

March 2006 - 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics

Detailed below are the new changes to the monthly *Workforce at a Glance* labor market publication. These changes will take place with the release of the January 2006 nonfarm employment and civilian labor force data.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has made changes to the data being released. The most notable change comes with the release of the monthly civilian labor force series. BLS has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. For example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. Instead, all of the 2006 monthly civilian labor force series will be preliminary during 2006 and will be revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.

The nonfarm employment series will continue to publish preliminary and revised estimates each month. The major changes to this series have been the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. These changes include the publication of employment estimates for the following industries:

Statewide:

- Oil & Gas Extraction
- Residential Building Construction
- Nonresidential Building Construction
- Utility System Construction
- Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores
- Transportation & Warehousing

Baton Rouge MSA:

- Nonresidential Building Construction
- Depository Credit Intermediation

Houma MSA:

- Administrative Support Services
- Employment Services

Lafayette MSA:

- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Hospitals

Lake Charles MSA:

- Building, Development, and General Contracting, and Heavy Construction
- Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
- Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing and Chemical Manufacturing
- Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores, and General Merchandise

Monroe MSA:

- Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores, and General Merchandise
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Leisure and Hospitality

New Orleans MSA:

- Durable Goods
- Transportation and Warehousing
- Legal Services
- Accommodation

Shreveport MSA:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals

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