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Introduction

Each quarter and annually, the Department of Employment Services (DOES) publishes Covered Employment and Wages. These comprehensive tables of employment activity include government and private sectors; federal and state government; and all other sectors of the economy – goods producing, service producing, financial, and leisure and hospitality.

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The mission of the Department of Employment Services is to plan, develop and administer employment-related services to all segments of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan population.



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Covered employment and wages are based on unemployment insurance tax reports of employers subject to unemployment insurance laws.

These tables are generated from statistics produced by the District of Columbia's Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202) Program, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. They provide information about the basic industrial profile of the District's economy. The data are generated and published quarterly and annually.

For more information about covered employment and wages, please turn to page 8.

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	NAICS Code **	Number of Reporting Units	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage Per Worker***
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES		27,982	650,521	\$37,674,108,172	\$1,114
GOVERNMENT SECTOR		312	230,338	14,969,873,579	\$1,250
Federal Government		267	192,421	\$13,039,495,984	\$1,303
State Government and Public Transportation		45	37,917	\$1,930,377,595	\$979
PRIVATE SECTOR		27,670	420,183	\$22,704,234,593	\$1,039
GOODS-PRODUCING		1,066	15,431	\$765,176,531	\$954
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	11 & 21	17	70	\$11,535,874	\$3,169
CONSTRUCTION	23	719	12,314	\$566,482,788	\$885
Construction of buildings	236	284	4,449	\$216,182,800	\$934
Residential building construction	2361	117	1,068	\$46,272,000	\$833
Nonresidential building construction	2362	166	3,381	\$169,910,800	\$966
Heavy and civil engineering construction	237	116	2,317	\$135,394,541	\$1,124
Utility system construction	2371	28	230	\$11,593,566	\$969
Land subdivision	2372	47	605	\$48,954,973	\$1,556
Highway, street, and bridge construction	2373	25	1,348	\$57,196,442	\$816
Other heavy construction	2379	17	135	\$17,649,560	\$2,514
Specialty trade contractors	238	320	5,548	\$214,905,447	\$745
Building foundation and exterior contractors	2381	75	1,301	\$42,531,271	\$629
Building equipment contractors	2382	136	2,697	\$126,230,605	\$900
Building finishing contractors	2383	76	1,010	\$30,371,118	\$578
Other specialty trade contractors	2389	33	541	\$15,772,453	\$561
MANUFACTURING	31-33	331	3,048	\$187,157,869	\$1,181
Food manufacturing	311	24	415	\$14,836,603	\$688
Sugar and confectionery product manufacturing	3113	3	15	\$357,638	\$459
Bakeries and tortilla manufacturing	3118	11	382	\$12,479,020	\$628
Textile mills	313	3	6	\$709,645	\$2,275
Textile product mills	314	9	28	\$848,034	\$582
Textile furnishings mills	3141	8	28	\$843,186	\$579
Apparel manufacturing	315	11	17	\$447,129	\$506
Cut and sew apparel manufacturing	3152	11	17	\$447,129	\$506
Paper manufacturing	322	5	14	\$614	\$844
Printing and related support activities	323	106	1,246	\$52,507,459	\$810
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing	324	7	70	\$5,409,855	\$1,486
Chemical manufacturing	325	30	164	\$23,899,389	\$2,802
Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing	3254	17	145	\$18,750,952	\$2,487
Soap, cleaning compound, and toiletry manufacturing	3256	5	10	\$3,946,530	\$7,589
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	326	3	4	\$342,986	\$1,649
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	327	8	103	\$4,587,647	\$857
Primary metal manufacturing	331	6	12	\$2,058,841	\$3,299
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	332	6	75	\$5,875,101	\$1,506
Machinery manufacturing	333	14	52	\$5,152,481	\$1,906
Agriculture, construction, and mining machinery	3331	3	10	\$2,125,980	\$4,088
Other general purpose machinery manufacturing	3339				
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	334	49	442	\$48,402,233	\$2,106
Electronic instrument manufacturing	3345	10	60	\$3,729,447	\$1,195
Transportation equipment manufacturing	336	6	79	\$7,638,688	\$1,859
Furniture and related product manufacturing	337	17	136	\$6,326,228	\$895
Household and institutional furniture manufacturing	3371	13	128	\$5,783,216	\$869
Miscellaneous manufacturing	339	23	171	\$6,880,657	\$774
Medical equipment and supplies manufacturing	3391	12	19	\$913,094	\$924
Other miscellaneous manufacturing	3399	11	152	\$5,967,563	\$755

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	NAICS Code **	Number of Reporting Units	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage Per Worker***
SERVICE-PRODUCING (PRIVATE)					
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES		2,629	27,532	\$1,023,214,910	\$715
WHOLESALE TRADE		431	4,258	\$275,762,795	\$1,245
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	423	175	2,087	\$159,025,555	\$1,465
Motor vehicle and parts merchant wholesalers	4231	14	128	\$10,934,736	\$1,643
Furniture and furnishing merchant wholesalers	4232	47	137	\$7,180,016	\$1,008
Lumber and construction supply merchant wholesalers	4233	7	42	\$2,141,087	\$980
Commercial equipment merchant wholesalers	4234	56	1,125	\$87,758,826	\$1,500
Electric goods merchant wholesalers	4236	16	467	\$37,210,774	\$1,532
Hardware and plumbing merchant wholesalers	4237	16	94	\$5,961,501	\$1,220
Machinery and supply merchant wholesalers	4238	12	76	\$6,193,769	\$1,567
Miscellaneous durable goods merchant wholesalers	4239				
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	424	185	1,845	\$98,418,851	\$1,026
Druggists' goods merchant wholesalers	4242	28	152	\$19,949,852	\$2,524
Apparel and piece goods merchant wholesalers	4243	17	61	\$2,852,537	\$899
Grocery and related product wholesalers	4244	72	766	\$27,426,391	\$689
Chemical merchant wholesalers	4246	11	52	\$2,764,255	\$1,022
Alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers	4248	25	572	\$31,592,171	\$1,062
Miscellaneous nondurable goods merchant wholesalers	4249	28	221	\$10,950,779	\$953
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	425	71	326	\$18,318,389	\$1,081
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RETAIL TRADE	44-45	1,886	17,221	\$452,521,999	\$505
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	441	54	533	\$18,045,271	\$651
Automobile dealers	4411	24	243	\$10,096,573	\$799
Auto parts, accessories, and tire stores	4413	29	278	\$7,585,007	\$525
Furniture and home furnishings stores	442	92	677	\$19,190,713	\$545
Furniture stores	4421	35	272	\$10,508,587	\$743
Home furnishings stores	4422	57	405	\$8,682,126	\$412
Electronics and appliance stores	443	125	556	\$25,388,203	\$878
Building material and garden supply stores	444	38	702	\$34,476,536	\$944
Building material and supplies dealers	4441	35	671	\$31,033,713	\$889
Lawn and garden equipment and supplies stores	4442	3	31	\$3,442,823	\$2,136
Food and beverage stores	445	511	5,184	\$126,660,540	\$470
Grocery stores	4451	286	4,087	\$98,572,362	\$464
Specialty food stores	4452	38	376	\$8,276,405	\$423
Beer, wine, and liquor stores	4453	187	722	\$19,811,773	\$528
Health and personal care stores	446	153	1,922	\$53,173,684	\$532
Gasoline stations	4471	91	546	\$12,284,789	\$433
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	448	335	3,380	\$69,775,756	\$397
Clothing stores	4481	224	2,543	\$49,934,522	\$378
Shoe stores	4482	51	560	\$9,555,303	\$328
Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores	4483	60	278	\$10,285,931	\$712
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	451	131	1,467	\$26,372,304	\$346
Sporting goods and musical instrument stores	4511	37	295	\$5,535,841	\$361
Book, periodical, and music stores	4512	94	1,172	\$20,836,463	\$342
General merchandise stores	452	49	533	\$13,858,960	\$500
Department stores	4521	9	279	\$9,330,805	\$643
Other general merchandise stores	4529	40	255	\$4,528,155	\$341
Miscellaneous store retailers	453	278	1,587	\$44,974,559	\$545
Florists	4531	46	322	\$9,527,440	\$569
Office supplies, stationery, and gift stores	4532	116	690	\$21,183,004	\$590
Used merchandise stores	4533	41	193	\$4,130,925	\$412
Other miscellaneous store retailers	4539	75	381	\$10,133,190	\$511
Nonstore retailers	454	31	134	\$8,320,684	\$1,194
Electronic shopping and mail-order house	4541	9	43	\$1,708,320	\$764
Vending machine operators	4542	5	10	\$325,249	\$625
Direct selling establishments	4543	18	82	\$6,287,115	\$1,474

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TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES (continued)					
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	48-49	273	3,769	\$141,591,747	\$722
Air transportation	481	41	214	\$16,302,714	\$1,465
Scheduled air transportation	4811	38	194	\$14,659,368	\$1,453
Water transportation	483	9	147	\$5,135,518	\$672
Sea, coastal, and Great Lakes transportation	4831	6	16	\$1,946,932	\$2,340
Truck transportation	484	36	225	\$7,772,526	\$664
General freight trucking	4841	15	156	\$5,849,217	\$721
Specialized freight trucking	4842	21	69	\$1,923,309	\$536
Transit and ground passenger transportation	485	59	1,127	\$35,186,392	\$600
Taxi and limousine service	4853	26	603	\$22,005,361	\$702
Charter bus industry	4855	6	31	\$616,819	\$383
Other ground passenger transportation	4859	22	181	\$4,561,617	\$485
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	487				
Support activities for transportation	488	41	527	\$25,990,939	\$948
Support activities for air transportation	4881	4	312	\$16,976,650	\$1,046
Support activities for road transportation	4884	18	84	\$1,698,308	\$389
Freight transportation arrangement	4885	16	112	\$6,360,156	\$1,092
Couriers and messengers	492	64	734	\$29,408,959	\$771
Couriers	4921	38	563	\$24,773,068	\$846
Local messengers and local delivery	4922	26	171	\$4,635,891	\$521
UTILITIES	22	39	2,285	\$153,338,369	\$1,291
Utilities	221	39	2,285	\$153,338,369	\$1,291
INFORMATION	51	1,129	25,449	\$1,934,830,163	\$1,462
Publishing industries, except Internet	511	334	9,559	\$710,563,313	\$1,430
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	5111	274	8,305	\$565,940,772	\$1,310
Software publishers	5112	61	1,253	\$144,622,541	\$2,220
Motion picture and sound recording industries	512	174	1,540	\$84,445,248	\$1,055
Motion picture and video industries	5121	153	1,459	\$80,892,287	\$1,066
Sound recording industries	5122	21	81	\$3,552,961	\$844
Broadcasting, except Internet	515	94	4,756	\$443,801,874	\$1,795
Radio and television broadcasting	5151	81	4,369	\$416,982,745	\$1,835
Cable and other subscription programming	5152	13	387	\$26,819,129	\$1,333
Internet publishing and broadcasting	516	20	75	\$4,311,105	\$1,105
Internet publishing and broadcasting	5161	20	75	\$4,311,105	\$1,105
Telecommunications	517	211	4,330	\$322,407,750	\$1,432
Wired telecommunications carriers	5171	97	2,177	\$138,171,819	\$1,221
Wireless telecommunications carriers	5172	31	222	\$19,620,948	\$1,700
Telecommunications resellers	5173	63	715	\$66,203,031	\$1,781
Other telecommunications	5179	7	16	\$1,102,231	\$1,325
ISPs, search portals, and data processing	518	205	3,053	\$204,249,171	\$1,287
ISPs and web search portals	5181	170	2,483	\$168,238,659	\$1,303
Data processing and related services	5182	36	570	\$36,010,512	\$1,215
Other information services	519	92	2,136	\$165,051,702	\$1,486
Other information services	5191	92	2,136	\$165,051,702	\$1,486
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		1,918	27,642	\$2,130,421,007	\$1,482
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	52	942	17,219	\$1,636,083,551	\$1,827
Credit intermediation and related activities	522	394	8,378	\$775,058,840	\$1,779
Depository credit intermediation	5221	254	3,843	\$211,731,003	\$1,060
Activities related to credit intermediation	5223	45	392	\$35,813,461	\$1,757
Securities, commodity contracts, investment	523	277	3,188	\$453,525,300	\$2,736
Securities and commodity contracts brokers	5231	105	2,194	\$320,788,352	\$2,812
Securities and commodity exchanges	5232	7	17	\$1,966,071	\$2,224
Other financial investment activities	5239	165	977	\$130,770,877	\$2,574
Insurance carriers and related activities	524	213	4,286	\$286,116,331	\$1,284
Insurance carriers	5241	100	3,406	\$216,104,054	\$1,220
Insurance agencies, brokerages, and related activities	5242	114	880	\$70,012,277	\$1,530
Funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles	525	57	1,362	\$121,110,050	\$1,710
Insurance and employee benefit funds	5251	27	1,099	\$72,411,840	\$1,267
Other investment pools and funds	5259	31	263	\$48,698,210	\$3,561

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FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (continued)					
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	53	976	10,423	\$494,337,456	\$912
Real estate	531	898	9,403	\$465,561,698	\$952
Lessors of real estate	5311	336	3,663	\$135,180,984	\$710
Offices of real estate agents and brokers	5312	192	983	\$63,195,754	\$1,236
Activities related to real estate	5313	370	4,758	\$267,184,960	\$1,080
Rental and leasing services	532	76	1,019	\$28,715,973	\$542
Automotive equipment rental and leasing	5321	18	201	\$5,159,527	\$494
Consumer goods rental	5322	31	471	\$12,926,119	\$528
General rental centers	5323	8	77	\$2,578,118	\$644
Machinery and equipment rental and leasing	5324	20	270	\$8,052,209	\$574
PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES		7,403	134,563	\$9,106,502,161	\$1,301
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	54	5,787	90,791	\$7,607,092,043	\$1,611
Professional and technical services	541	5,787	90,791	\$7,607,092,043	\$1,611
Legal services	5411	1,484	33,805	\$3,358,394,428	\$1,911
Accounting and bookkeeping services	5412	218	4,749	\$337,090,493	\$1,365
Architectural and engineering services	5413	398	6,437	\$457,876,910	\$1,368
Specialized design services	5414	160	1,043	\$57,027,115	\$1,051
Computer systems design and related services	5415	820	10,231	\$666,086,692	\$1,252
Management and technical consulting services	5416	1,202	11,085	\$938,692,875	\$1,628
Scientific research and development services	5417	576	15,484	\$993,592,736	\$1,234
Advertising and related services	5418	756	5,962	\$597,471,915	\$1,927
Other professional and technical services	5419	174	1,996	\$200,858,879	\$1,935
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	55	83	2,211	\$286,617,657	\$2,493
Management of companies and enterprises	551	83	2,211	\$286,617,657	\$2,493
Management of companies and enterprises	5511	83	2,211	\$286,617,657	\$2,493
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	56	1,534	41,561	\$1,212,792,461	\$561
Administrative and support services	561	1,488	41,146	\$1,196,090,879	\$559
Office administrative services	5611	197	3,875	\$223,579,441	\$1,110
Facilities support services	5612	35	1,196	\$39,473,158	\$635
Employment services	5613	415	11,209	\$345,315,177	\$592
Business support services	5614	178	2,871	\$127,910,336	\$857
Travel arrangement and reservation services	5615	200	1,321	\$52,569,569	\$765
Investigation and security services	5616	117	7,382	\$206,536,685	\$538
Services to buildings and dwellings	5617	252	12,804	\$180,967,023	\$272
Other support services	5619	95	490	\$19,739,490	\$775
Waste management and remediation services	562	46	414	\$16,701,582	\$776
Waste collection	5621	22	194	\$7,732,559	\$767
Waste treatment and disposal	5622	8	35	\$1,789,371	\$983
Remediation and other waste services	5629	16	185	\$7,179,652	\$746
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES		2,365	80,143	\$3,270,058,918	\$785
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	61	452	31,099	\$1,335,432,292	\$826
Educational services	611	452	31,099	\$1,335,432,292	\$826
Elementary and secondary schools	6111	97	4,733	\$173,241,657	\$704
Colleges and universities	6113	53	22,900	\$1,014,992,611	\$852
Business, computer and management training	6114	94	1,004	\$46,121,305	\$883
Technical and trade schools	6115	22	122	\$4,853,797	\$765
Other schools and instruction	6116	100	1,380	\$42,107,243	\$587
Educational support services	6117	83	937	\$53,385,418	\$1,096
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	62	1,946	53,039	\$2,175,178,896	\$789
Ambulatory health care services	621	1,265	11,409	\$613,934,352	\$1,035
Offices of physicians	6211	644	4,338	\$296,349,492	\$1,314
Offices of dentists	6212	335	1,367	\$70,604,629	\$993
Offices of other health practitioners	6213	150	657	\$28,433,568	\$832
Outpatient care centers	6214	69	3,708	\$168,999,245	\$876
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	6215	16	200	\$14,588,362	\$1,403
Home health care services	6216	21	677	\$17,656,814	\$502
Other ambulatory health care services	6219	30	464	\$17,302,242	\$717

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EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES					
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE (continued)					
Hospitals	622	22	24,186	\$1,069,682,397	\$851
General medical and surgical hospitals	6221	15	23,661	\$1,050,264,921	\$854
Psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals	6222	6	523	\$19,352,419	\$712
Nursing and residential care facilities	623	159	7,043	\$185,259,938	\$506
Nursing care facilities	6231	14	1,377	\$37,246,398	\$520
Residential mental health facilities	6232	82	1,462	\$36,221,066	\$476
Community care facilities for the elderly	6233	20	2,401	\$67,341,229	\$539
Other residential care facilities	6239	43	1,803	\$44,451,245	\$474
Social assistance	624	501	10,401	\$306,302,209	\$566
Individual and family services	6241	190	2,550	\$71,621,435	\$540
Emergency and other relief services	6242	83	2,408	\$92,580,074	\$739
Vocational rehabilitation services	6243	56	2,586	\$83,470,485	\$621
Child day care services	6244	172	2,857	\$58,630,215	\$395
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	1,921	47,931	\$1,218,495,651	\$489	
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION					
Performing arts and spectator sports	711	178	2,772	\$191,021,034	\$1,325
Performing arts companies	7111	53	1,315	\$41,943,825	\$613
Spectator sports	7112	6	387	\$109,260,507	\$5,429
Promoters of performing arts and sports	7113	33	862	\$23,337,259	\$521
Agents and managers for public figures	7114	19	85	\$5,078,366	\$1,149
Independent artists, writers, and performers	7115	67	122	\$11,401,077	\$1,797
Museums, historical sites, zoos, and parks	712	24	733	\$20,389,840	\$535
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	713	80	2,004	\$40,477,782	\$388
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES					
Accommodation	721	122	14,087	\$433,189,682	\$591
Traveler accommodation	7211	110	14,008	\$431,285,786	\$592
Rooming and boarding houses	7213	10	78	\$1,858,796	\$458
Food services and drinking places	722	1,518	28,337	\$533,417,313	\$362
Full-service restaurants	7221	584	13,975	\$276,675,906	\$381
Limited-service eating places	7222	734	8,743	\$145,169,817	\$319
Special food services	7223	149	4,536	\$95,406,682	\$404
Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	7224	51	1,083	\$16,164,908	\$287
OTHER SERVICES, EXCEPT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION					
Repair and maintenance	811	169	854	\$23,839,618	\$537
Automotive repair and maintenance	8111	108	584	\$14,434,113	\$475
Electronic equipment repair and maintenance	8112	17	62	\$2,440,430	\$757
Commercial machinery repair and maintenance	8113	9	71	\$3,529,867	\$956
Household goods repair and maintenance	8114	34	136	\$3,435,208	\$486
Personal and laundry services	812	594	5,561	\$136,799,598	\$473
Personal care services	8121	229	1,537	\$44,565,568	\$558
Death care services	8122	24	206	\$6,715,807	\$627
Drycleaning and laundry services	8123	149	1,052	\$20,843,381	\$381
Other personal services	8129	191	2,766	\$64,674,842	\$450
Membership associations and organizations	813	2,484	42,264	\$2,565,238,566	\$1,167
Religious organizations	8131	118	1,084	\$38,254,852	\$679
Grantmaking and giving services	8132	307	3,216	\$172,899,236	\$1,034
Social advocacy organizations	8133	656	7,927	\$388,888,905	\$943
Civic and social organizations	8134	170	3,656	\$143,734,541	\$756
Professional and similar organizations	8139	1,234	26,380	\$1,821,461,032	\$1,328
Private households	814	3,711	4,300	\$73,290,240	\$328
Private households	8141	3,711	4,300	\$73,290,240	\$328
UNCLASSIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS	99	2,250	4,518	\$215,814,960	\$919

*Notes:

* Data presented in this publication is based on information compiled and collected through July 2003. With additional information, the data may change.
Details may not equal totals because some confidential or non-disclosable data are not shown in this publication.

Number of reporting units is a count of employing units or worksites covered by unemployment insurance taxes.

** NAICS is North American Industry Classification Code. See appendix for more information on NAICS.

*** Reflects bonuses, executive pay, profits distributed, or unidentified lump-sum payments.

Nature and Limitations of the Data on Covered Employment and Wages

The information in this publication is based on unemployment insurance tax reports submitted quarterly by employers subject to the District of Columbia unemployment insurance laws and or employers who employ federal civilian workers, under the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program. Covered employment and wages are reported by each firm for each month using the payroll period that includes the twelfth of each month. Total wages, taxable wages and contributions for the payroll period that includes the twelfth of each month are reported for the entire quarter.

Employment and wage data contained in this publication are classified by industry based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The Department of Employment Services, Office of Labor Market Research and Information, under a confidentiality agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), does not publish or release employment, wage or any other data that could be identified with an individual employer or employee.

Coverage

Jobs that are exempt or otherwise not covered by unemployment insurance are not included in covered employment. In the private sector, this includes certain wage and salary agricultural employees, self-employed farmers, self-employed nonagricultural workers, domestic workers and unpaid family workers. Workers covered by the railroad unemployment insurance system and members of the military, including those stationed in the United States, are also excluded. Certain types of nonprofit employers, such as religious organizations, are given a choice of coverage or exclusion in a number of states, so data for their employees are reported to a limited degree. The District of Columbia includes nonprofit employers such as religious organizations in its covered employment and wage data.

The strength of covered employment data is its comprehensiveness, which results in more accurate data and substantial industry detail. A limitation is that covered data are not as timely as other data series such as the Current Employment Statistics data, which is based on a monthly survey of a smaller number of reporters.

Industrial Classification

Covered employment and wage data from 1975 through 1987 were coded according to the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual. From 1988 forward, covered data are coded according to the 1987 SIC Manual. Beginning with data for first quarter 2001, covered data are collected and made available under both the 1987 SIC Manual and the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). NAICS represents a change in the conceptual framework of establishment classification. Unlike the SIC system, which classifies establishments by type of activity in which they are primarily engaged, NAICS is based on a production-oriented or supply-based conceptual framework. This conceptual framework groups establishments into industries according to similarity in the processes used to produce goods or services. Full implementation of NAICS by statistical agencies will take place over the course of several years. After NAICS completely replaces the SIC system, dual reporting will no longer be done. Covered employment and wages data will eventually be compiled and classified according to NAICS.

Purposes and Uses

Covered employment data are instrumental in determining federal allocations of program grants to state and local governments. These outputs serve as the basic source of benchmark information for employment by industry and employment by size of establishment in the Current Employment Statistics program, the Occupational Employment Statistics program, and the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics program. The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce uses this data as a base for estimating a large part of the wage and salary component of personal income accounts. The Social Security Administration and state governments also use covered data in updating economic assumptions and forecasting trends in their taxable wage base. Business and public and private research organizations find the covered employment statistics to be one of the best sources of detailed employment and wage information. Covered employment and wages are also used in other programs and activities of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Covered employment data have broad significance in evaluating labor trends and major industry developments. They are used in time series analysis, in industry comparisons and in special studies such as analysis of wage by size of establishment. Covered employment and wage data are used by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration and various state employment security agencies in administering the employment security program.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

NAICS (pronounced “nakes”) is the new North American Industry Classification System. It replaces the decades-old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. It provides a better way to classify individual businesses.

Background

For more than 60 years, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system has served as the structure for the collection, aggregation, presentation and analysis of the U.S. economy. An industry consists of a group of establishments primarily engaged in producing or handling the same product or group of products or in rendering the same services. Industry definitions used in U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics programs come from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual. Because the SIC is used by many other federal government statistical programs, it is possible for users to assemble a comprehensive statistical picture of an industry.

The SIC system was developed in the 1930's at a time when manufacturing dominated the U.S. economic scene. Over the last 60 years, there have been numerous revisions to the SIC system, reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. However, despite these revisions, the system has received increasing criticism about its ability to handle rapid changes in the U.S. economy. Recent developments in information services, new forms of health care provision, expansion of services, and high-tech manufacturing are examples of industrial changes that cannot be studied under the current SIC system.

Introducing NAICS

Developed by the United States, in cooperation with Canada and Mexico, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) represents one of the most profound changes for statistical programs focusing on emerging economic activities. NAICS, developed using a production-oriented conceptual framework, groups establishments into industries based on the activity in which they are primarily engaged. Establishments using similar raw material inputs, similar capital equipment, and similar labor are classified in the same industry. In other words, establishments that do similar things in similar ways are classified together.

NAICS provides a new tool that ensures that economic statistics reflect our nation's changing economy. However, improved statistics will result in time series breaks. Every sector of the economy has been restructured and redefined. A new information sector combines communications, publishing, motion picture and sound recording, and online services, recognizing our information-based economy. Manufacturing is restructured to recognize new high-tech industries. A new sub-sector is devoted to computers and electronics, including reproduction of software. Retail Trade is redefined. In addition, eating and drinking places are transferred to a new Accommodation and Food Services sector.

The difference between Retail and Wholesale is now based on how each store conducts business. For example, many computer stores are reclassified from wholesale to retail. Nine new service sectors and 250 new service industries are recognized.

Why is NAICS better?

Relevancy. NAICS identifies more industries that contribute to today's economy; over 350 new industries and nine new service industry sectors. The Manufacturing sector is restructured to recognize new high-tech industries.

Comparability. NAICS was developed by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data.

Consistency. NAICS uses a consistent principle: businesses that use similar production processes are grouped together.

Adaptability. NAICS will be reviewed every five years, so classifications and information keep up with our changing economy.

Quality. NAICS will improve key measures of U.S. economic activity such as retail sales, manufacturers' shipments, and service industry receipts.

NAICS Coding Structure

NAICS uses a six-digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity into 20 industry sectors. Five sectors are mainly goods-producing sectors and 15 are entirely services-producing sectors. This six-digit hierarchical structure allows greater coding flexibility than the four digit structure of the SIC. NAICS allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system.

Sources of information on NAICS:

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
U.S. Bureau of the Census



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