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New Jersey Payrolls Grow in October

TRENTON, November 14, 2019 – Hiring by New Jersey employers picked up in October while New Jersey’s unemployment rate edged higher for the month, according to estimates produced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total nonfarm wage and salary employment in the state increased by 10,200 to reach a seasonally adjusted level of 4,205,800. The state’s unemployment rate edged higher by 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.2 percent for the month, remaining below the national unemployment rate of 3.6 percent. The increase was due, in part, to more New Jersey residents entering the labor force seeking employment.

Looking at the longer term, over the year, October 2018 – October 2019, employment in New Jersey was higher by 30,200 jobs. Gains were recorded in the private sector (+32,400) of the New Jersey economy but losses were recorded in the public sector (-2,100). Since February 2010 (the low point of the last recession), New Jersey’s private sector employers have added 414,100 jobs.

Based on more complete reporting from employers, the previously released total nonfarm employment estimate for September was revised lower by 1,600 to show an over-the-month (August – September) decrease of 1,800 jobs. Preliminary estimates had indicated an over-the-month decrease of 200 jobs. The state’s revised September unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.1 percent.

In October, employment increases were recorded in seven out of nine major private industry sectors. Industry sectors that gained jobs include leisure and hospitality (+5,900), education and health services (+2,300), other services (+2,000), trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,900), professional and business services (+1,100), construction (+300), and information (+200). The manufacturing sector recorded a job loss for the month (-1,400), while the financial activities sector was unchanged. Over the month, public sector employment was lower by 2,100 jobs, mainly at the local level (-1,300).

Preliminary BLS data for November will be released on December 19, 2019.

Technical Notes: Estimates of industry employment and unemployment levels are arrived at through the use of two different monthly surveys.

Industry employment data are derived through the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, a monthly survey of approximately 4,000 New Jersey business establishments conducted by the U.S.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor, which provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings data broken down by industry for the nation as a whole, all states and most major metropolitan areas (often referred to as the “establishment” survey).

Resident employment and unemployment data are mainly derived from the New Jersey portion of the national Current Population Survey (CPS), a household survey conducted each month by the U.S. Census Bureau under contract with BLS, which provides input to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (often referred to as the “household” survey).

Both industry and household estimates are revised each month based on additional information from updated survey reports compiled by the BLS. In addition, these estimates are benchmarked (revised) annually based on actual counts from New Jersey’s Unemployment Compensation Law administrative records and more complete data from all New Jersey employers.

Effective with the release of January 2018 estimates, the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program has converted to concurrent seasonal adjustment, which uses all available estimates, including those for the current month, in developing seasonal factors. Previously, the CES program developed seasonal factors once a year during the annual benchmark process. For more information on concurrent seasonal adjustment in the CES State and Area program, see www.bls.gov/sae/saeconcurrent.htm.

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey
Seasonally Adjusted
2018 Benchmark

Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Oct. 19 (P)	Sep. 19 (R)	Oct. 18	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,501,700	4,475,500	4,422,800	26,200	78,900
Employment	4,356,700	4,334,800	4,251,400	21,900	105,300
Unemployment	145,000	140,700	171,400	4,300	-26,400
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.1	3.9	0.1	-0.7
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Oct. 19 (P)	Sep. 19 (R)	Oct. 18	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,205,800	4,195,600	4,175,600	10,200	30,200
Total Private Sector	3,604,900	3,592,600	3,572,500	12,300	32,400
Goods Producing	417,800	418,900	408,400	-1,100	9,400
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Construction	166,100	165,800	158,400	300	7,700
Manufacturing	250,300	251,700	248,600	-1,400	1,700
Service-Providing	3,788,000	3,776,700	3,767,200	11,300	20,800
Private Service-Providing	3,187,100	3,173,700	3,164,100	13,400	23,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	888,500	886,600	890,900	1,900	-2,400
Information	65,900	65,700	68,700	200	-2,800
Financial Activities	246,600	246,600	249,100	0	-2,500
Professional and Business Services	672,600	671,500	673,400	1,100	-800
Education and Health Services	722,000	719,700	712,400	2,300	9,600
Leisure and Hospitality	410,900	405,000	395,900	5,900	15,000
Other Services	180,600	178,600	173,700	2,000	6,900
Public Sector	600,900	603,000	603,100	-2,100	-2,200
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	2,200	-2,300	7,300	N/A	N/A
Private Sector	2,800	-2,400	6,900	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.7	40.4	40.2	0.3	0.5
Durable Goods	42.1	42.7	39.8	-0.6	2.3
Nondurable Goods	39.5	38.6	40.6	0.9	-1.1
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$24.38	\$24.21	\$22.78	\$0.17	\$1.60
Durable Goods	\$26.96	\$26.78	\$25.87	\$0.18	\$1.09
Nondurable Goods	\$22.20	\$22.01	\$20.34	\$0.19	\$1.86
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$992.27	\$978.08	\$915.76	\$14.19	\$76.51
Durable Goods	\$1,135.02	\$1,143.51	\$1,029.63	-\$8.49	\$105.39
Nondurable Goods	\$876.90	\$849.59	\$825.80	\$27.31	\$51.10

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* Production workers.

** Weekly earnings are computed from not seasonally adjusted hourly earnings and hours of work data.

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic and Demographic Research.

Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends						
2018 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Oct. 19 (P)	Sep. 19 (R)	Oct. 18	Oct. 19 (P)	Sep. 19 (R)	Oct. 18
Civilian Labor Force	4,558,000	4,507,900	4,412,300	4,501,700	4,475,500	4,422,800
Resident Employment	4,408,000	4,363,200	4,258,100	4,356,700	4,334,800	4,251,400
Unemployment	150,000	144,700	154,200	145,000	140,700	171,400
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.9
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.1	63.4	62.2	63.3	62.9	62.4
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	62.0	61.4	60.0	61.2	61.0	60.0
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 1998 - 2018						
Year	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
1998	4,247,400		4,055,100	192,300	4.5	
1999	4,288,700		4,096,300	192,400	4.5	
2000	4,282,100		4,123,700	158,400	3.7	
2001	4,288,800		4,106,200	182,600	4.3	
2002	4,346,200		4,095,200	251,100	5.8	
2003	4,347,200		4,093,700	253,500	5.8	
2004	4,349,200		4,138,800	210,300	4.8	
2005	4,391,600		4,194,900	196,700	4.5	
2006	4,445,900		4,236,500	209,400	4.7	
2007	4,441,800		4,251,800	190,000	4.3	
2008	4,504,400		4,264,000	240,500	5.3	
2009	4,550,600		4,138,600	412,100	9.1	
2010	4,555,300		4,121,500	433,900	9.5	
2011	4,565,300		4,138,500	426,800	9.3	
2012	4,588,000		4,160,000	428,000	9.3	
2013	4,548,600		4,173,800	374,700	8.2	
2014	4,487,000		4,183,500	303,500	6.8	
2015	4,489,000		4,229,200	259,800	5.8	
2016	4,474,700		4,252,100	222,600	5.0	
2017	4,453,500		4,247,500	206,000	4.6	
2018	4,422,900		4,239,600	183,400	4.1	
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2018-2019						
Date	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate %	
Jan 2018	4,429,800		4,226,400	203,400	4.6	
Feb	4,425,500		4,226,100	199,300	4.5	
Mar	4,422,900		4,227,800	195,200	4.4	
Apr	4,421,000		4,230,100	190,900	4.3	
May	4,418,900		4,232,200	186,700	4.2	
Jun	4,417,100		4,234,700	182,300	4.1	
Jul	4,416,700		4,238,600	178,100	4.0	
Aug	4,417,500		4,242,800	174,800	4.0	
Sep	4,419,900		4,247,500	172,400	3.9	
Oct	4,422,800		4,251,400	171,400	3.9	
Nov	4,424,300		4,252,200	172,100	3.9	
Dec	4,424,800		4,252,000	172,800	3.9	
Jan 2019	4,434,900		4,259,300	175,600	4.0	
Feb	4,444,300		4,265,000	179,300	4.0	
Mar	4,451,700		4,271,100	180,600	4.1	
Apr	4,449,500		4,274,800	174,700	3.9	
May	4,447,100		4,279,800	167,400	3.8	
Jun	4,443,400		4,286,900	156,500	3.5	
Jul	4,445,700		4,298,800	146,900	3.3	
Aug	4,456,900		4,315,000	141,900	3.2	
Sep (R)	4,475,500		4,334,800	140,700	3.1	
Oct (P)	4,501,700		4,356,700	145,000	3.2	
Nov						
Dec						

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic & Demographic Research.
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**Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for October 2019
Not Seasonally Adjusted, 2018 Benchmark**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Oct. 19 (P)	Sep. 19 (R)	Oct. 18	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,224,000	4,194,100	4,192,300	31,700
Total Private Sector	3,615,900	3,603,900	3,581,600	34,300
Goods Producing	422,700	423,200	413,800	8,900
Mining & Logging	1,400	1,400	1,400	0
Construction	170,900	169,700	163,300	7,600
Manufacturing	250,400	252,100	249,100	1,300
Durable Goods*	115,500	115,600	117,000	-1,500
Fabricated Metal Products	21,900	21,900	21,900	0
Machinery Manufacturing	14,200	14,100	14,100	100
Computer and Electronic Products	25,100	25,100	24,600	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	18,900	18,900	18,700	200
Nondurable Goods*	134,900	136,500	132,100	2,800
Food Manufacturing	36,600	36,700	35,800	800
Printing and Related Support	12,800	12,800	13,200	-400
Chemical Manufacturing	43,400	44,000	42,700	700
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	22,300	22,300	22,300	0
Service-Providing	3,801,300	3,770,900	3,778,500	22,800
Private Service-Providing	3,193,200	3,180,700	3,167,800	25,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	891,600	882,200	892,600	-1,000
Wholesale Trade*	216,100	214,800	216,600	-500
Retail Trade*	454,600	452,200	456,800	-2,200
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	34,000	34,400	32,900	1,100
Food and Beverage Stores	114,700	114,200	113,400	1,300
Health and Personal Care Stores	39,100	39,300	37,800	1,300
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	46,300	46,200	48,500	-2,200
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Inst., and Book Stores	12,800	12,700	13,600	-800
General Merchandise Stores	74,000	72,200	74,900	-900
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	220,900	215,200	219,200	1,700
Utilities*	16,200	16,100	15,500	700
Transportation & Warehousing*	204,700	199,100	203,700	1,000
Information	65,800	65,800	68,500	-2,700
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	16,400	16,400	17,100	-700
Telecommunications	23,600	23,700	25,200	-1,600
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services	10,300	10,500	10,100	200
Financial Activities	246,100	248,200	248,400	-2,300
Finance and Insurance*	187,100	186,800	189,300	-2,200
Financial Investments and Related Activities	38,200	38,300	37,800	400
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	78,500	78,100	79,000	-500
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing*	59,000	61,400	59,100	-100
Professional and Business Services	679,400	674,400	681,200	-1,800
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services*	304,500	304,200	302,000	2,500
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	83,300	83,000	84,100	-800
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	291,600	287,200	295,100	-3,500
Education and Health Services	726,500	714,400	717,100	9,400
Educational Services*	119,200	111,700	119,000	200
Health Care and Social Assistance*	607,300	602,700	598,100	9,200
Hospitals	166,600	165,800	162,700	3,900
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	98,100	97,600	96,600	1,500
Social Assistance	99,200	97,900	98,200	1,000
Leisure and Hospitality	404,500	418,200	387,800	16,700
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation*	72,400	79,000	65,600	6,800
Accommodation and Food Services*	332,100	339,200	322,200	9,900
Food Services and Drinking Places	275,600	280,100	268,300	7,300
Other Services	179,300	177,500	172,200	7,100
Repair and Maintenance	34,700	34,400	33,100	1,600
Personal and Laundry Services	66,300	65,800	65,000	1,300
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	78,300	77,300	74,100	4,200
Government	608,100	590,200	610,700	-2,600

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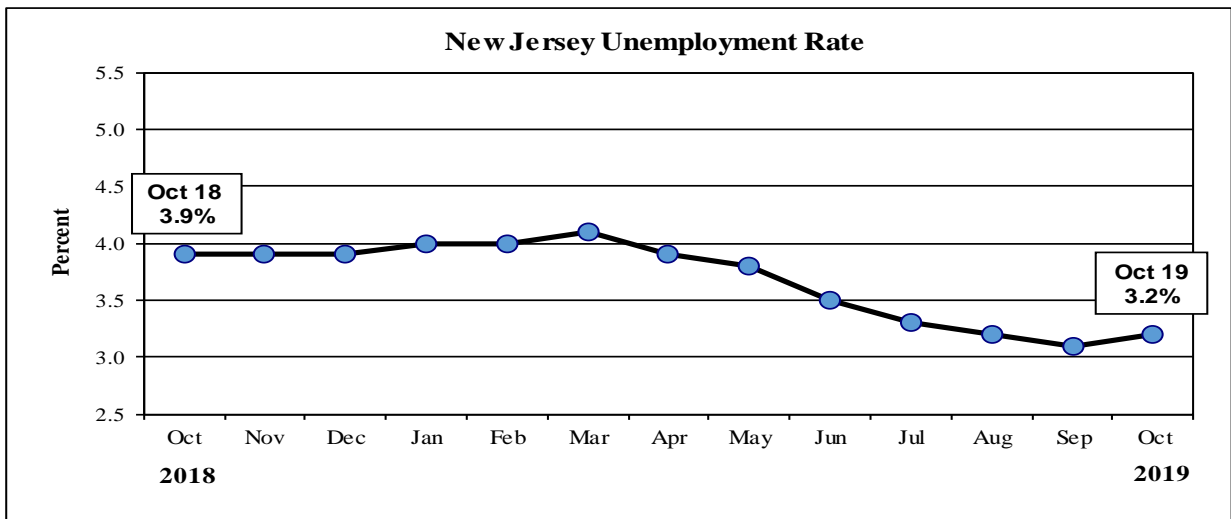
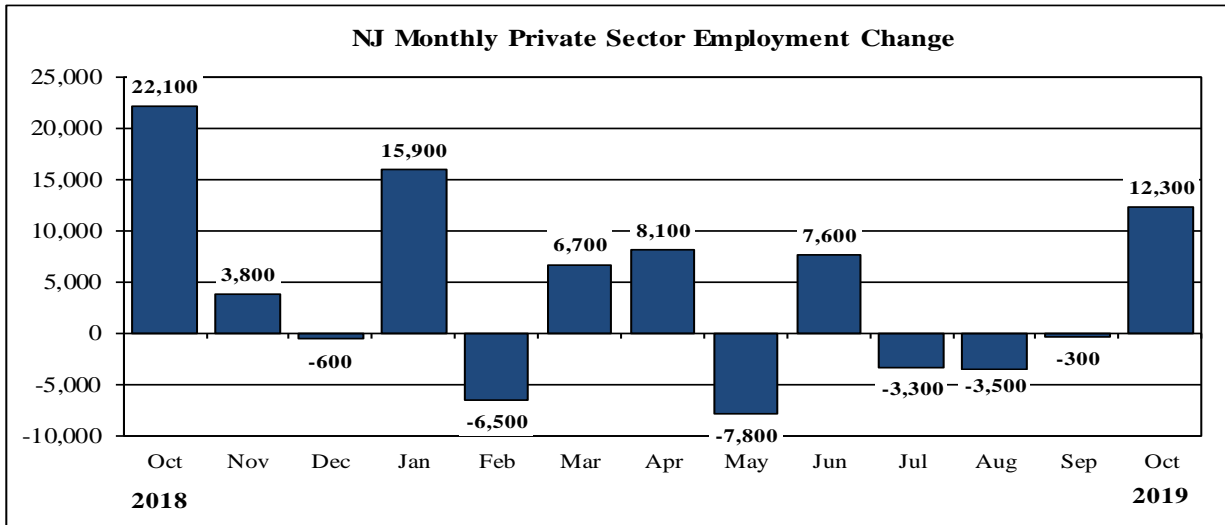
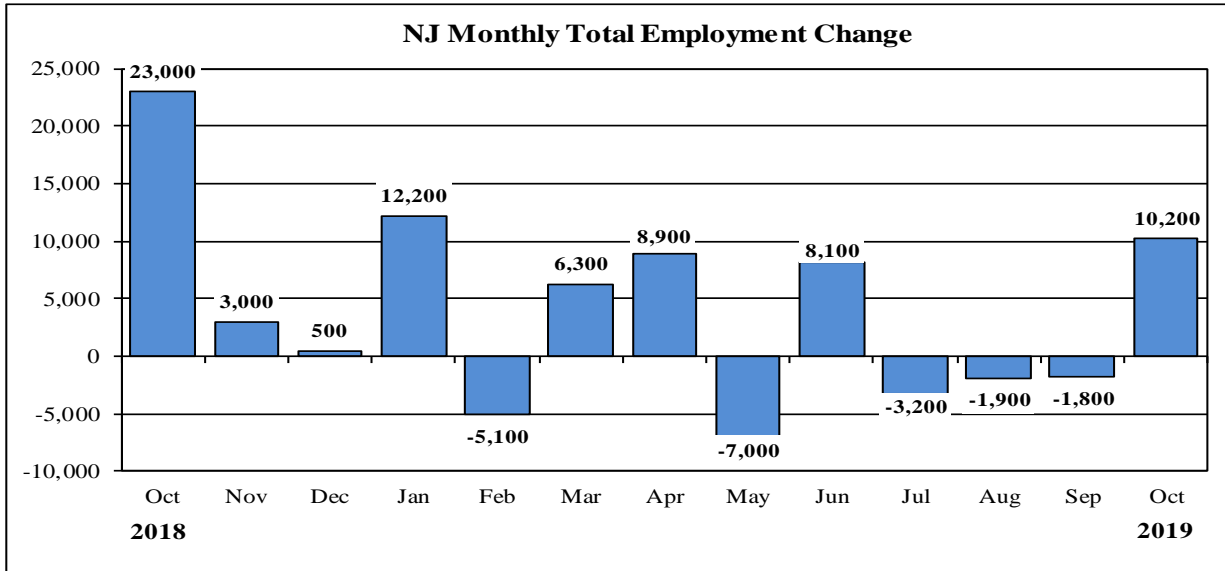
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2018 Benchmark

Annual Averages						
	Total	Private Sector			Public	
Year		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
1998	3,797,000	3,228,800	427,400	136,100	2,663,000	568,300
1999	3,896,500	3,322,600	420,500	143,600	2,756,300	573,900
2000	3,989,400	3,404,600	419,600	149,600	2,833,400	584,800
2001	3,991,200	3,392,900	399,200	158,800	2,833,200	598,400
2002	3,977,500	3,368,300	365,100	162,600	2,839,100	609,100
2003	3,970,600	3,353,400	348,000	160,500	2,843,300	617,300
2004	3,990,800	3,362,400	335,800	165,900	2,859,100	628,400
2005	4,030,700	3,394,600	327,800	169,100	2,896,000	636,100
2006	4,061,500	3,420,100	321,100	174,900	2,922,400	641,400
2007	4,068,400	3,427,000	308,400	172,300	2,944,700	641,400
2008	4,039,300	3,396,900	295,400	164,500	2,935,300	642,500
2009	3,884,600	3,239,300	260,900	138,600	2,838,200	645,300
2010	3,838,500	3,206,000	252,200	129,500	2,823,000	632,500
2011	3,837,000	3,225,900	246,900	129,900	2,847,800	611,100
2012	3,879,500	3,271,700	241,000	130,400	2,899,000	607,800
2013	3,923,800	3,317,000	238,800	137,600	2,939,300	606,800
2014	3,955,900	3,348,000	238,800	141,600	2,966,100	607,900
2015	4,000,100	3,397,800	238,800	148,400	3,009,200	602,300
2016	4,060,400	3,459,400	242,100	153,500	3,062,500	601,000
2017	4,117,200	3,515,600	244,600	156,100	3,113,500	601,600
2018	4,154,800	3,554,200	247,400	157,900	3,147,600	600,500
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2018						
Jan	4,138,900	3,540,500	246,300	156,200	3,136,600	598,400
Feb	4,150,600	3,551,700	246,600	159,300	3,144,400	598,900
Mar	4,145,000	3,547,500	246,700	159,500	3,139,900	597,500
Apr	4,148,000	3,549,800	247,300	157,200	3,143,900	598,200
May	4,147,900	3,549,500	246,900	156,900	3,144,300	598,400
Jun	4,157,000	3,556,300	247,400	157,100	3,150,400	600,700
Jul	4,153,700	3,551,900	246,800	156,400	3,147,300	601,800
Aug	4,153,700	3,551,200	247,000	156,200	3,146,600	602,500
Sep	4,152,600	3,550,400	246,700	156,500	3,145,800	602,200
Oct	4,175,600	3,572,500	248,600	158,400	3,164,100	603,100
Nov	4,178,600	3,576,300	249,100	160,400	3,165,400	602,300
Dec	4,179,100	3,575,700	249,200	161,200	3,163,900	603,400
2019						
Jan	4,191,300	3,591,600	249,500	163,200	3,177,500	599,700
Feb	4,186,200	3,585,100	249,800	162,500	3,171,400	601,100
Mar	4,192,500	3,591,800	249,900	163,700	3,176,800	600,700
Apr	4,201,400	3,599,900	250,500	164,100	3,183,900	601,500
May	4,194,400	3,592,100	250,000	164,400	3,176,300	602,300
Jun	4,202,500	3,599,700	251,000	164,900	3,182,400	602,800
Jul	4,199,300	3,596,400	252,100	165,400	3,177,500	602,900
Aug	4,197,400	3,592,900	251,700	165,500	3,174,300	604,500
Sep (R)	4,195,600	3,592,600	251,700	165,800	3,173,700	603,000
Oct (P)	4,205,800	3,604,900	250,300	166,100	3,187,100	600,900
Nov						
Dec						

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Key Economic Indicators: October 2019
(Seasonally Adjusted)



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