

Regional / National Comparisons

Overview

During the first quarter of 2002, the national recession caught up with Utah's economy. Areas in the western United States have shown strikingly different trends during the last five years, with Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, and Wyoming showing signs that they are somewhat insulated from the recession and the remaining states' economies struggling significantly. Population growth has exceeded the national average for almost all western states, including Utah, but income growth has not necessarily followed suit. A majority of the western states rank in the bottom half or the bottom quartile of all states when their rate of income growth over the past year is measured.

Population Growth

During the 1990's, the mountain states were the fastest growing region in the nation. Four states -- Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah -- were among the fastest growing states in the nation last year. However, these growth rates were generally at least a half a percentage point off the average annual growth rate during the population boom years of the 1990s. Utah's growth rate during this period went from 2.6% a year to 1.3% a year. This is still higher than the average annual growth rate of 0.9%; however, the gap between Utah and the nation's annual growth rate in 2002 is shrinking compared to the 1990s. In the previous decade, Utah's growth rate more than doubled the national average. In the last year, that gap has decreased from 1.4% to 0.4%.

Personal Income Growth

Total personal income in the mountain region grew 7.1% per year during the 1996 to 2001 period. However, March 2001 saw the beginning of a recession and personal income growth in the mountain region and Utah began to slow down. Personal income for the region grew by 4.5% during 2001 and Utah's personal income grew at a marginally slower rate of 4.3%. Despite this, Utah ranked 16th in the nation for growth from 2000-2001. The mountain region was a strong performer, with five of the eight states ranking in the top ten for growth during this period. New Mexico and Wyoming held the first and second place among the 50 states for personal income growth. Only Arizona and Colorado had personal income growth at a slower rate than Utah during 2000-2001.

Despite the rapid growth during the 1996 to 2001 period, the states of the mountain region are still some of the smallest in the United States, in terms of personal income. As personal income is a measurement of the size of the economic base, only Colorado and Arizona have economies larger than the median of the 50 states. Utah has the 35th largest economy, placing it between Arkansas and Missouri in relative size. Wyoming has the smallest economy in the nation at 51st place, behind Washington D.C.

The mountain region produced \$514.1 billion in personal income in 2001, or 5.9% of the nation's total of \$8.7 trillion. This is the same percentage as in 2000. Utah accounted for 10.7% of the mountain region's income, down slightly from the 10.8% of the region's income in 2000. Utah's per capita personal income in 2001 was \$24,180, ranking 46th in the nation (including Washington D.C.). Utah's per capita income growth rate from 1996 to 2001 was slightly below the national median, ranking the state 27th in terms of growth. Per capita personal income in the mountain states was \$27,567 in 2001, about 90.5% of the national average. Utah is well below the mountain states average, at 79.4% of the national average. Colorado has the highest per capita income among the mountain states. In 2001, Wyoming joined Colorado and Nevada in exceeding the national average.

Median Household Income

Utah is anomalous when comparing personal income and median household income. While Utah has a very low per capita personal income, the state's median household income is ranked 12th in nation. This is largely explained by Utah having the largest household size in the nation. The per capita figures are diluted by a larger number of children. Therefore, the median household figures provide a more accurate measure of family income. Utah's \$47,342 median household income is 112% of the national average of \$42,228. The only mountain state with a higher household income than Utah is Colorado, with \$49,397, or 117% of the national median. Some of the lowest household incomes are found in the mountain states, with Montana ranking 49th and New Mexico ranking 45th. These figures are three-year averages from 1999-2001. Because of sampling variability, the Census Bureau recommends using three-year averages for ranking purposes.

Average Annual Pay

Another measure of income is the average annual pay of workers covered by unemployment insurance. Among the mountain states, all but Colorado are below the national average. Utah's average annual pay of \$30,074 per worker in 2001 is 83% of the national average. The mountain region as a whole averages \$30,529, or 84% of the national average of \$36,214. Utah ranked 35th among the states for wages. Regionally, Utah was in the middle of the mountain states. Arizona, Colorado and Nevada all ranked higher while Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming ranked lower. Those four states, collectively, have some of the lowest wage rates in the nation, with Montana ranking 51st.

Nonagricultural Payrolls

The mountain states showed positive employment growth for all states in the region in 2001. While the growth for some of the states in this region were below 1%, at least they were positive. Many states in the nation saw contractions in their nonagricultural payroll employment during 2001. During the five-year period of 1996-2001, the national growth rate was 2.0%. Most of the states in the region exceeded this rate, with the exception of New Mexico and Montana. Utah's five-year growth rate was 2.5%, ranking it in the middle of the mountain states. Nevada had the strongest growth during this period at 4.6%, followed by Colorado and Arizona.

The latest data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of October 2001 to October 2002 shows much slowing in Utah's employment. During this time period, employment has contracted by 1.5%. This is the second largest contraction among mountain states. Only Colorado shed more jobs during this time period, losing 1.7% of its total employment. Among all 50 states and DC, Colorado, Utah, Delaware, and Georgia had the largest percentage losses.

The mountain states have performed slightly better than the national average unemployment rate since 1996. The difference in 2001 was about the same as in 1996. During this period, Utah had one of the best unemployment rates in the country, at 3.5% in 1996, 3.2% in 2000 and 4.4% in 2001. During 2001, among the mountain states, only Wyoming and Colorado had lower unemployment rates. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose from 4.0% in 2000 to 4.8% in 2001. While this rise in unemployment both nationally and within Utah is concerning, it is important to note that the rates are still below what many economists have considered a "full employment" rate of 5%.

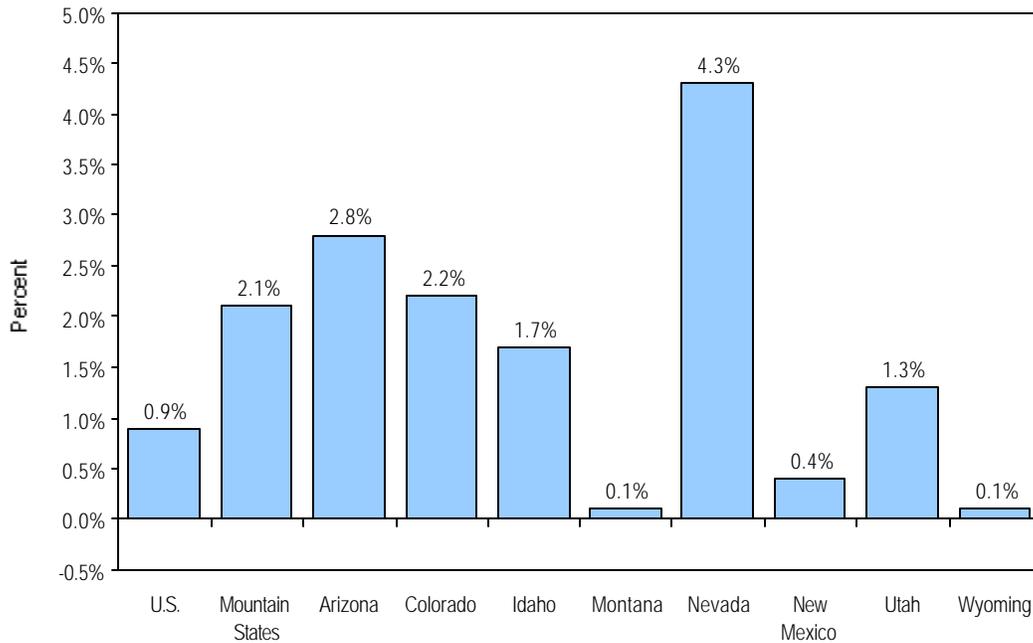
Poverty Rates

Similar to median household income, the Census Bureau's measure of poverty rates has considerable volatility, and the Bureau suggests using three-year averages for ranking purposes and two-year averages to evaluate movement over time. The mountain states have wide disparity in poverty rates, with New Mexico the highest in the nation, having 18.8% of its residents classified as living below the poverty line. Utah has one of the lowest poverty rates in the nation, with only 8.0% of its residents living in poverty. For the three-year period, the national rate was 11.6%, and among the mountain states, Arizona, Idaho, and Montana as well as New Mexico had rates above the national average. Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming and Utah had rates below the national average, with Utah having the lowest poverty rate in the mountain region.

Conclusion

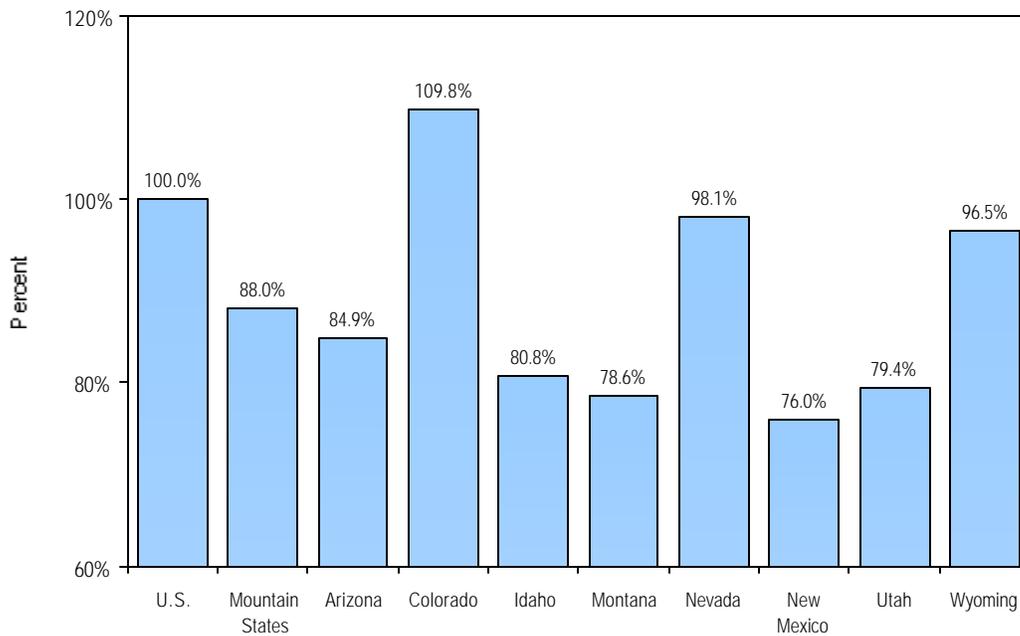
While Utah and the mountain states experienced robust economic growth in the 1990s, that growth has been slowing recently and even turned into a contraction in employment for Utah. Utah's personal income and median household income managed to grow from 2000 to 2001, but employment has declined and unemployment has risen. Employment declined faster than the national and regional averages and unemployment has risen. It appears that the economic recession that began in March of 2001 has picked up steam in Utah this year and has harmed the state more than many other states.

Figure 44
Population Growth Rates -- U.S. and Mountain Division States: 2000-2001



Note: Numbers in this chart may differ from other tables due to different data sources.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure 45
Per Capita Income as a Percent of U.S. -- Mountain Division States: 2001



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Figure 46
Median Household Income as a Percent of U.S. -- Mountain Division States: 1999-2001 Three-Year Average

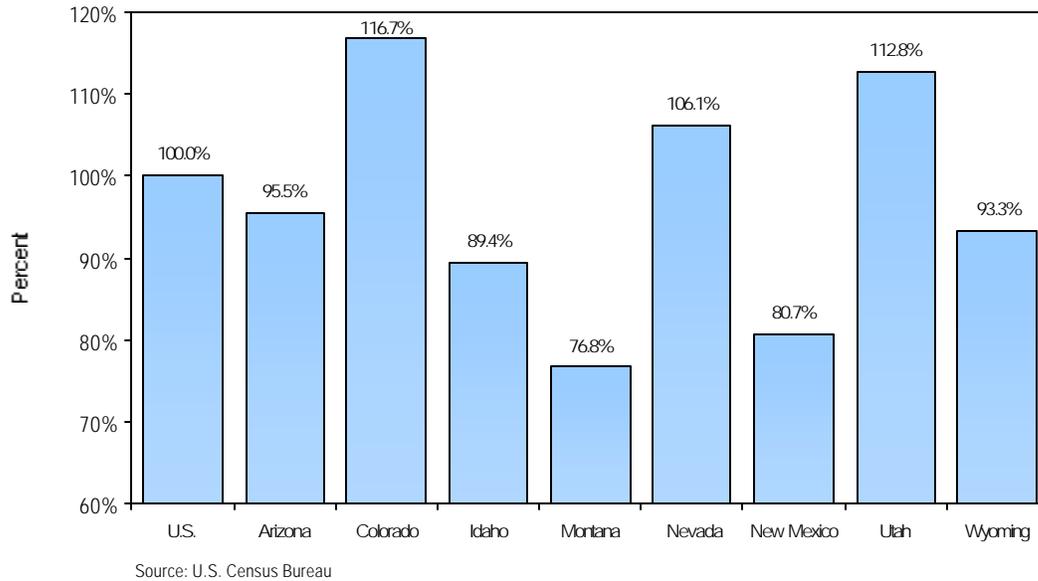


Figure 47
Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S. -- Mountain Division States: 2001*

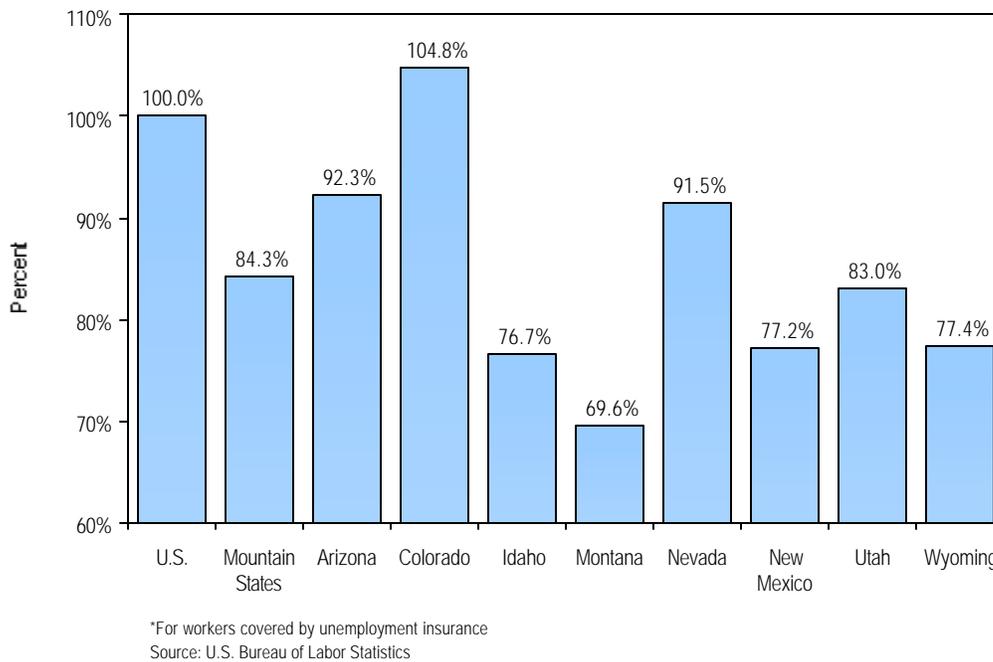
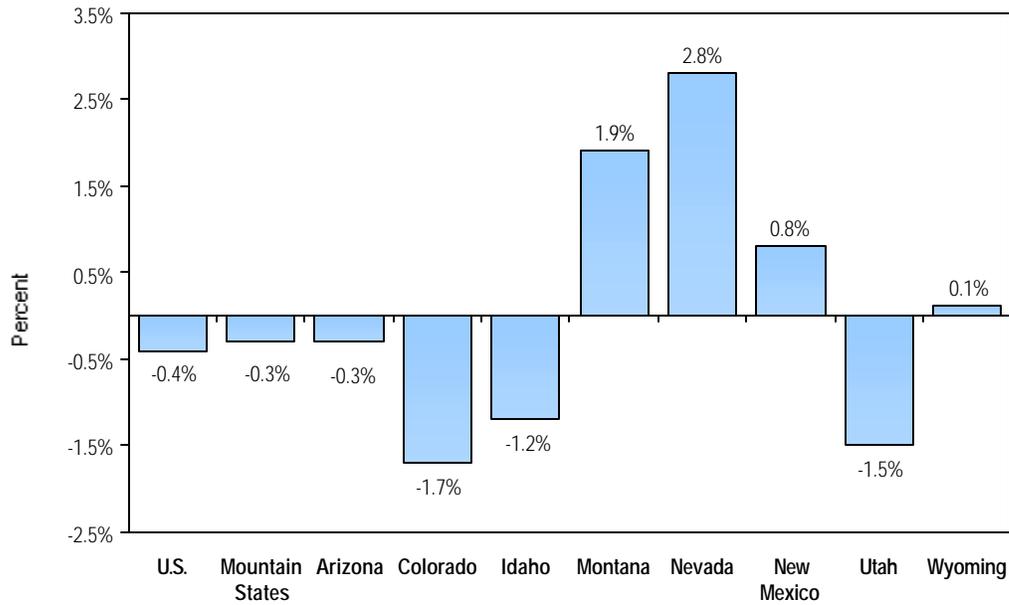
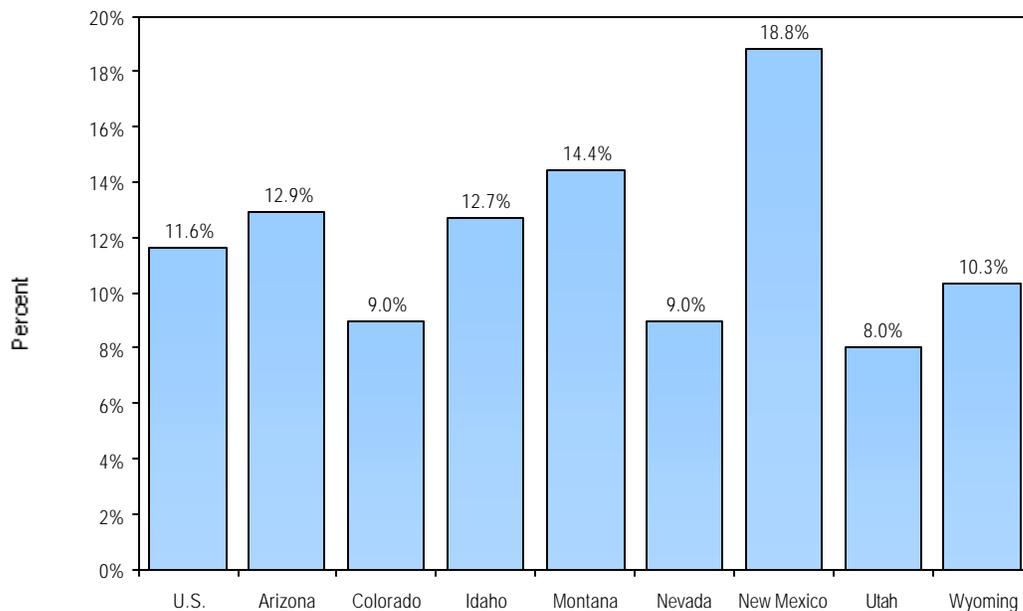


Figure 48
Nonagricultural Employment Growth -- U.S. and Mountain Division States: October 2001 to October 2002



Note: Numbers in this chart may differ from other tables due to different data sources.
 Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 49
Percent of Persons in Poverty: Three-Year Average 1999 to 2001



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 51
Population and Households -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Population (July 1 Estimates)		Rates of Population Change	Households (July 1 Estimates)		Rankings			
	2000 (thousands)	2001 (thousands)	Annual Growth Rate 2000-01	2000 (thousands)	Persons per Household	Rank by	Rank by	Rank by	Rank by
						Population	Population	Annual Growth Rate	Persons per Household
United States	282,125	284,797	0.9%	106,429	2.60				
Mountain States	18,267	18,650	2.1%	6,911	2.65				
Arizona	5,165	5,307	2.8%	1,940	2.68	20	20	2	8
Colorado	4,323	4,418	2.2%	1,754	2.46	24	24	3	43
Idaho	1,299	1,321	1.7%	486	2.65	39	39	7	10
Montana	903	904	0.1%	356	2.47	44	44	40	40
Nevada	2,019	2,106	4.3%	784	2.64	35	35	1	11
New Mexico	1,821	1,829	0.4%	665	2.69	36	36	31	6
Utah	2,242	2,270	1.3%	731	3.05	34	34	14	1
Wyoming	494	494	0.1%	194	2.48	51	51	45	39
Other States									
Alabama	4,451	4,464	0.3%	1,740	2.50	23	23	37	30
Alaska	628	635	1.2%	220	2.80	48	47	17	4
Arkansas	2,678	2,692	0.5%	1,046	2.50	33	33	27	30
California	34,000	34,501	1.5%	11,552	2.92	1	1	9	2
Connecticut	3,410	3,425	0.4%	1,292	2.57	29	29	30	18
Delaware	786	796	1.3%	297	2.60	45	45	13	15
D.C.	571	572	0.1%	243	2.21	50	50	41	51
Florida	16,054	16,397	2.1%	6,432	2.49	4	4	4	32
Georgia	8,230	8,384	1.9%	3,047	2.67	10	10	5	9
Hawaii	1,212	1,224	1.0%	412	2.89	42	42	18	3
Illinois	12,436	12,482	0.4%	4,600	2.64	5	5	34	11
Indiana	6,090	6,115	0.4%	2,339	2.54	14	14	32	21
Iowa	2,928	2,923	-0.1%	1,144	2.47	30	30	49	40
Kansas	2,692	2,695	0.1%	1,040	2.51	32	32	44	26
Kentucky	4,047	4,066	0.4%	1,584	2.49	25	25	29	32
Louisiana	4,470	4,465	-0.1%	1,667	2.60	22	22	48	15
Maine	1,277	1,287	0.8%	529	2.37	40	40	22	50
Maryland	5,311	5,375	1.2%	2,014	2.60	19	19	15	15
Massachusetts	6,357	6,379	0.3%	2,453	2.51	13	13	35	26
Michigan	9,952	9,991	0.4%	3,833	2.54	8	8	33	21
Minnesota	4,931	4,972	0.8%	1,979	2.44	21	21	20	46
Mississippi	2,849	2,858	0.3%	1,048	2.64	31	31	36	11
Missouri	5,604	5,630	0.5%	2,248	2.43	17	17	28	48
Nebraska	1,713	1,713	0.0%	667	2.49	38	38	46	32
New Hampshire	1,240	1,259	1.6%	483	2.53	41	41	8	24
New Jersey	8,429	8,484	0.7%	3,081	2.69	9	9	24	6
New York	18,989	19,011	0.1%	7,058	2.61	3	3	43	14
North Carolina	8,077	8,186	1.3%	3,192	2.49	11	11	10	32
North Dakota	641	634	-1.0%	249	2.45	47	48	51	44
Ohio	11,360	11,374	0.1%	4,453	2.49	7	7	42	32
Oklahoma	3,453	3,460	0.2%	1,317	2.54	27	28	38	21
Oregon	3,429	3,473	1.3%	1,394	2.44	28	27	12	46
Pennsylvania	12,283	12,287	0.0%	4,755	2.49	6	6	47	32
Rhode Island	1,050	1,059	0.8%	406	2.51	43	43	21	26
South Carolina	4,023	4,063	1.0%	1,539	2.55	26	26	19	19
South Dakota	756	757	0.1%	290	2.51	46	46	39	26
Tennessee	5,702	5,740	0.7%	2,268	2.47	16	16	23	40
Texas	20,947	21,325	1.8%	7,487	2.77	2	2	6	5
Vermont	610	613	0.6%	245	2.42	49	49	25	49
Virginia	7,104	7,188	1.2%	2,730	2.55	12	12	16	19
Washington	5,908	5,988	1.3%	2,323	2.52	15	15	11	25
West Virginia	1,807	1,802	-0.3%	718	2.45	37	37	50	44
Wisconsin	5,372	5,402	0.6%	2,105	2.49	18	18	26	32

Note: Population numbers will be revised by the U.S. Census Bureau in December 2002.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 52

Total Personal Income -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Total Personal Income			Rates of Total Personal Income Change		Total Personal Income (saar)			Rankings		
	1996	2000	2001	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Percent Change	2nd Quarter	2nd Quarter	Percent Change	Rank by Total Personal Income	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Rank by Percent Change
	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	1996-2001	2000-2001	2001	2002	2001-02	2001	1996-2001	2000-01
United States	\$6,538,103	\$8,398,796	\$8,678,255	5.8%	3.3%	\$8,669,920	\$8,904,967	2.6%			
Mountain States	364,491	491,783	514,119	7.1%	4.5%	513,864	529,140	2.9%			
Arizona	95,787	130,982	137,314	7.5%	4.8%	137,088	141,674	3.2%	23	3	8
Colorado	100,012	142,752	147,860	8.1%	3.6%	148,167	150,422	1.5%	21	1	28
Idaho	24,173	31,314	32,525	6.1%	3.9%	32,484	33,566	3.2%	42	14	20
Montana	16,992	20,678	21,673	5.0%	4.8%	21,633	22,218	2.6%	46	35	9
Nevada	43,331	59,948	62,966	7.8%	5.0%	63,059	65,696	4.0%	32	2	4
New Mexico	33,232	39,772	42,354	5.0%	6.5%	42,070	44,168	4.8%	38	36	1
Utah	40,354	52,622	54,884	6.3%	4.3%	54,918	56,162	2.2%	35	12	16
Wyoming	10,609	13,717	14,544	6.5%	6.0%	14,445	15,234	5.2%	51	11	2
Other States											
Alabama	87,221	105,796	109,773	4.7%	3.8%	109,740	112,647	2.6%	24	41	24
Alaska	15,762	18,773	19,641	4.5%	4.6%	19,650	20,535	4.3%	48	45	11
Arkansas	48,700	59,205	61,613	4.8%	4.1%	61,380	64,151	4.3%	34	39	19
California	812,404	1,099,375	1,128,256	6.8%	2.6%	1,128,323	1,156,811	2.5%	1	7	45
Connecticut	109,354	141,151	145,341	5.9%	3.0%	145,566	147,751	1.5%	22	20	40
Delaware	19,369	24,767	25,853	5.9%	4.4%	25,796	27,114	4.9%	44	19	14
D.C.	18,517	22,158	22,959	4.4%	3.6%	23,036	23,612	2.4%	45	47	27
Florida	355,136	454,106	474,626	6.0%	4.5%	474,193	492,621	3.7%	4	18	12
Georgia	172,935	232,179	240,896	6.9%	3.8%	240,495	248,826	3.3%	11	6	25
Hawaii	30,393	34,308	35,510	3.2%	3.5%	35,411	36,807	3.8%	40	51	30
Illinois	322,790	401,030	412,200	5.0%	2.8%	411,340	418,531	1.7%	5	34	43
Indiana	132,890	165,815	169,885	5.0%	2.5%	169,454	173,182	2.2%	16	33	49
Iowa	64,696	77,790	79,893	4.3%	2.7%	79,761	81,570	2.2%	30	48	44
Kansas	60,074	74,124	76,973	5.1%	3.8%	76,689	80,342	4.5%	31	32	21
Kentucky	78,221	98,125	101,326	5.3%	3.3%	100,934	104,378	3.3%	26	27	35
Louisiana	87,879	103,824	109,560	4.5%	5.5%	108,827	114,077	4.6%	25	44	3
Maine	26,434	32,793	34,384	5.4%	4.9%	34,276	35,861	4.4%	41	24	7
Maryland	140,809	180,353	189,142	6.1%	4.9%	188,899	196,618	3.9%	15	16	6
Massachusetts	180,237	241,318	248,202	6.6%	2.9%	248,478	251,716	1.3%	10	8	42
Michigan	238,095	293,744	297,609	4.6%	1.3%	297,595	302,749	1.7%	9	42	51
Minnesota	122,080	158,817	164,589	6.2%	3.6%	164,370	168,648	2.5%	17	13	26
Mississippi	48,898	59,881	62,163	4.9%	3.8%	61,969	64,731	4.3%	33	37	22
Missouri	123,992	153,830	158,906	5.1%	3.3%	158,423	162,788	2.7%	18	31	34
Nebraska	39,618	47,534	49,489	4.6%	4.1%	49,299	51,922	5.1%	36	43	18
New Hampshire	30,228	41,630	42,986	7.3%	3.3%	42,993	43,835	1.9%	37	4	36
New Jersey	246,659	317,346	326,723	5.8%	3.0%	325,753	338,485	3.8%	8	22	41
New York	530,990	664,927	684,774	5.2%	3.0%	683,235	685,853	0.4%	2	29	39
North Carolina	167,638	218,537	225,234	6.1%	3.1%	225,430	231,609	2.7%	13	15	37
North Dakota	13,607	16,027	16,434	3.8%	2.5%	16,370	16,997	3.7%	50	50	47
Ohio	264,162	320,377	327,745	4.4%	2.3%	327,376	335,314	2.4%	7	46	50
Oklahoma	66,289	83,035	86,750	5.5%	4.5%	86,432	90,107	4.1%	29	23	13
Oregon	75,561	95,406	97,814	5.3%	2.5%	97,723	100,794	3.0%	28	28	48
Pennsylvania	299,001	364,953	377,461	4.8%	3.4%	376,868	392,413	4.0%	6	40	31
Rhode Island	24,818	30,728	31,995	5.2%	4.1%	31,865	33,548	5.0%	43	30	17
South Carolina	76,287	97,659	101,110	5.8%	3.5%	100,766	104,239	3.3%	27	21	29
South Dakota	15,883	19,509	20,174	4.9%	3.4%	20,093	21,130	4.9%	47	38	32
Tennessee	119,287	150,344	154,911	5.4%	3.0%	154,840	159,901	3.2%	20	25	38
Texas	428,726	587,228	609,489	7.3%	3.8%	607,435	623,852	2.6%	3	5	23
Vermont	13,073	16,691	17,531	6.0%	5.0%	17,500	18,121	3.4%	49	17	5
Virginia	169,938	222,498	233,107	6.5%	4.8%	234,189	238,499	1.8%	12	10	10
Washington	139,328	186,863	191,763	6.6%	2.6%	194,386	197,446	1.5%	14	9	46
West Virginia	33,771	39,506	41,230	4.1%	4.4%	41,096	42,678	3.7%	39	49	15
Wisconsin	121,864	152,953	158,116	5.3%	3.4%	157,802	163,018	3.2%	19	26	33

saar = seasonally adjusted annual rate.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 53
Per Capita Personal Income -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Per Capita Personal Income			Rates of Per Capita Personal Income Change		Per Capita Personal Income as a Percent of U.S. Per Capita Personal Income			Rankings		
	1996	2000	2001	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1996-2001	Annual Growth Rate 2000-01	1996	2000	2001	Rank by Per Capita Personal Income 2001	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 1996-2001	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 2000-01
United States	\$24,270	\$29,770	\$30,472	4.7%	2.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Mountain States											
Arizona	20,883	25,358	25,872	4.4%	2.0%	86.0%	85.2%	84.9%	39	28	41
Colorado	25,514	33,018	33,470	5.6%	1.4%	105.1%	110.9%	109.8%	8	4	46
Idaho	20,093	24,101	24,621	4.1%	2.2%	82.8%	81.0%	80.8%	43	39	39
Montana	19,173	22,895	23,963	4.6%	4.7%	79.0%	76.9%	78.6%	47	19	5
Nevada	26,004	29,696	29,897	2.8%	0.7%	107.1%	99.8%	98.1%	18	50	51
New Mexico	18,964	21,837	23,155	4.1%	6.0%	78.1%	73.4%	76.0%	48	42	1
Utah	19,514	23,476	24,180	4.4%	3.0%	80.4%	78.9%	79.4%	46	27	23
Wyoming	21,732	27,767	29,416	6.2%	5.9%	89.5%	93.3%	96.5%	20	1	2
Other States											
Alabama	20,138	23,766	24,589	4.1%	3.5%	83.0%	79.8%	80.7%	44	41	17
Alaska	25,901	29,913	30,936	3.6%	3.4%	106.7%	100.5%	101.5%	15	49	18
Arkansas	18,934	22,108	22,887	3.9%	3.5%	78.0%	74.3%	75.1%	49	48	14
California	25,373	32,334	32,702	5.2%	1.1%	104.5%	108.6%	107.3%	11	8	49
Connecticut	32,773	41,392	42,435	5.3%	2.5%	135.0%	139.0%	139.3%	1	6	31
Delaware	26,140	31,500	32,472	4.4%	3.1%	107.7%	105.8%	106.6%	12	25	22
D.C.	32,352	38,801	40,150	4.4%	3.5%	133.3%	130.3%	131.8%	2	26	16
Florida	23,909	28,286	28,947	3.9%	2.3%	98.5%	95.0%	95.0%	23	46	36
Georgia	23,055	28,212	28,733	4.5%	1.8%	95.0%	94.8%	94.3%	26	21	43
Hawaii	25,249	28,301	29,002	2.8%	2.5%	104.0%	95.1%	95.2%	22	51	33
Illinois	26,672	32,248	33,023	4.4%	2.4%	109.9%	108.3%	108.4%	10	30	34
Indiana	22,501	27,228	27,783	4.3%	2.0%	92.7%	91.5%	91.2%	32	34	40
Iowa	22,464	26,572	27,331	4.0%	2.9%	92.6%	89.3%	89.7%	34	45	25
Kansas	22,977	27,537	28,565	4.4%	3.7%	94.7%	92.5%	93.7%	29	23	10
Kentucky	19,957	24,244	24,923	4.5%	2.8%	82.2%	81.4%	81.8%	41	20	28
Louisiana	19,978	23,227	24,535	4.2%	5.6%	82.3%	78.0%	80.5%	45	36	3
Maine	21,163	25,681	26,723	4.8%	4.1%	87.2%	86.3%	87.7%	36	15	9
Maryland	27,545	33,959	35,188	5.0%	3.6%	113.5%	114.1%	115.5%	6	12	11
Massachusetts	29,166	37,960	38,907	5.9%	2.5%	120.2%	127.5%	127.7%	3	2	32
Michigan	24,398	29,516	29,788	4.1%	0.9%	100.5%	99.1%	97.8%	19	43	50
Minnesota	25,904	32,207	33,101	5.0%	2.8%	106.7%	108.2%	108.6%	9	11	29
Mississippi	17,793	21,017	21,750	4.1%	3.5%	73.3%	70.6%	71.4%	51	40	15
Missouri	22,828	27,452	28,226	4.3%	2.8%	94.1%	92.2%	92.6%	30	32	26
Nebraska	23,670	27,756	28,886	4.1%	4.1%	97.5%	93.2%	94.8%	24	44	8
New Hampshire	25,733	33,576	34,138	5.8%	1.7%	106.0%	112.8%	112.0%	7	3	45
New Jersey	30,266	37,649	38,509	4.9%	2.3%	124.7%	126.5%	126.4%	4	13	37
New York	28,566	35,016	36,019	4.7%	2.9%	117.7%	117.6%	118.2%	5	16	24
North Carolina	22,350	27,055	27,514	4.2%	1.7%	92.1%	90.9%	90.3%	33	35	44
North Dakota	20,921	25,007	25,902	4.4%	3.6%	86.2%	84.0%	85.0%	38	31	12
Ohio	23,496	28,202	28,816	4.2%	2.2%	96.8%	94.7%	94.6%	25	37	38
Oklahoma	19,846	24,046	25,071	4.8%	4.3%	81.8%	80.8%	82.3%	40	14	7
Oregon	23,270	27,821	28,165	3.9%	1.2%	95.9%	93.5%	92.4%	31	47	48
Pennsylvania	24,467	29,713	30,720	4.7%	3.4%	100.8%	99.8%	100.8%	16	18	19
Rhode Island	24,310	29,258	30,215	4.4%	3.3%	100.2%	98.3%	99.2%	17	24	20
South Carolina	20,096	24,273	24,886	4.4%	2.5%	82.8%	81.5%	81.7%	42	29	30
South Dakota	21,399	25,823	26,664	4.5%	3.3%	88.2%	86.7%	87.5%	37	22	21
Tennessee	22,022	26,367	26,988	4.2%	2.4%	90.7%	88.6%	88.6%	35	38	35
Texas	22,167	28,035	28,581	5.2%	1.9%	91.3%	94.2%	93.8%	28	7	42
Vermont	22,019	27,376	28,594	5.4%	4.4%	90.7%	92.0%	93.8%	27	5	6
Virginia	25,173	31,320	32,431	5.2%	3.5%	103.7%	105.2%	106.4%	13	9	13
Washington	25,015	31,627	32,025	5.1%	1.3%	103.1%	106.2%	105.1%	14	10	47
West Virginia	18,527	21,861	22,881	4.3%	4.7%	76.3%	73.4%	75.1%	50	33	4
Wisconsin	23,301	28,471	29,270	4.7%	2.8%	96.0%	95.6%	96.1%	21	17	27

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Table 54

Median Income of Households -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

	Median Income of Households (2000 Dollars)				Median Income of Households (1999 Dollars) Two-year Moving Average*					Median Income of Households Three-year Average* (2000 Dollars)			
	1996	2000	2001	Standard Error	1999-2000	2000-01	Standard Error	Two-year Average		1999-2001 Standard Error	Amount	Rank	As a % of the U.S.
	Amount	Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount		Difference	Pct. Chg.				
United States	\$39,869	\$41,990	\$42,228	\$129	\$43,195	\$42,695	\$109	-\$500	-1.2%	\$42,873	\$109		100.0%
Mountain States													
Arizona	35,538	39,783	42,704	1,441	40,095	41,799	1,104	1,704	4.1%	40,965	905	32	95.5%
Colorado	46,000	48,240	49,397	1,190	50,380	49,492	1,011	-888	-1.8%	50,053	941	8	116.7%
Idaho	38,989	37,611	38,241	966	38,344	38,451	903	107	0.3%	38,310	869	39	89.4%
Montana	32,221	32,777	32,126	737	33,330	32,909	730	-421	-1.3%	32,929	660	49	76.8%
Nevada	43,292	45,758	45,403	1,130	45,538	46,219	891	681	1.5%	45,493	946	17	106.1%
New Mexico	28,179	35,093	33,124	1,238	35,337	34,598	1,036	-739	-2.1%	34,599	1,022	45	80.7%
Utah	41,605	47,550	47,342	1,601	48,896	48,110	1,108	-786	-1.6%	48,378	1,007	12	112.8%
Wyoming	34,770	39,629	39,719	1,166	40,150	40,227	925	77	0.2%	40,007	838	34	93.3%
Other States													
Alabama	34,039	35,424	35,160	1,006	37,460	35,786	866	-1,674	-4.5%	36,693	787	42	85.6%
Alaska	59,287	52,847	57,363	2,012	54,458	55,842	1,337	1,384	2.5%	55,426	1,278	1	129.3%
Arkansas	30,468	29,697	33,339	1,144	31,027	31,932	802	905	2.9%	31,798	697	50	74.2%
California	43,598	46,816	47,262	727	47,233	47,692	588	459	1.0%	47,243	507	14	110.2%
Connecticut	47,313	50,172	53,347	1,240	52,657	52,460	1,083	-197	-0.4%	52,887	1,203	3	123.4%
Delaware	44,156	50,365	49,602	1,468	50,650	50,686	1,240	36	0.1%	50,301	1,276	7	117.3%
D.C.	35,908	41,222	41,169	1,023	41,724	41,771	873	47	0.1%	41,539	897	30	96.9%
Florida	34,419	38,856	36,421	417	39,000	38,181	495	-819	-2.1%	38,141	445	40	89.0%
Georgia	36,503	41,901	42,576	1,073	42,474	42,823	794	349	0.8%	42,508	779	24	99.1%
Hawaii	46,923	51,546	47,439	1,256	50,129	50,212	1,020	83	0.2%	49,232	1,034	9	114.8%
Illinois	44,431	46,064	46,171	879	48,281	46,760	770	-1,521	-3.2%	47,578	693	13	111.0%
Indiana	39,481	40,865	40,379	948	42,692	41,192	680	-1,500	-3.5%	41,921	822	28	97.8%
Iowa	37,304	40,991	40,976	1,133	42,895	41,556	812	-1,339	-3.1%	42,255	729	26	98.6%
Kansas	36,603	41,059	41,415	1,115	40,938	41,810	952	872	2.1%	41,097	1,072	31	95.9%
Kentucky	36,410	36,265	38,437	1,009	36,557	37,857	774	1,300	3.6%	37,184	806	41	86.7%
Louisiana	33,994	30,718	33,322	1,195	33,130	32,449	846	-681	-2.1%	33,194	774	48	77.4%
Maine	38,974	37,266	36,612	952	39,793	37,459	752	-2,334	-5.9%	38,733	751	36	90.3%
Maryland	49,418	54,535	53,530	1,652	55,755	54,794	1,271	-961	-1.7%	55,013	1,264	2	128.3%
Massachusetts	44,364	46,753	52,253	1,518	47,400	50,155	1,197	2,755	5.8%	49,018	1,176	11	114.3%
Michigan	44,062	45,512	45,047	868	47,869	45,915	822	-1,954	-4.1%	46,929	727	15	109.5%
Minnesota	46,046	54,251	52,681	1,134	52,865	54,223	1,198	1,358	2.6%	52,804	1,073	4	123.2%
Mississippi	29,967	34,299	30,161	1,186	34,877	32,709	1,061	-2,168	-6.2%	33,305	954	47	77.7%
Missouri	38,490	45,097	41,339	1,204	45,157	43,847	996	-1,310	-2.9%	43,884	859	20	102.4%
Nebraska	38,208	41,750	43,611	1,116	41,972	43,263	889	1,291	3.1%	42,518	838	23	99.2%
New Hampshire	44,266	50,926	51,331	719	50,634	51,839	836	1,205	2.4%	50,866	997	6	118.6%
New Jersey	53,321	50,405	51,771	933	52,320	51,791	802	-529	-1.0%	52,137	807	5	121.6%
New York	39,776	40,744	42,114	600	42,179	41,998	492	-181	-0.4%	42,157	498	27	98.3%
North Carolina	39,991	38,317	38,162	951	39,479	38,774	732	-705	-1.8%	39,040	648	35	91.1%
North Dakota	35,351	35,996	35,793	804	35,848	36,397	784	549	1.5%	35,830	799	44	83.6%
Ohio	38,271	42,962	41,785	661	43,053	42,973	581	-80	-0.2%	42,631	578	22	99.4%
Oklahoma	30,820	32,432	35,609	690	34,027	34,473	583	446	1.3%	34,554	721	46	80.6%
Oregon	39,869	42,499	41,273	752	43,416	42,479	707	-937	-2.2%	42,701	720	21	99.6%
Pennsylvania	39,202	42,176	43,499	723	41,730	43,426	594	1,696	4.1%	42,320	623	25	98.7%
Rhode Island	41,547	42,197	45,723	1,147	44,376	44,549	901	173	0.4%	44,825	1,012	19	104.6%
South Carolina	38,940	37,570	37,736	1,023	38,675	38,177	816	-498	-1.3%	38,362	899	38	89.5%
South Dakota	33,167	36,475	39,671	856	37,775	38,582	643	807	2.1%	38,407	592	37	89.6%
Tennessee	34,587	34,096	35,783	791	36,921	35,415	719	-1,506	-4.1%	36,542	741	43	85.2%
Texas	37,150	38,609	40,860	512	40,391	40,273	548	-118	-0.3%	40,547	576	33	94.6%
Vermont	36,348	39,594	40,794	944	42,435	40,747	777	-1,688	-4.0%	41,888	791	29	97.7%
Virginia	44,046	47,163	50,241	1,148	48,508	49,360	921	852	1.8%	49,085	964	10	114.5%
Washington	41,199	42,525	42,490	1,264	46,007	43,101	1,031	-2,906	-6.3%	44,835	1,108	18	104.6%
West Virginia	28,360	29,411	29,673	674	30,676	29,952	549	-724	-2.4%	30,342	602	51	70.8%
Wisconsin	44,934	45,088	45,346	1,123	47,427	45,846	864	-1,581	-3.3%	46,734	962	16	109.0%

*Because the sample of households contacted in small population states like Utah is relatively few in number, the data collected for two or three years is combined to calculate less variable estimates. The Census Bureau recommends using 2-year averages for evaluating changes in state estimates over time, and 3-year averages when comparing the relative ranking of states.

The Standard Error is a measurement that indicates the magnitude of sampling variability for the estimates. Note that the standard errors for U.S. estimates are much smaller than those for the states.

Ranking is done for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: 2002 September Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Money Income in the United States: 2001.

Table 55

Average Annual Pay For All Workers Covered by Unemployment Insurance: U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Average Annual Pay			Rates of Change for Average Annual Pay		Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S. Average Annual Pay			Rankings		
	1996	2000	2001	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1996-2001	Percent Change 2000-01	1996	2000	2001	Rank by Average Annual Pay 2001	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1996-2001	Rank by Percent Change 2000-01
	United States	\$28,946	\$35,320	\$36,214	4.6%	2.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Mountain States											
Arizona	26,387	32,610	33,408	4.8%	2.4%	91.2%	92.3%	92.3%	21	12	39
Colorado	28,520	37,168	37,950	5.9%	2.1%	98.5%	105.2%	104.8%	10	1	43
Idaho	23,353	27,701	27,765	3.5%	0.2%	80.7%	78.4%	76.7%	46	45	51
Montana	21,146	24,272	25,194	3.6%	3.8%	73.1%	68.7%	69.6%	51	44	15
Nevada	27,788	32,277	33,122	3.6%	2.6%	96.0%	91.4%	91.5%	24	43	37
New Mexico	23,716	27,498	28,698	3.9%	4.4%	81.9%	77.9%	79.2%	41	36	8
Utah	24,572	29,229	30,074	4.1%	2.9%	84.9%	82.8%	83.0%	35	27	28
Wyoming	22,870	26,836	28,025	4.1%	4.4%	79.0%	76.0%	77.4%	43	25	6
Other States											
Alabama	25,180	29,041	30,090	3.6%	3.6%	87.0%	82.2%	83.1%	34	42	16
Alaska	32,461	35,144	36,140	2.2%	2.8%	112.1%	99.5%	99.8%	15	51	30
Arkansas	22,294	26,317	27,258	4.1%	3.6%	77.0%	74.5%	75.3%	47	28	17
California	31,776	41,207	41,358	5.4%	0.4%	109.8%	116.7%	114.2%	6	4	50
Connecticut	36,592	45,486	46,963	5.1%	3.2%	126.4%	128.8%	129.7%	2	6	21
Delaware	30,711	36,535	38,434	4.6%	5.2%	106.1%	103.4%	106.1%	8	16	2
D.C.	44,458	52,965	56,024	4.7%	5.8%	153.6%	150.0%	154.7%	1	15	1
Florida	25,641	30,560	31,551	4.2%	3.2%	88.6%	86.5%	87.1%	29	22	22
Georgia	27,492	34,214	35,114	5.0%	2.6%	95.0%	96.9%	97.0%	18	9	36
Hawaii	27,363	30,628	31,250	2.7%	2.0%	94.5%	86.7%	86.3%	31	50	44
Illinois	31,296	38,045	39,058	4.5%	2.7%	108.1%	107.7%	107.9%	7	17	35
Indiana	26,477	31,030	31,778	3.7%	2.4%	91.5%	87.9%	87.8%	27	40	40
Iowa	23,679	27,931	28,840	4.0%	3.3%	81.8%	79.1%	79.6%	39	31	20
Kansas	24,609	29,361	30,153	4.1%	2.7%	85.0%	83.1%	83.3%	33	26	34
Kentucky	24,462	28,800	30,017	4.2%	4.2%	84.5%	81.5%	82.9%	36	24	9
Louisiana	24,541	27,888	29,134	3.5%	4.5%	84.8%	79.0%	80.4%	38	47	5
Maine	23,850	27,664	28,815	3.9%	4.2%	82.4%	78.3%	79.6%	40	37	10
Maryland	30,295	36,395	38,237	4.8%	5.1%	104.7%	103.0%	105.6%	9	13	3
Massachusetts	33,937	44,168	44,976	5.8%	1.8%	117.2%	125.1%	124.2%	4	2	45
Michigan	31,521	37,011	37,387	3.5%	1.0%	108.9%	104.8%	103.2%	12	48	48
Minnesota	28,866	35,414	36,585	4.9%	3.3%	99.7%	100.3%	101.0%	14	11	19
Mississippi	21,822	25,208	25,919	3.5%	2.8%	75.4%	71.4%	71.6%	48	46	32
Missouri	26,601	31,384	32,422	4.0%	3.3%	91.9%	88.9%	89.5%	25	29	18
Nebraska	23,294	27,693	28,375	4.0%	2.5%	80.5%	78.4%	78.4%	42	30	38
New Hampshire	27,691	34,736	35,479	5.1%	2.1%	95.7%	98.3%	98.0%	17	7	42
New Jersey	35,928	43,676	44,285	4.3%	1.4%	124.1%	123.7%	122.3%	5	21	46
New York	36,816	45,358	46,664	4.9%	2.9%	127.2%	128.4%	128.9%	3	10	29
North Carolina	25,410	31,068	32,026	4.7%	3.1%	87.8%	88.0%	88.4%	26	14	25
North Dakota	21,242	24,683	25,707	3.9%	4.1%	73.4%	69.9%	71.0%	49	35	11
Ohio	27,776	32,508	33,280	3.7%	2.4%	96.0%	92.0%	91.9%	22	41	41
Oklahoma	23,329	26,988	28,020	3.7%	3.8%	80.6%	76.4%	77.4%	44	39	13
Oregon	27,028	32,776	33,203	4.2%	1.3%	93.4%	92.8%	91.7%	23	23	47
Pennsylvania	28,973	34,015	34,976	3.8%	2.8%	100.1%	96.3%	96.6%	19	38	31
Rhode Island	27,194	32,615	33,592	4.3%	3.0%	93.9%	92.3%	92.8%	20	20	27
South Carolina	24,049	28,179	29,253	4.0%	3.8%	83.1%	79.8%	80.8%	37	32	14
South Dakota	20,724	24,802	25,600	4.3%	3.2%	71.6%	70.2%	70.7%	50	19	23
Tennessee	25,963	30,557	31,491	3.9%	3.1%	89.7%	86.5%	87.0%	30	33	26
Texas	28,129	34,943	36,039	5.1%	3.1%	97.2%	98.9%	99.5%	16	8	24
Vermont	24,480	28,914	30,240	4.3%	4.6%	84.6%	81.9%	83.5%	32	18	4
Virginia	28,003	35,172	36,716	5.6%	4.4%	96.7%	99.6%	101.4%	13	3	7
Washington	28,881	37,099	37,475	5.3%	1.0%	99.8%	105.0%	103.5%	11	5	49
West Virginia	24,075	26,888	27,982	3.1%	4.1%	83.2%	76.1%	77.3%	45	49	12
Wisconsin	26,021	30,694	31,556	3.9%	2.8%	89.9%	86.9%	87.1%	28	34	33

Note: Numbers in this chart may differ from other tables due to different data sources.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 56
Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls			Rates of Change for Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls		Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls (not seasonally adjusted)			Rankings			
	1996	2000	2001	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate	Percent Change	October 2001	October 2002(p)	Percent Change	Rank by Employees on Nonag. Payrolls 2001	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 1996-2001	Rank by Percent Change 2000-01	Rank by Percent Change (unadjust.) 2001-02
	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	1996-2001	2000-01	(thousands)	(thousands)	2001-02				
United States	119,568	131,743	131,968	2.0%	0.2%	132,395	131,849	-0.4%				
Mountain States	7,359	8,489	8,597	3.2%	1.3%	8,619	8,595	-0.3%				
Arizona	1,892	2,243	2,266	3.7%	1.0%	2,274	2,267	-0.3%	21	4	10	30
Colorado	1,900	2,213	2,232	3.3%	0.9%	2,220	2,183	-1.7%	22	5	13	49
Idaho	493	560	569	2.9%	1.8%	577	570	-1.2%	42	6	4	44
Montana	360	388	392	1.7%	1.1%	395	402	1.9%	46	29	9	2
Nevada	843	1,027	1,054	4.6%	2.6%	1,053	1,083	2.8%	35	2	1	1
New Mexico	695	745	757	1.7%	1.6%	762	768	0.8%	37	25	6	5
Utah	955	1,075	1,082	2.5%	0.6%	1,087	1,071	-1.5%	34	9	19	48
Wyoming	221	239	246	2.1%	2.6%	250	251	0.1%	51	17	2	15
Other States												
Alabama	1,829	1,931	1,914	0.9%	-0.9%	1,919	1,900	-1.0%	24	47	46	42
Alaska	264	284	290	1.9%	2.1%	292	296	1.4%	50	20	3	3
Arkansas	1,086	1,159	1,156	1.3%	-0.2%	1,162	1,162	0.0%	32	39	35	19
California	12,743	14,488	14,697	2.9%	1.4%	14,744	14,721	-0.2%	1	7	7	24
Connecticut	1,584	1,693	1,682	1.2%	-0.6%	1,686	1,681	-0.3%	27	41	41	27
Delaware	376	650	651	11.6%	0.1%	419	412	-1.7%	39	1	29	50
D.C.	623	420	419	-7.6%	-0.2%	653	653	0.0%	45	51	34	20
Florida	6,183	7,081	7,198	3.7%	1.7%	7,199	7,228	0.4%	4	3	5	9
Georgia	3,527	3,949	3,954	2.3%	0.1%	3,953	3,866	-2.2%	10	13	27	51
Hawaii	531	551	554	0.8%	0.4%	548	550	0.3%	43	49	22	11
Illinois	5,685	6,045	6,005	1.1%	-0.7%	6,016	5,950	-1.1%	5	43	44	43
Indiana	2,814	3,000	2,938	0.9%	-2.1%	2,955	2,932	-0.8%	14	48	51	40
Iowa	1,383	1,478	1,469	1.2%	-0.6%	1,477	1,475	-0.1%	30	42	42	23
Kansas	1,227	1,345	1,357	2.0%	0.9%	1,369	1,373	0.3%	31	19	12	12
Kentucky	1,672	1,825	1,817	1.7%	-0.4%	1,827	1,850	1.3%	26	31	37	4
Louisiana	1,810	1,920	1,931	1.3%	0.6%	1,948	1,941	-0.3%	23	38	20	31
Maine	543	604	609	2.4%	1.0%	617	620	0.4%	41	12	11	10
Maryland	2,211	2,450	2,470	2.2%	0.8%	2,490	2,489	-0.1%	20	14	15	21
Massachusetts	3,035	3,323	3,335	1.9%	0.3%	3,344	3,302	-1.3%	13	23	24	45
Michigan	4,361	4,674	4,587	1.0%	-1.9%	4,623	4,589	-0.7%	8	45	50	38
Minnesota	2,433	2,676	2,674	1.9%	-0.1%	2,682	2,671	-0.4%	19	22	33	33
Mississippi	1,089	1,154	1,134	0.8%	-1.7%	1,137	1,137	0.0%	33	50	49	16
Missouri	2,567	2,749	2,732	1.3%	-0.6%	2,739	2,699	-1.4%	16	40	39	47
Nebraska	835	909	909	1.7%	0.1%	916	918	0.2%	36	26	30	14
New Hampshire	554	622	627	2.5%	0.8%	628	627	-0.1%	40	10	16	22
New Jersey	3,639	3,995	4,024	2.0%	0.7%	4,041	4,029	-0.3%	9	18	17	28
New York	7,939	8,635	8,633	1.7%	0.0%	8,648	8,609	-0.5%	3	28	31	34
North Carolina	3,547	3,934	3,901	1.9%	-0.8%	3,921	3,921	0.0%	11	21	45	18
North Dakota	309	328	330	1.3%	0.6%	335	334	-0.2%	48	37	18	26
Ohio	5,296	5,625	5,566	1.0%	-1.0%	5,590	5,543	-0.8%	7	46	47	41
Oklahoma	1,354	1,490	1,509	2.2%	1.3%	1,520	1,529	0.6%	29	16	8	7
Oregon	1,475	1,607	1,596	1.6%	-0.7%	1,606	1,603	-0.2%	28	34	43	25
Pennsylvania	5,306	5,691	5,701	1.4%	0.2%	5,719	5,679	-0.7%	6	35	26	37
Rhode Island	442	477	479	1.6%	0.5%	485	488	0.6%	44	33	21	8
South Carolina	1,675	1,860	1,835	1.8%	-1.3%	1,845	1,845	0.0%	25	24	48	17
South Dakota	349	378	379	1.7%	0.4%	382	379	-0.7%	47	27	23	36
Tennessee	2,533	2,729	2,712	1.4%	-0.6%	2,725	2,717	-0.3%	17	36	40	29
Texas	8,256	9,433	9,513	2.9%	0.8%	9,501	9,453	-0.5%	2	8	14	35
Vermont	275	299	299	1.7%	0.1%	302	303	0.2%	49	30	28	13
Virginia	3,136	3,517	3,528	2.4%	0.3%	3,530	3,516	-0.4%	12	11	25	32
Washington	2,416	2,711	2,698	2.2%	-0.5%	2,700	2,664	-1.3%	18	15	38	46
West Virginia	699	736	735	1.0%	-0.1%	738	733	-0.8%	38	44	32	39
Wisconsin	2,601	2,833	2,826	1.7%	-0.3%	2,847	2,868	0.8%	15	32	36	6

Note: This data varies slightly from data reported by the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 57

Unemployment Rates -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Unemployment Rate			Unemployment Rate Change		Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)		Rankings by Unemployment Rate				
	1996	2000	2001	1996-2001	2000-01	October 2001	October 2002(p)	1996	2000	2001	(unadjust.) 2001	(unadjust.) 2002(p)
	United States	5.4%	4.0%	4.8%	-0.6%	0.8%	3.9%	5.4%				
Mountain States	5.1%	3.8%	4.5%	-0.6%	0.7%	4.9%	5.1%					
Arizona	5.5%	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8%	0.8%	5.2%	5.7%	17	24	22	13	13
Colorado	4.2%	2.7%	3.7%	-0.5%	1.0%	4.1%	5.2%	41	46	40	27	22
Idaho	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%	-0.2%	0.1%	4.0%	5.5%	23	7	16	31	18
Montana	5.3%	4.9%	4.6%	-0.7%	-0.3%	4.0%	4.3%	20	7	26	31	37
Nevada	5.4%	4.1%	5.3%	-0.1%	1.2%	6.1%	4.5%	18	19	11	3	35
New Mexico	8.1%	4.9%	4.8%	-3.3%	-0.1%	5.6%	5.8%	2	7	20	5	11
Utah	3.5%	3.2%	4.4%	0.9%	1.2%	4.1%	5.1%	47	39	30	27	25
Wyoming	5.0%	3.9%	3.9%	-1.1%	0.0%	3.3%	3.9%	30	24	38	42	43
Other States												
Alabama	5.1%	4.6%	5.3%	0.2%	0.7%	5.4%	5.6%	26	12	11	8	15
Alaska	7.8%	6.6%	6.3%	-1.5%	-0.3%	5.6%	6.8%	3	1	3	5	2
Arkansas	5.4%	4.4%	5.1%	-0.3%	0.7%	3.6%	5.1%	18	14	15	40	25
California	7.2%	4.9%	5.3%	-1.9%	0.4%	5.4%	6.4%	5	7	11	8	6
Connecticut	5.7%	2.3%	3.3%	-2.4%	1.0%	3.0%	4.2%	14	49	47	45	38
Delaware	5.2%	4.0%	3.5%	-1.7%	-0.5%	2.8%	3.9%	23	23	44	47	43
D.C.	8.5%	5.8%	6.5%	-2.0%	0.7%	6.2%	6.0%	1	2	1	1	9
Florida	5.1%	3.6%	4.8%	-0.3%	1.2%	5.0%	5.1%	26	32	20	15	25
Georgia	4.6%	3.7%	4.0%	-0.6%	0.3%	4.2%	4.6%	34	30	36	26	33
Hawaii	6.4%	4.3%	4.6%	-1.8%	0.3%	5.2%	4.0%	8	16	26	13	41
Illinois	5.3%	4.4%	5.4%	0.1%	1.0%	5.0%	6.7%	20	14	9	15	3
Indiana	4.1%	3.2%	4.4%	0.3%	1.2%	4.3%	5.0%	43	39	30	23	28
Iowa	3.8%	2.6%	3.3%	-0.5%	0.7%	2.7%	4.0%	46	47	47	49	41
Kansas	4.5%	3.7%	4.3%	-0.2%	0.6%	3.9%	4.6%	37	30	32	34	33
Kentucky	5.6%	4.1%	5.5%	-0.1%	1.4%	5.0%	4.9%	15	19	6	15	29
Louisiana	6.7%	5.5%	6.0%	-0.7%	0.5%	5.5%	5.8%	6	4	5	7	11
Maine	5.1%	3.5%	4.0%	-1.1%	0.5%	3.8%	4.1%	26	35	36	37	39
Maryland	4.9%	3.9%	4.1%	-0.8%	0.2%	4.3%	3.9%	31	24	35	23	43
Massachusetts	4.3%	2.6%	3.7%	-0.6%	1.1%	3.8%	5.2%	39	47	40	37	22
Michigan	4.9%	3.6%	5.3%	0.4%	1.7%	4.7%	5.6%	31	32	11	20	15
Minnesota	4.0%	3.3%	3.7%	-0.3%	0.4%	3.2%	3.9%	45	38	40	44	43
Mississippi	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	-0.6%	-0.2%	5.3%	6.7%	11	3	6	12	3
Missouri	4.6%	3.5%	4.7%	0.1%	1.2%	4.0%	4.9%	34	35	22	31	29
Nebraska	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	0.2%	0.1%	2.8%	3.2%	51	41	50	47	50
New Hampshire	4.2%	2.8%	3.5%	-0.7%	0.7%	3.3%	4.8%	41	45	44	42	32
New Jersey	6.2%	3.8%	4.2%	-2.0%	0.4%	4.5%	5.5%	9	29	34	22	18
New York	6.2%	4.6%	4.9%	-1.3%	0.3%	4.9%	5.7%	9	12	17	18	13
North Carolina	4.3%	3.6%	5.5%	1.2%	1.9%	5.4%	6.0%	39	32	6	8	9
North Dakota	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%	-0.3%	-0.2%	1.4%	3.7%	50	41	51	51	49
Ohio	4.9%	4.1%	4.3%	-0.6%	0.2%	4.1%	5.6%	31	19	32	27	15
Oklahoma	4.1%	3.0%	3.8%	-0.3%	0.8%	3.7%	4.1%	43	41	39	39	39
Oregon	5.9%	4.9%	6.3%	0.4%	1.4%	6.0%	7.0%	13	7	3	4	1
Pennsylvania	5.3%	4.2%	4.7%	-0.6%	0.5%	4.6%	5.3%	20	17	22	21	21
Rhode Island	5.1%	4.1%	4.7%	-0.4%	0.6%	4.1%	5.2%	26	19	22	27	22
South Carolina	6.0%	3.9%	5.4%	-0.6%	1.5%	5.4%	5.5%	12	24	9	8	18
South Dakota	3.2%	2.3%	3.3%	0.1%	1.0%	2.7%	2.7%	49	49	47	49	51
Tennessee	5.2%	3.9%	4.5%	-0.7%	0.6%	4.3%	4.5%	23	24	29	23	35
Texas	5.6%	4.2%	4.9%	-0.7%	0.7%	4.9%	6.2%	15	17	17	18	7
Vermont	4.6%	2.9%	3.6%	-1.0%	0.7%	2.9%	3.9%	34	44	43	46	43
Virginia	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%	-0.9%	1.3%	3.5%	3.8%	38	51	44	41	48
Washington	6.5%	5.2%	6.4%	-0.1%	1.2%	6.2%	6.7%	7	6	2	1	3
West Virginia	7.5%	5.5%	4.9%	-2.6%	-0.6%	3.9%	6.2%	4	4	17	34	7
Wisconsin	3.5%	3.5%	4.6%	1.1%	1.1%	3.9%	4.9%	47	35	26	34	29

(p)=preliminary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 58
Percent of People in Poverty -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

	Percent of Persons in Poverty				Percent of Persons in Poverty Two-year Moving Average**				Percent of Persons in Poverty Three-year Average**		
	1996	2000	2001	Standard Error	1999-2000	2000-2001	Two-year Average Difference	Standard Error	1999-2001		
	Percent	Percent	Percent		Amount	Amount			Amount	Standard Error	Amount
United States	13.7	11.3	11.7	0.1	11.6	11.5	0.1	-0.1	11.6	0.1	
Mountain States											
Arizona	20.5	11.7	14.6	1.2	11.9	13.2	1	1.2	12.9	0.9	14
Colorado	10.6	9.8	8.7	0.8	9.1	9.2	0.7	0.1	9	0.7	37
Idaho	11.9	12.5	11.5	1.1	13.3	12	1	-1.3	12.7	0.9	16
Montana	17.0	14.1	13.3	1.3	15	13.7	1.1	-1.3	14.4	1	9
Nevada	8.1	8.8	7.1	0.8	10	7.9	0.7	0.8	9	0.7	37
New Mexico	25.5	17.5	18.0	1.5	19.2	17.7	1.3	-1.5	18.8	1.2	1
Utah	7.7	7.6	10.5	1.0	6.7	9.1	0.8	0.7	8	0.7	42
Wyoming	11.9	10.8	8.7	0.9	11.2	9.7	0.8	-1.5	10.3	0.8	26
Other States											
Alabama	14.0	13.3	15.9	1.2	14.3	14.6	1	0.3	14.8	0.9	8
Alaska	8.2	7.6	8.5	0.9	7.6	8.1	0.7	0.5	7.9	0.7	44
Arkansas	17.2	16.5	17.8	1.4	15.6	17.1	1.1	1.6	16.3	1	4
California	16.9	12.7	12.6	0.5	13.4	12.6	0.4	0.4	13.1	0.4	13
Connecticut	11.7	7.7	7.3	0.8	7.4	7.5	0.7	0.1	7.4	0.7	48
Delaware	8.6	8.4	6.7	0.9	9.4	7.6	0.8	0.9	8.5	0.8	41
D.C.	24.1	15.2	18.2	1.4	15	16.7	1.2	1.7	16.1	1.1	5
Florida	14.2	11.0	12.7	0.7	11.7	11.9	0.5	0.2	12	0.5	21
Georgia	14.8	12.1	12.9	1.1	12.5	12.5	0.9	0.1	12.6	0.8	18
Hawaii	12.1	8.9	11.4	1.1	9.9	10.2	0.9	0.3	10.4	0.8	24
Illinois	12.1	10.7	10.1	0.7	10.3	10.4	0.6	0.1	10.2	0.5	28
Indiana	7.5	8.5	8.5	0.8	7.6	8.5	0.7	0.9	7.9	0.6	44
Iowa	9.6	8.3	7.4	0.8	7.8	7.8	0.7	--	7.7	0.7	46
Kansas	11.2	8.0	10.1	0.9	10.1	9.1	0.8	-1.1	10.1	0.8	31
Kentucky	17.0	12.6	12.6	1.1	12.3	12.6	0.9	0.2	12.4	0.9	19
Louisiana	20.5	17.2	16.2	1.3	18.2	16.7	1.1	-1.5	17.5	1.1	2
Maine	11.2	10.1	10.3	0.9	10.3	10.2	0.7	-0.1	10.3	0.8	26
Maryland	10.3	7.4	7.2	0.8	7.3	7.3	0.7	--	7.3	0.7	49
Massachusetts	10.1	9.8	8.9	0.8	10.8	9.4	0.7	0.7	10.2	0.7	28
Michigan	11.2	9.9	9.4	0.7	9.8	9.6	0.6	-0.2	9.7	0.5	34
Minnesota	9.8	5.7	7.4	0.8	6.5	6.5	0.6	--	6.8	0.6	50
Mississippi	20.6	14.9	19.3	1.4	15.6	17.1	1.2	1.6	16.8	1.1	3
Missouri	9.5	9.2	9.7	0.9	10.4	9.4	0.8	-1	10.2	0.8	28
Nebraska	10.2	8.6	9.4	1.0	9.8	9	0.8	-0.8	9.7	0.8	34
New Hampshire	6.4	4.5	6.5	0.7	6.1	5.5	0.6	-0.6	6.2	0.7	51
New Jersey	9.2	7.3	8.1	0.7	7.6	7.7	0.5	0.1	7.7	0.5	46
New York	16.7	13.9	14.2	0.6	14	14	0.5	--	14.1	0.5	11
North Carolina	12.2	12.5	12.5	0.9	13.1	12.5	0.8	-0.6	12.9	0.7	14
North Dakota	11.0	10.4	13.8	1.1	11.7	12.1	0.9	0.4	12.4	0.9	19
Ohio	12.7	10.0	10.5	0.7	11	10.3	0.6	-0.7	10.8	0.6	23
Oklahoma	16.6	14.9	15.1	1.2	13.9	15	1	1.1	14.3	0.9	10
Oregon	11.8	10.9	11.8	1.0	11.7	11.3	0.9	-0.4	11.8	0.9	22
Pennsylvania	11.6	8.6	9.6	0.6	9	9.1	0.5	0.1	9.2	0.5	36
Rhode Island	11.0	10.2	9.6	0.8	10.1	9.9	0.7	-0.2	10	0.8	32
South Carolina	13.0	11.1	15.1	1.2	11.4	13.1	0.9	*1.7	12.7	0.9	16
South Dakota	11.8	10.7	8.4	0.9	9.2	9.6	0.8	0.3	9	0.7	37
Tennessee	15.9	13.5	14.1	1.2	12.7	13.8	1	1.1	13.2	0.9	12
Texas	16.6	15.5	14.9	0.7	15.4	15.2	0.6	-0.2	15.2	0.5	7
Vermont	12.6	10.0	9.7	0.9	9.8	9.9	0.8	--	9.8	0.8	33
Virginia	12.3	8.3	8.0	0.8	8.1	8.1	0.7	0.1	8	0.7	42
Washington	11.9	10.8	10.7	1.0	10.2	10.8	0.9	0.6	10.4	0.8	24
West Virginia	18.5	14.7	16.4	1.2	15.2	15.6	1	0.4	15.6	0.9	6
Wisconsin	8.8	9.3	7.9	0.8	8.9	8.6	0.7	-0.3	8.6	0.7	40

*Statistically significant at the 90% confidence level

**Because the sample of households contacted in small population states like Utah is relatively few in number, the data collected for two or three years is combined to calculate less variable estimates. The Census Bureau recommends using 2-year averages for evaluating changes in state estimates over time, and 3-year averages when comparing the relative ranking of states.

The Standard Error is a measurement that indicates the magnitude of sampling variability for the estimates. Note that the standard errors for U.S. estimates are much smaller than those for the states.

Ranking is done for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: March Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, Poverty in the United States: 2001.



