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# BRIEFING PACKET SUMMARY March 2019 pre.

# **Unemployment Rates**

	March	February	March	Change From:				
	2018	2019 rev.	2019 pre.	Year Ago	Month Ago			
Tennessee								
Not Seasonally Adjusted	3.6 %	3.2 %	3.3 %	-0.3 %	0.1 %			
Seasonally Adjusted	3.6 %	3.2 %	3.2 %	-0.4 %	0.0 %			
United States								
Not Seasonally Adjusted	4.1 %	4.1 %	3.9 %	-0.2 %	-0.2 %			
Seasonally Adjusted	4.0 %	3.8 %	3.8 %	-0.2 %	0.0 %			

<b>Hours and Earnings (Manufacturing)</b>	February	March	
<u> </u>	2019	2019	Change
Tennessee			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$814.52	\$832.00	\$17.48
Average Weekly Hours	41.2	41.6	0.4
Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.77	\$20.00	\$0.23
United States			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$909.27	\$912.29	\$3.02
Average Weekly Hours	41.5	41.6	0.1
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.91	\$21.93	\$0.02

#### **Summary**

Tennessee's March seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.2% which is the same as the revised February rate.

Over the past year, Tennessee's unemployment rate decreased from 3.6% to 3.2% while the national rate declined from 4.0% to 3.8%.

Total nonfarm employment declined 3,000 jobs from February to March. The largest decreases occurred in wholesale trade, arts/entertainment/recreation & durable goods manufacturing.

Over the year, nonfarm employment increased 47,800 jobs. The largest increases occurred in leisure/hospitality, manufacturing & trade/transportation/utilities.

#### LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES SUMMARY **HOUSEHOLD SURVEY**

TENNESSEE *	March 2018	Revised February 2019	Preliminary March 2019	Change from March 2018 to March 2019	Change from February 2019 to March 2019
Not Seasonally Adjusted					1
Civilian Labor Force	3,236,400	3,299,400	3,331,500	95,100 2.9%	32,100 1.0%
Employment	3,120,900	3,195,200	3,220,700	99,800 3.2%	25,500 0.8%
Unemployment	115,500	104,200	110,800	(4,700) -4.1%	6,600 6.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.2%	3.3%	-0.3 percentage point	0.1 percentage point
Seasonally Adjusted					1
Civilian Labor Force	3,235,100	3,274,400	3,289,100	54,000 1.7%	14,700 0.4%
Employment	3,117,400	3,169,200	3,183,200	65,800 2.1%	14,000 0.4%
Unemployment	117,700	105,200	105,900	(11,800) -10.0%	700 0.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%	-0.4 percentage point	0.0 percentage point
UNITED STATES **  Not Seasonally Adjusted	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019	Change from March 2018 to March 2019	Change from February 2019 to March 2019
Civilian Labor Force	161,548,000	162,793,000	162,823,000	1,275,000 0.8%	30,000 0.0%
Employment	154,877,000	156,167,000	156,441,000	1,564,000 1.0%	274,000 0.2%
Unemployment	6,671,000	6,625,000	6,382,000	(289,000) -4.3%	(243,000) -3.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	-0.2 percentage point	-0.2 percentage point
Seasonally Adjusted					
Civilian Labor Force	161,646,000	163,184,000	162,960,000	1,314,000 0.8%	(224,000) -0.1%
Employment	155,160,000	156,949,000	156,748,000	1,588,000 1.0%	(201,000) -0.1%
Unemployment	6,486,000	6,235,000	6,211,000	(275,000) -4.2%	(24,000) -0.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.2 percentage point	0.0 percentage point

<sup>Error range for Tennessee estimates cannot be computed.
Error range for U.S. estimates is +/- 0.2%.</sup> 

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employ	Annual		Monthly change				
				Mar. 2		Feb. 2	
	March	February	March	Mar. 2019		Mar.	2019
(numbers in thousands)	<u>2018</u>	2019 rev.	<u>2019 pre.</u>	Net chg.	% chg.	Net chg.	% chg.
Total nonfarm	3,046.2	3,097.0	3,094.0	47.8	1.6%	-3.0	-0.1%
Mining/logging/construction	127.4	129.6	131.1	3.7	2.9%	1.5	1.2%
Manufacturing	348.4	357.1	355.9	7.5	2.2%	-1.2	-0.3%
Durable goods manufacturing	222.5	229.2	228.2	5.7	2.6%	-1.0	-0.4%
Nondurable goods manufacturing	125.9	127.9	127.7	1.8	1.4%	-0.2	-0.2%
Trade/transportation/utilities	625.7	635.4	632.8	7.1	1.1%	-2.6	-0.4%
Wholesale trade	119.0	122.2	120.5	1.5	1.3%	-1.7	-1.4%
Retail trade	337.6	339.4	338.7	1.1	0.3%	-0.7	-0.2%
Transportation/warehousing/utilities	169.1	173.8	173.6	4.5	2.7%	-0.2	-0.1%
Information	45.3	45.1	44.9	-0.4	-0.9%	-0.2	-0.4%
Financial activities	161.6	165.8	166.6	5.0	3.1%	0.8	0.5%
Finance/insurance	121.3	123.3	123.7	2.4	2.0%	0.4	0.3%
Real estate/rental/leasing	40.3	42.5	42.9	2.6	6.5%	0.4	0.9%
Professional/business services	416.6	418.1	417.2	0.6	0.1%	-0.9	-0.2%
Professional/scientific/technical services	139.5	143.0	142.9	3.4	2.4%	-0.1	-0.1%
Management of companies/enterprises	51.0	50.9	50.9	-0.1	-0.2%	0.0	0.0%
Administrative/support/waste services	226.1	224.2	223.4	-2.7	-1.2%	-0.8	-0.4%
Education/health services	435.0	437.3	437.0	2.0	0.5%	-0.3	-0.1%
Educational services	60.9	59.8	60.1	-0.8	-1.3%	0.3	0.5%
Health care/social assistance	374.1	377.5	376.9	2.8	0.7%	-0.6	-0.2%
Leisure/hospitality	335.1	350.8	350.4	15.3	4.6%	-0.4	-0.1%
Arts/entertainment/recreation	39.3	42.0	41.0	1.7	4.3%	-1.0	-2.4%
Accommodation/food services	295.8	308.8	309.4	13.6	4.6%	0.6	0.2%
Other services	117.1	119.4	119.2	2.1	1.8%	-0.2	-0.2%
Government	434.0	438.4	438.9	4.9	1.1%	0.5	0.1%
Federal government	48.6	49.7	49.7	1.1	2.3%	0.0	0.0%
State government	98.9	100.0	99.7	0.8	0.8%	-0.3	-0.3%
Local government	286.5	288.7	289.5	3.0	1.0%	0.8	0.3%

### **Major Changes in Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment (in thousands)**

I. Monthly Change (from February, 2019 rev. to March, 2019 pre.)

	Feb. 2019 rev.	Mar. 2019 pre.	Change
A. Major Employment Increases			
Mining/logging/construction	129.6	131.1	1.5
Financial activities	165.8	166.6	0.8
Government	438.4	438.9	0.5
B. Major Employment Decreases			
Wholesale trade	122.2	120.5	-1.7
Arts/entertainment/recreation	42.0	41.0	-1.0
Durable goods manufacturing	229.2	228.2	-1.0

## II. Yearly Change (from March, 2018 to March, 2019 pre.)

A. Major Employment Increases	<u>Mar. 2018</u>	Mar. 2019 pre.	<u>Change</u>
Leisure/hospitality	335.1	350.4	15.3
Manufacturing	348.4	355.9	7.5
Trade/transportation/utilities	625.7	632.8	7.1
B. Major Employment Decreases			
Administrative/support/waste services	226.1	223.4	-2.7
Educational services	60.9	60.1	-0.8
Management of companies/enterprises	51.0	50.9	-0.1

SUSINESS SURVEY - Not Seasonally Adju	<u>stea</u>				change	Monthly change Feb. 2019 to		
stimated Nonfarm Employment by Industry*	N/ 1	Г.	N 1	1	2018 to	Mar. 2019 to		
( 1 ' 1   1)	March	February	March		2019			
(numbers in thousands)	2018 3,034.7	2019 rev. 3,077.3	2019 pre.	Net change 49.7	% change	Net change	% chang	
Total nonfarm  Total private	2,591.6	2,630.7	3,084.4 2,636.2	49.7	1.6% 1.7%	7.1 5.5	0.	
Goods-producing	473.2	483.8	484.7	11.5	2.4%	0.9	0.	
Mining/logging/construction	125.2	127.3	129.7	4.5	3.6%	2.4	1.	
Manufacturing	348.0	356.5	355.0	7.0	2.0%	-1.5	-0.	
Durable goods manufacturing	222.4	229.2	227.8	5.4	2.4%	-1.4	-0.	
Wood products	12.5	12.5	12.4	-0.1	-0.8%	-0.1	-0.	
Nonmetallic mineral products	13.9	14.5	14.5	0.6	4.3%	0.0	0.	
Primary metal manufacturing	10.9	11.5	11.4	0.5	4.6%	-0.1	-0	
Fabricated metal products	36.0	37.5	37.4	1.4	3.9%	-0.1	-0	
Machinery manufacturing	25.4	25.6	25.6	0.2	0.8%	0.0	0	
Computer/electronic products	5.0	5.4	5.4	0.2	8.0%	0.0	0	
Electrical equipment/appliances	18.9	18.9	18.7	-0.2	-1.1%	-0.2	-1	
Transportation equipment	73.6	76.6	75.9	2.3	3.1%	-0.2	-0	
Furniture/related products	9.6	9.6	9.5	-0.1	-1.0%	-0.7	-1	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	16.6	17.1	17.0	0.4	2.4%	-0.1	-(	
	125.6	127.3	127.2	1.6	1.3%	-0.1	-(	
Nondurable goods manufacturing	35.9	35.6	35.6	-0.3	-0.8%	0.0		
Food manufacturing	33.9 7.1	33.6 7.6	33. <b>6</b> 7.7	0.6	8.5%		1	
Beverage/tobacco products	7.1 11.9	7.6 11.9	11.9	0.0	0.0%	0.1	1	
Paper manufacturing								
Printing/related support activities	8.8	9.0	9.0	0.2	2.3%	0.0	(	
Chemical manufacturing	25.4	25.6	25.7	0.3	1.2%	0.1		
Plastics/rubber products	24.6	25.0	25.0	0.4	1.6%	0.0	(	
Service-providing	2,561.5	2,593.5	2,599.7	38.2	1.5%	6.2	(	
Trade/transportation/utilities	618.9	629.2	626.5	7.6	1.2%	-2.7	-(	
Wholesale trade	118.6	121.8	120.0	1.4	1.2%	-1.8	-1	
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	68.7	72.2	71.3	2.6	3.8%	-0.9	-1	
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	42.4	42.1	41.3	-1.1	-2.6%	-0.8	-1	
Wholesale electronic markets	7.5	7.5	7.4	-0.1	-1.3%	-0.1	-1	
Retail trade	333.8	335.7	335.3	1.5	0.4%	-0.4	-(	
Motor vehicle/parts dealers	47.4	46.6	46.7	-0.7	-1.5%	0.1	(	
Furniture/home furnishings stores	9.7	10.0	10.0	0.3	3.1%	0.0	(	
Building material/garden supply stores	30.5	29.9	31.2	0.7	2.3%	1.3	4	
Food/beverage stores	54.9	53.6	53.3	-1.6	-2.9%	-0.3	-(	
Health/personal care stores	23.9	23.5	23.5	-0.4	-1.7%	0.0	(	
Gasoline stations	23.1	23.4	23.0	-0.1	-0.4%	-0.4	-1	
Clothing/clothing accessories stores	23.7	23.2	22.7	-1.0	-4.2%	-0.5	-2	
Sporting goods/hobby/book/music stores	12.3	12.0	12.0	-0.3	-2.4%	0.0	(	
General merchandise stores	70.1	71.6	71.6	1.5	2.1%	0.0	(	
Miscellaneous store retailers	17.3	16.6	16.4	-0.9	-5.2%	-0.2	-1	
Nonstore retailers	10.3	10.7	10.6	0.3	2.9%	-0.1	-(	
Transportation/warehousing/utilities	166.5	171.7	171.2	4.7	2.8%	-0.5	-(	
Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0%	0.0	(	
Transportation/warehousing	163.0	168.2	167.7	4.7	2.9%	-0.5	(	
Information	45.3	45.3	45.0	-0.3	-0.7%	-0.3	-(	
Financial activities	160.8	165.2	166.2	5.4	3.4%	1.0	(	
Finance/insurance	121.0	123.5	123.5	2.5	2.1%	0.0	(	
Real estate/rental/leasing	39.8	41.7	42.7	2.9	7.3%	1.0		
Professional/business services	410.9	413.0	412.8	1.9	0.5%	-0.2	-(	
Professional/scientific/technical services	140.2	144.0	144.6	4.4	3.1%	0.6	(	
Management of companies/enterprises	50.9	50.7	50.8	-0.1	-0.2%	0.1		
Administrative/support/waste services	219.8	218.3	217.4	-2.4	-1.1%	-0.9	-(	
Education/health services	437.2	438.3	438.6	1.4	0.3%	0.3		
Educational services	64.3	62.0	62.3	-2.0	-3.1%	0.3		
Health care/social assistance	372.9	376.3	376.3	3.4	0.9%	0.0		
Ambulatory health care services	150.8	152.9	153.1	2.3	1.5%	0.0		
Hospitals	110.3	110.7	110.8	0.5	0.5%	0.2		
Nursing/residential care facilities	62.5	63.0	62.7	0.3	0.3%	-0.3	-(	
Social assistance	49.3	49.7	49.7	0.2	0.8%	0.0	(	
Leisure/hospitality	328.4	338.1	343.5	15.1	4.6%	5.4		
Arts/entertainment/recreation	36.1	35.4	37.3	1.2	3.3%	1.9		
Accommodation/food services	292.3	302.7	306.2	13.9	4.8%	3.5	1	
Accommodation/food services Accommodation	292.3 36.5	302.7 39.5	306.2 40.1	3.6	9.9%	0.6		
Food services/drinking places	255.8	263.2	266.1	10.3	4.0%	2.9	1	
Other services	116.9	117.8	118.9	2.0	1.7%	1.1	(	
Government	443.1	446.6	448.2	5.1	1.2%	1.6		
Federal government	48.7	49.7	49.6	0.9	1.8%	-0.1	-(	
State government	102.5	103.3	103.5	1.0	1.0%	0.2		
State government educational services	61.1	61.7	61.9	0.8	1.3%	0.2		
Local government	291.9	293.6	295.1	3.2	1.1%	1.5	(	
Local government  Local government educational services	291.9 147.6	293.6 148.0	295.1 149.1	1.5	1.1%	1.5		

<sup>\*</sup>Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which 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.

# **UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, 2008 - 2019**

#### U.S. & Tennessee, Seasonally Adjusted & Not Seasonally Adjusted

		20	08			20	09			20	10			20	11	
	U.	S.	Te	nn.	U	.S.	Te	nn.	U	.S.	Te	nn.	U	.S.	Tei	nn.
	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.	Seas.	Not Seas.
	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.	Adj.
Jan.	5.0	5.4	5.4 *	5.9 *	7.8	8.5	9.1 *	9.8 *	9.8	10.6	10.4 *	11.2 *	9.1	9.8	9.5 *	10.1 *
Feb.	4.9	5.2	5.5 *	5.8 *	8.3	8.9	9.8 *	10.5 *	9.8	10.4	10.3 *	10.8 *	9.0	9.5	9.4 *	9.8 *
Mar.	5.1	5.2	5.6 *	5.9 *	8.7	9.0	10.3 *	10.9 *	9.9	10.2	10.1 *	10.6 *	9.0	9.2	9.3 *	9.5 *
Apr.	5.0	4.8	5.8 *	5.3 *	9.0	8.6	10.6 *	10.2 *	9.9	9.5	9.8	9.6 *	9.1	8.7	9.2 *	9.0 *
May	5.4	5.2	6.1 *	6.1 *	9.4	9.1	10.8 *	10.6 *	9.6	9.3	9.6 -	9.3 -	9.0	8.7	9.2 *	8.9 *
Jun.	5.6	5.7	6.4 *	6.8 *	9.5	9.7	10.9 *	11.3 *	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.1	9.3	9.1 -	9.6 *
Jul.	5.8	6.0	6.7 *	7.0 *	9.5	9.7	10.8 *	11.0 *	9.4	9.7	9.2	9.3	9.0	9.3	9.1 *	9.1
Aug.	6.1	6.1	6.9 *	7.0 *	9.6	9.6	10.8 *	10.7 *	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.0	9.1	9.0 -	9.1 -
Sep.	6.1	6.0	7.2 *	6.9 *	9.8	9.5	10.7 *	10.4 *	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.9 *
Oct.	6.5	6.1	7.5 *	6.9 *	10.0	9.5	10.6 *	10.2 *	9.4	9.0	9.4 -	9.0 -	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.3
Nov.	6.8	6.5	7.9 *	7.2 *	9.9	9.4	10.6 *	9.9 *	9.8	9.3	9.5	9.3 -	8.6	8.2	8.3	7.8
Dec.	7.3	7.1	8.5 *	8.1 *	9.9	9.7	10.5 *	10.3 *	9.3	9.1	9.5 *	9.2 *	8.5	8.3	8.1	7.8
Avg.		5.8		6.6 *		9.3		10.5 *		9.6		9.7 *		8.9		9.0 *

		20	12			20	13			20	14			20	15	
	U.	S.	Te	enn.	U.	S.	Te	nn.	U	.S.	Te	nn.	U	.S.	Tei	nn.
	Seas.	Not Seas.														
	Adj.	Adj.														
Jan.	8.3	8.8	7.9	8.3	8.0	8.5	7.9	8.7 *	6.6	7.0	6.8 *	6.9	5.7	6.1	6.2 *	6.7 *
Feb.	8.3	8.7	7.8	8.2	7.7	8.1	8.0 *	8.2 *	6.7	7.0	6.7 -	6.9	5.5	5.8	6.1 *	6.2 *
Mar.	8.2	8.4	7.8	7.9	7.5	7.6	8.1 *	8.0 *	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.9 *	5.4	5.6	6.0 *	5.9 *
Apr.	8.2	7.7	7.9	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0 *	7.5 *	6.2	5.9	6.6 *	5.9 -	5.4	5.1	5.9 *	5.3 *
May	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.3	8.0 *	7.7 *	6.3	6.1	6.7 *	6.3 *	5.6	5.3	5.8 *	5.6 *
Jun.	8.2	8.4	8.0	8.5 *	7.5	7.8	7.9 *	8.5 *	6.1	6.3	6.7 *	7.0 *	5.3	5.5	5.7 *	6.2 *
Jul.	8.2	8.6	7.9	8.5	7.3	7.7	7.8 *	8.1 *	6.2	6.5	6.7 *	7.3 *	5.2	5.6	5.6 *	6.0 *
Aug.	8.1	8.2	7.8	8.1	7.2	7.3	7.8 *	7.8 *	6.1	6.3	6.6 *	7.0 *	5.1	5.2	5.5 *	5.5 *
Sep.	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.0	7.6 *	7.5 *	5.9	5.7	6.6 *	6.5 *	5.0	4.9	5.3 *	5.3 *
Oct.	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.0	7.4 *	7.6 *	5.7	5.5	6.5 *	6.2 *	5.0	4.8	5.2 *	5.1 *
Nov.	7.7	7.4	7.7 -	7.1	6.9	6.6	7.2 *	7.0 *	5.8	5.5	6.4 *	6.2 *	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.9 *
Dec.	7.9	7.6	7.8	7.7 *	6.7	6.5	7.1 *	6.8 *	5.6	5.4	6.3 *	5.9 *	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.7
Avg.		8.1		7.8		7.4		7.8 *		6.2		6.6 *		5.3		5.6 *

		20	16			20	17			20	18			201	19	
	U	.S.	Te	enn.	U	.S.	Те	nn.	U	.S.	Te	enn.	U	.S.	Te	nn.
	Seas.	Not Seas.														
	Adj.	Adj.	Adj	Adj	Adj	Adj										
Jan.	4.9	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.1	4.5	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.4	3.3	3.7
Feb.	4.9	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.2	3.2
Mar.	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.3
Apr.	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.1				
May	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.1				
Jun.	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.2 *	4.3	4.5	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.1				
Jul.	4.8	5.1	4.8 -	5.1 -	4.3	4.6	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.5	3.9				
Aug.	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.0 -	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.7				
Sep.	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9 *	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.3				
Oct.	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7 -	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.3				
Nov.	4.7	4.4	4.7 -	4.4 -	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0				
Dec.	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.0				
Avg.		4.9		4.7		4.4		3.8		3.9		3.5				

<sup>\*</sup> Designates when Tennessee's unemployment rate is greater than the U.S. rate

<sup>-</sup> Designates when Tennessee's unemployment rate is equal to the U.S. rate

#### **HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS**

Manufacturing
Durable Goods
Nondurable Goods

I		Average			Average		Average			
	Wee	kly Earning	S	1	<b>Neekly Hour</b>	S	Hourly Earnings			
ı	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	
	2018 2019 <b>2019</b>			2018	2019	2019	2018	2019	2019	
I	\$864.60	\$814.52	\$832.00	44	41.2	41.6	\$19.65	\$19.77	\$20.00	
	882.02	834.36	860.67	43.3	40.9	41.2	20.37	20.40	20.89	
	834.39	779.37	780.28	45.2	41.7	42.2	18.46	18.69	18.49	

#### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS - ALL MANUFACTURING

(ranked by Feb. '2019 preliminary average weekly earnings; Mar. '2019 will be available later this month)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.	Feb.		Feb.	Feb.		Feb.	Feb.	
			Percent			Percent			Percent
States	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
Florida	\$937.92	\$992.44	5.5%	44.20	43.30	-0.1%	\$21.22	\$22.92	0.2%
South Carolina	830.45	878.99	4.9%	44.60	43.30	-0.1%	18.62	20.30	0.2%
Kentucky	837.52	862.00	2.4%	41.40	43.10	0.2%	20.23	20.00	0.0%
Alabama	880.44	861.67	-1.9%	44.00	43.30	-0.1%	20.01	19.90	0.0%
Mississippi	858.77	847.85	-1.1%	42.20	41.50	-0.1%	20.35	20.43	0.0%
Georgia	811.28	821.04	1.0%	43.50	42.30	-0.1%	18.65	19.41	0.1%
Tennessee	850.85	809.00	-4.2%	43.30	40.90	-0.2%	19.65	19.78	0.0%
Virginia	796.23	797.19	0.1%	40.50	39.80	-0.1%	19.66	20.03	0.0%
North Carolina	757.13	753.31	-0.4%	41.90	41.30	-0.1%	18.07	18.24	0.0%
Arkansas	688.45	732.65	4.4%	41.20	40.30	-0.1%	16.71	18.18	0.1%







