26.4          | <b>26.5</b>   | -0.3                | 0.1                 |
| Service-Providing                               | 608.3         | 617.0         | <b>618.5</b>  | 10.2                | 1.5                 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities              | 151.5         | 153.2         | <b>154.5</b>  | 3.0                 | 1.3                 |
| Wholesale Trade                                 | 34.0          | 34.5          | <b>34.3</b>   | 0.3                 | -0.2                |
| Retail Trade                                    | 89.0          | 90.1          | <b>91.4</b>   | 2.4                 | 1.3                 |
| Building Material, Garden Equipment, & Supplies | 7.1           | 7.5           | <b>7.3</b>    | 0.2                 | -0.2                |
| Food & Beverage Stores                          | 11.5          | 11.5          | <b>11.5</b>   | 0.0                 | 0.0                 |
| General Merchandise Stores                      | 18.8          | 19.1          | <b>19.3</b>   | 0.5                 | 0.2                 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities        | 28.5          | 28.6          | <b>28.8</b>   | 0.3                 | 0.2                 |
| Information                                     | 19.0          | 19.2          | <b>19.2</b>   | 0.2                 | 0.0                 |
| Financial Activities                            | 44.6          | 44.8          | <b>45.0</b>   | 0.4                 | 0.2                 |
| Finance & Insurance                             | 34.0          | 34.1          | <b>34.2</b>   | 0.2                 | 0.1                 |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing                  | 10.6          | 10.7          | <b>10.8</b>   | 0.2                 | 0.1                 |
| Professional & Business Services                | 95.2          | 99.3          | <b>99.1</b>   | 3.9                 | -0.2                |
| Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services  | 33.6          | 33.7          | <b>33.9</b>   | 0.3                 | 0.2                 |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises           | 7.2           | 7.4           | <b>7.4</b>    | 0.2                 | 0.0                 |
| Administrative, Support, & Waste Management     | 54.4          | 58.2          | <b>57.8</b>   | 3.4                 | -0.4                |
| Educational & Health Services                   | 99.0          | 100.4         | <b>100.5</b>  | 1.5                 | 0.1                 |
| Educational Services                            | 21.2          | 21.4          | <b>21.4</b>   | 0.2                 | 0.0                 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance                 | 77.8          | 79.0          | <b>79.1</b>   | 1.3                 | 0.1                 |
| Hospitals                                       | 27.1          | 27.4          | <b>27.4</b>   | 0.3                 | 0.0                 |
| Leisure & Hospitality                           | 73.0          | 74.1          | <b>73.6</b>   | 0.6                 | -0.5                |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation               | 9.2           | 9.8           | <b>9.5</b>    | 0.3                 | -0.3                |
| Accommodation & Food Services                   | 63.8          | 64.3          | <b>64.1</b>   | 0.3                 | -0.2                |
| Accommodation                                   | 11.9          | 11.9          | <b>11.9</b>   | 0.0                 | 0.0                 |
| Food Services & Drinking Places                 | 51.9          | 52.4          | <b>52.2</b>   | 0.3                 | -0.2                |
| Other Services                                  | 29.3          | 29.8          | <b>29.5</b>   | 0.2                 | -0.3                |
| Government                                      | 96.7          | 96.2          | <b>97.1</b>   | 0.4                 | 0.9                 |
| Federal Government                              | 11.7          | 11.9          | <b>11.9</b>   | 0.2                 | 0.0                 |
| State Government                                | 28.1          | 27.7          | <b>28.0</b>   | -0.1                | 0.3                 |
| Local Government                                | 56.9          | 56.6          | <b>57.2</b>   | 0.3                 | 0.6                 |

## Nonfarm Employment (Smaller MSAs)

|                                      | Clarksville, TN-KY MSA |                     | Cleveland, TN MSA   |                     | Jackson, TN MSA     |                     |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                      | Nov. '05<br>Revised    | Dec. '05<br>Prelim. | Nov. '05<br>Revised | Dec. '05<br>Prelim. | Nov. '05<br>Revised | Dec. '05<br>Prelim. |
| Total Nonfarm                        | 83,600                 | 83,800              | 41,100              | 41,500              | 61,300              | 61,400              |
| Total Private                        | 65,300                 | 65,400              | 35,300              | 35,600              | 49,800              | 49,900              |
| Goods-Producing                      | 17,800                 | 17,700              | 11,400              | 11,400              | 14,900              | 14,900              |
| Service-Providing                    | 65,800                 | 66,100              | 29,700              | 30,100              | 46,400              | 46,500              |
| Private Service-Providing            | 47,500                 | 47,700              | 23,900              | 24,200              | 34,900              | 35,000              |
| Natural Resources/Construction       | 2,900                  | 2,900               | 1,700               | 1,700               | 3,600               | 3,600               |
| Manufacturing                        | 14,900                 | 14,800              | 9,700               | 9,700               | 11,300              | 11,300              |
| Durable Goods                        | 9,600                  | 9,600               | 5,300               | 5,300               | 7,300               | 7,300               |
| Nondurable Goods                     | 5,300                  | 5,200               | 4,400               | 4,400               | 4,000               | 4,000               |
| Trade/Transportation/Utilities       | 15,300                 | 15,400              | 7,700               | 7,800               | 12,800              | 12,900              |
| Wholesale Trade                      | 2,200                  | 2,200               | 1,800               | 1,800               | 2,500               | 2,500               |
| Retail Trade                         | 11,800                 | 11,900              | 4,900               | 5,000               | 7,900               | 8,000               |
| General Merchandise Stores           | 3,600                  | 3,600               | NA                  | NA                  | NA                  | NA                  |
| Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities | 1,300                  | 1,300               | 1,000               | 1,000               | 2,400               | 2,400               |
| Information                          | 1,100                  | 1,200               | 300                 | 300                 | 700                 | 700                 |
| Financial Activities                 | 2,500                  | 2,500               | 1,600               | 1,600               | 1,800               | 1,800               |
| Professional/Business Services       | 8,700                  | 8,600               | 4,000               | 4,200               | 4,400               | 4,300               |
| Educational/Health Services          | 9,000                  | 9,000               | 4,800               | 4,800               | 8,100               | 8,100               |
| Leisure/Hospitality                  | 7,800                  | 7,900               | 3,100               | 3,100               | 4,700               | 4,800               |
| Other Services                       | 3,100                  | 3,100               | 2,400               | 2,400               | 2,400               | 2,400               |
| Government                           | 18,300                 | 18,400              | 5,800               | 5,900               | 11,500              | 11,500              |
| Federal Government                   | 5,400                  | 5,500               | 400                 | 400                 | 600                 | 600                 |
| State Government                     | 3,800                  | 3,900               | 700                 | 700                 | 1,700               | 1,700               |
| Local Government                     | 9,100                  | 9,000               | 4,700               | 4,800               | 9,200               | 9,200               |

|                                      | Johnson City, TN MSA |                     | Kingsport/Bristol, TN-VA MSA |                     | Morristown, TN MSA  |                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                      | Nov. '05<br>Revised  | Dec. '05<br>Prelim. | Nov. '05<br>Revised          | Dec. '05<br>Prelim. | Nov. '05<br>Revised | Dec. '05<br>Prelim. |
| Total Nonfarm                        | 82,200               | 82,400              | 122,300                      | 122,100             | 52,200              | 52,500              |
| Total Private                        | 66,100               | 66,400              | 106,700                      | 106,500             | 45,600              | 45,800              |
| Goods-Producing                      | 15,300               | 15,300              | 32,600                       | 32,600              | 18,100              | 18,100              |
| Service-Providing                    | 66,900               | 67,100              | 89,700                       | 89,500              | 34,100              | 34,400              |
| Private Service-Providing            | 50,800               | 51,100              | 74,100                       | 73,900              | 27,500              | 27,700              |
| Natural Resources/Construction       | 4,400                | 4,400               | 6,700                        | 6,700               | 2,000               | 2,000               |
| Manufacturing                        | 10,900               | 10,900              | 25,900                       | 25,900              | 16,100              | 16,100              |
| Durable Goods                        | NA                   | NA                  | 11,700                       | 11,700              | 11,300              | 11,300              |
| Nondurable Goods                     | NA                   | NA                  | 14,200                       | 14,200              | NA                  | NA                  |
| Trade/Transportation/Utilities       | 14,300               | 14,400              | 25,300                       | 25,400              | 10,000              | 10,100              |
| Wholesale Trade                      | 3,100                | 3,100               | 5,100                        | 5,100               | 1,800               | 1,800               |
| Retail Trade                         | 9,900                | 10,000              | 15,600                       | 15,700              | 6,100               | 6,200               |
| General Merchandise Stores           | NA                   | NA                  | NA                           | NA                  | NA                  | NA                  |
| Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities | 1,300                | 1,300               | 4,600                        | 4,600               | 2,100               | 2,100               |
| Information                          | 2,400                | 2,400               | 1,700                        | 1,700               | 700                 | 700                 |
| Financial Activities                 | 4,200                | 4,200               | 4,400                        | 4,400               | 1,900               | 1,900               |
| Professional/Business Services       | 8,300                | 8,600               | 10,300                       | 10,200              | 4,500               | 4,600               |
| Educational/Health Services          | 10,800               | 10,800              | 15,700                       | 15,600              | 5,700               | 5,700               |
| Leisure/Hospitality                  | 8,600                | 8,500               | 12,200                       | 12,100              | 3,000               | 3,000               |
| Other Services                       | 2,200                | 2,200               | 4,500                        | 4,500               | 1,700               | 1,700               |
| Government                           | 16,100               | 16,000              | 15,600                       | 15,600              | 6,600               | 6,700               |
| Federal Government                   | 2,200                | 2,200               | 1,200                        | 1,200               | 300                 | 300                 |
| State Government                     | 6,200                | 6,100               | 2,100                        | 2,100               | 1,400               | 1,400               |
| Local Government                     | 7,700                | 7,700               | 12,300                       | 12,300              | 4,900               | 5,000               |

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**U.S. Consumer Price Index December 2005**

| Group   | Index | Percent Change |         |
|---|-------|----------------|---------|
|   |       | Yearly         | Monthly |
| <b>U.S. City Average</b>                                  |       |                |         |
| All Items (1982-84=100) / All Urban Consumers             | 196.8 | 3.4            | -0.4    |
| All Items (1982-84=100) / Wage Earners & Clerical Workers | 192.5 | 3.5            | -0.5    |
| <b>South</b>  |       |                |         |
| All Items (1982-84=100) / All Urban Consumers             | 190.1 | 3.7            | -0.3    |
| All Items (1982-84=100) / Wage Earners & Clerical Workers | 187.2 | 3.8            | -0.4    |

