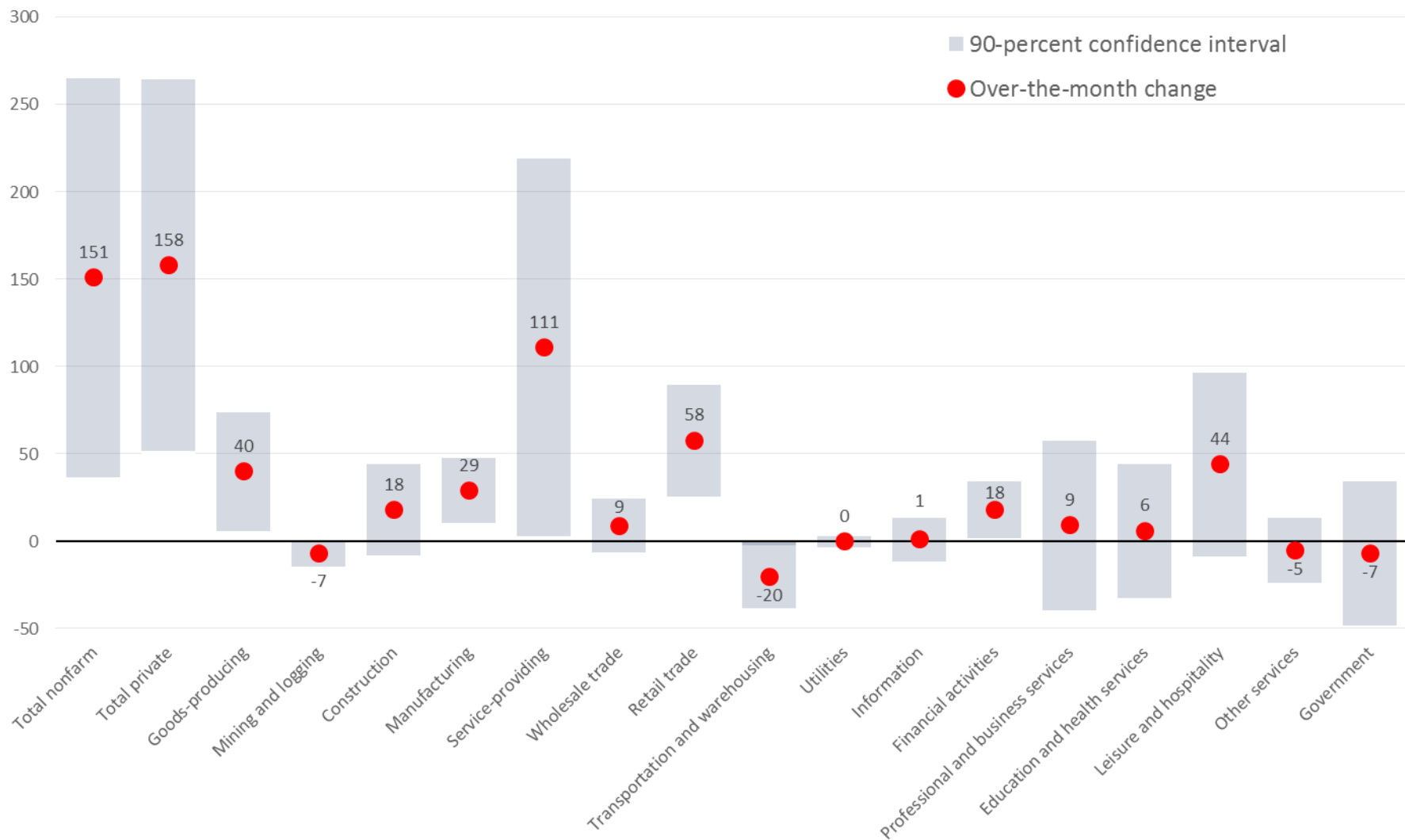


Attachment 1 – Charts to be compared

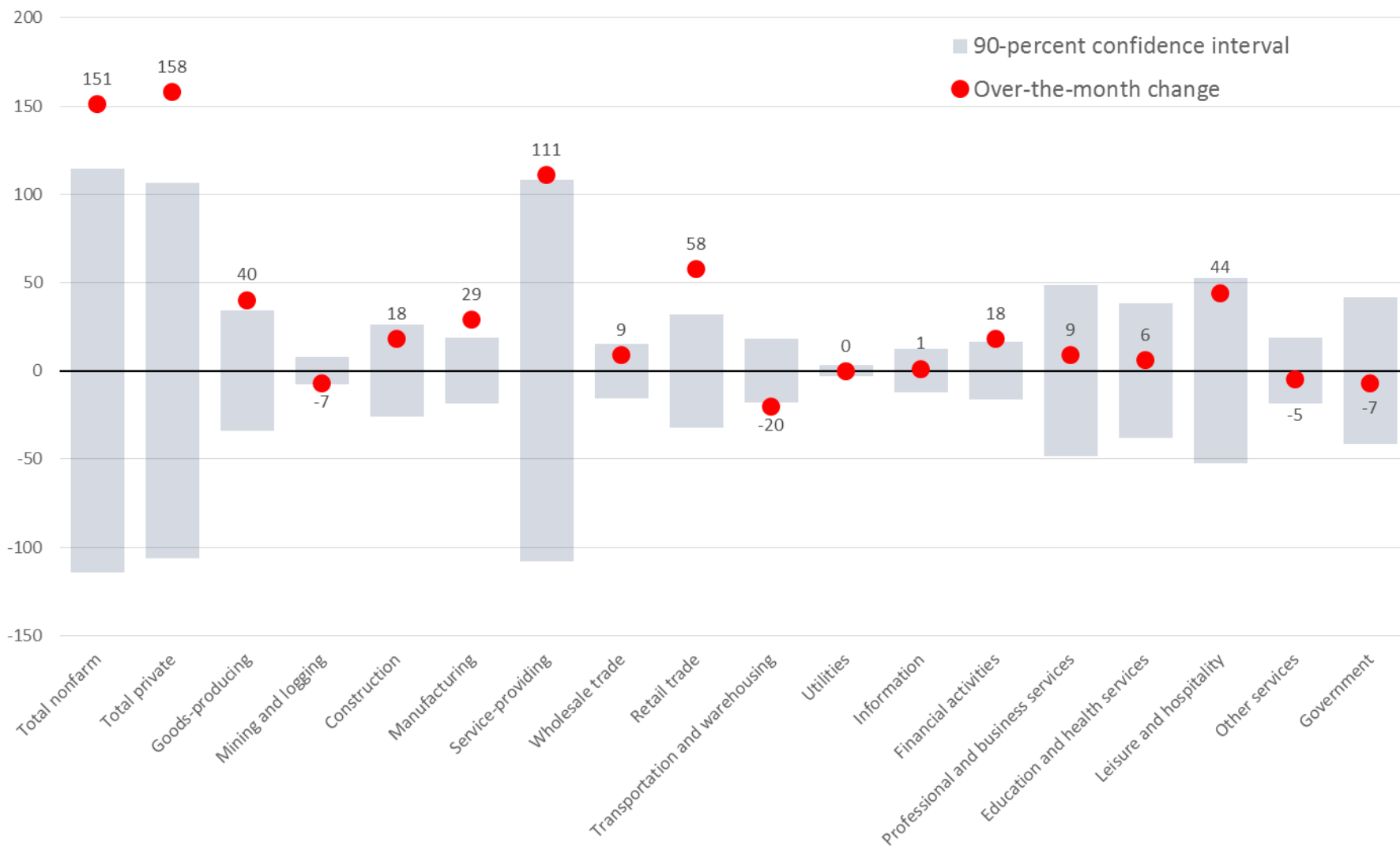
Chart 1. Employment, over-the-month change and 90-percent confidence interval, January 2016, seasonally adjusted, in thousands



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics.

Note: Significant over-the-month changes are calculated at a 90-percent confidence level. The variance for total nonfarm is an approximation because government and rail transportation are not based on a probability sample.

Chart 2. Employment, over-the-month change and 90-percent confidence interval, January 2016, seasonally adjusted, in thousands



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Attachment 2 – Draft Survey Questionnaire

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) would like your opinions about two different graphical approaches for showing month-to-month changes in employment for major industries, using a 90 percent confidence interval.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. We estimate that it will take you 5 minutes to complete this survey. We are collecting this information under OMB Number 1225-0059. Without this currently approved number, we could not conduct this survey. (Expiration: April 30, 2018).

We appreciate your time and help. Thank you!

This survey is being administered by SurveyMonkey.com and resides on a server outside of the BLS domain. Since the BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses, we advise against including any sensitive or personal information.

1. Which chart do you prefer? *(must choose 1)*
 - a. Chart 1. *(optional box for why/why not preferred)*
 - b. Chart 2. *(optional box for why/why not preferred)*
2. Is a chart of this type useful to you? *(must choose 1)*
 - a. Yes (if yes, How is it useful?) *(mark all that apply)*
 - Can easily see how the variability of estimates differs among supersectors
 - Can compare net changes in employment in supersectors more easily than in a table
 - Can identify statistically significant changes more quickly
 - Can see big picture of the economy
 - Can share these charts with others to improve communication
 - Other – please explain
 - b. No *(optional box for why not)*
3. Which of the following best describes how you use BLS data? *(must choose 1)*
 - a. **Basic user:** Occasionally accesses the BLS website to obtain economic statistics. Uses BLS news releases and data tables as is.
 - b. **Intermediate user:** Accesses the BLS website to obtain economic statistics, as well as data tables or charts for other uses. Occasionally uses data-retrieval tools such as the one-screen data search.
 - c. **Super user:** Accesses a wide range of BLS statistics. Comfortable using a range of BLS data tables and charts and often uses data-retrieval tools such as one-screen or multi-screen data search.
4. Are there any other methods of displaying this data that you would suggest? *(must choose 1)*
 - Yes – please explain
 - No
5. Would you like to see this chart updated monthly or annually? *(must choose 1)*
 - a. Monthly
 - b. Annually
 - c. No opinion

6. If we produce this type of chart, where would you look for it? *(must choose 1; provide link to each example)*
- a. CES news release
 - b. CES highlights
 - c. CES tables and charts page
 - d. All of the above
 - e. I don't know