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Introduction

Each quarter, the Department of Employment Service (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.

Covered Employment and Wages fulfills a critical part of the DOES mission:

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

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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		29,508	651,188	\$39,341,789,535	\$1,162
GOVERNMENT SECTOR		321	229,986	\$15,723,700,256	\$1,315
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		281	192,413	\$13,777,805,214	\$1,377
STATE GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION		40	37,573	\$1,945,895,042	\$996
PRIVATE SECTOR		29,187	421,202	\$23,618,089,279	\$1,078
GOODS-PRODUCING		1,140	15,546	\$777,109,501	\$961
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	11 & 21	12	44	\$7,003,983	\$3,061
CONSTRUCTION	23	799	12,914	\$601,473,132	\$896
Construction of buildings	236	314	4,691	\$232,050,765	\$951
Residential building construction	2361	123	1,111	\$48,914,447	\$847
Nonresidential building construction	2362	191	3,581	\$183,136,318	\$983
Heavy and civil engineering construction	237	120	2,112	\$136,689,258	\$1,245
Utility system construction	2371	34	241	\$13,157,669	\$1,050
Land subdivision	2372	43	505	\$48,617,803	\$1,851
Highway, street, and bridge construction	2373	26	1,226	\$61,024,766	\$957
Other heavy construction	2379	17	141	\$13,889,020	\$1,894
Specialty trade contractors	238	364	6,110	\$232,733,109	\$733
Building foundation and exterior contractors	2381	89	1,708	\$56,090,437	\$632
Building equipment contractors	2382	155	2,816	\$131,720,296	\$900
Building finishing contractors	2383	85	1,225	\$34,495,686	\$542
Other specialty trade contractors	2389	37	361	\$10,426,690	\$555
MANUFACTURING	31-33	329	2,588	\$168,632,386	\$1,253
Food manufacturing	311	23	395	\$14,823,907	\$722
Bakeries and tortilla manufacturing	3118	11	367	\$12,421,292	\$651
Textile product mills	314	8	27	\$737,926	\$526
Textile furnishings mills	3141	8	27	\$737,926	\$526
Apparel manufacturing	315	11	20	\$521,291	\$501
Cut and sew apparel manufacturing	3152	11	20	\$521,291	\$501
Paper manufacturing	322	5	11	\$477,294	\$834
Printing and related support activities	323	97	952	\$42,204,722	\$853
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Petroleum and coal products manufacturing	324	5	59	\$4,720,416	\$1,539
Chemical manufacturing	325	31	149	\$23,685,153	\$3,057
Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing	3254	19	134	\$18,123,739	\$2,601
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	326	3	3	\$445,164	\$2,854
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	327	11	106	\$4,977,170	\$903
Primary metal manufacturing	331	5	12	\$2,289,497	\$3,669
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	332	8	73	\$5,736,128	\$1,511
Machinery manufacturing	333	16	41	\$3,516,002	\$1,649
Agriculture, construction, and mining machinery	3331	3	10	\$1,349,897	\$2,596
Computer & electronic product manufacturing	334	55	355	\$42,059,688	\$2,278
Electronic instrument manufacturing	3345	11	104	\$7,669,878	\$1,418
Transportation equipment manufacturing	336	6	62	\$7,008,183	\$2,174
Furniture and related product manufacturing	337	16	134	\$6,518,759	\$936
Miscellaneous manufacturing	339	19	157	\$6,771,453	\$829
Medical equipment and supplies manufacturing	3391	8	8	\$579,984	\$1,394
Other miscellaneous manufacturing	3399	11	150	\$6,191,469	\$794

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SERVICE-PRODUCING (PRIVATE)					
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES		2,637	27,651	\$1,096,065,179	\$762
WHOLESALE TRADE	42	480	4,493	\$324,071,242	\$1,387
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	423	193	2,254	\$187,438,032	\$1,599
Motor vehicle and parts merchant wholesalers	4231	14	144	\$12,777,156	\$1,706
Furniture and furnishing merchant wholesalers	4232	49	141	\$7,295,272	\$995
Lumber and construction supply merchant wholesalers	4233	6	30	\$1,576,282	\$1,010
Commercial equipment merchant wholesalers	4234	71	1,207	\$106,528,098	\$1,697
Electric goods merchant wholesalers	4236	18	564	\$45,554,123	\$1,553
Hardware and plumbing merchant wholesalers	4237	14	89	\$6,218,210	\$1,344
Machinery and supply merchant wholesalers	4238	14	73	\$6,611,643	\$1,742
Misc. durable goods merchant wholesalers	4239	6	2	\$96,983	\$933
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	424	212	1,867	\$114,467,044	\$1,179
Druggists' goods merchant wholesalers	4242	40	183	\$35,078,722	\$3,686
Apparel and piece goods merchant wholesalers	4243	17	56	\$2,516,228	\$864
Grocery and related product wholesalers	4244	77	712	\$26,712,165	\$721
Chemical merchant wholesalers	4246	11	46	\$2,764,706	\$1,156
Alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers	4248	27	589	\$31,563,972	\$1,031
Misc. nondurable goods merchant wholesalers	4249	31	235	\$11,314,150	\$926
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	425	76	372	\$22,166,166	\$1,146
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	4251	76	372	\$22,166,166	\$1,146
RETAIL TRADE	44-45	1,850	17,182	\$459,208,393	\$514
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	441	43	451	\$15,831,988	\$675
Automobile dealers	4411	21	195	\$8,522,559	\$840
Auto parts, accessories, and tire stores	4413	23	256	\$7,309,429	\$549
Furniture and home furnishings stores	442	98	664	\$18,688,311	\$541
Furniture stores	4421	38	250	\$9,904,856	\$762
Home furnishings stores	4422	60	414	\$8,783,455	\$408
Electronics and appliance stores	443	119	477	\$22,890,670	\$923
Building material and garden supply stores	444	40	751	\$42,400,067	\$1,086
Building material and supplies dealers	4441	37	717	\$38,454,585	\$1,031
Lawn and garden equipment and supplies stores	4442	3	35	\$3,945,482	\$2,168
Food and beverage stores	445	489	5,492	\$131,835,098	\$462
Grocery stores	4451	284	4,417	\$103,562,569	\$451
Specialty food stores	4452	35	364	\$8,201,022	\$433
Beer, wine, and liquor stores	4453	170	711	\$20,071,507	\$543
Health and personal care stores	446	152	1,945	\$56,834,787	\$562
Health and personal care stores	4461	152	1,945	\$56,834,787	\$562
Gasoline stations	447	90	551	\$12,290,230	\$429
Gasoline stations	4471	90	551	\$12,290,230	\$429
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	448	333	3,222	\$72,150,372	\$431
Clothing stores	4481	229	2,471	\$53,546,436	\$417
Shoe stores	4482	46	485	\$8,918,563	\$354
Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores	4483	58	266	\$9,685,373	\$700
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	451	128	1,443	\$26,011,281	\$347
Sporting goods and musical instrument stores	4511	37	312	\$5,830,338	\$359
Book, periodical, and music stores	4512	91	1,131	\$20,180,943	\$343
General merchandise stores	452	51	551	\$13,889,600	\$485
Department stores	4521	10	221	\$7,936,595	\$691
Other general merchandise stores	4529	41	330	\$5,953,005	\$347
Miscellaneous store retailers	453	277	1,512	\$41,537,414	\$528
Florists	4531	45	284	\$7,981,718	\$540
Office supplies, stationery, and gift stores	4532	114	692	\$19,117,511	\$531
Used merchandise stores	4533	41	204	\$4,655,444	\$439
Other miscellaneous store retailers	4539	79	332	\$9,782,741	\$567
Nonstore retailers	454	32	122	\$4,848,575	\$764
Electronic shopping and mail-order house	4541	10	58	\$3,345,362	\$1,109
Vending machine operators	4542	5	12	\$338,890	\$543
Direct selling establishments	4543	17	53	\$1,164,323	\$422

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TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES (continued)					
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	48-49	271	3,422	\$138,607,512	\$779
Air transportation	481	40	170	\$14,435,838	\$1,633
Scheduled air transportation	4811	36	163	\$13,902,842	\$1,640
Water transportation	483	8	156	\$5,414,165	\$667
Sea, coastal, and Great Lakes transportation	4831	5	16	\$2,406,564	\$2,893
Truck transportation	484	35	221	\$7,987,400	\$695
General freight trucking	4841	13	129	\$5,593,238	\$834
Specialized freight trucking	4842	22	92	\$2,394,162	\$500
Transit and ground passenger transportation	485	57	1,137	\$35,890,360	\$607
Taxi and limousine service	4853	25	607	\$22,739,447	\$720
Other ground passenger transportation	4859	21	205	\$4,774,663	\$448
Support activities for transportation	488	41	312	\$26,572,929	\$1,638
Support activities for road transportation	4884	18	68	\$1,573,704	\$445
Freight transportation arrangement	4885	16	49	\$5,554,007	\$2,180
Couriers and messengers	492	68	657	\$29,113,766	\$852
Local messengers and local delivery	4922	27	166	\$4,520,056	\$524
UTILITIES	22	37	2,553	\$174,178,032	\$1,312
Utilities	221	37	2,553	\$174,178,032	\$1,312
INFORMATION	51	1,126	24,648	\$1,945,441,669	\$1,518
Publishing industries, except Internet	511	345	9,552	\$722,184,670	\$1,454
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	5111	278	8,505	\$594,768,881	\$1,345
Software publishers	5112	67	1,047	\$127,415,789	\$2,340
Motion picture and sound recording industries	512	177	1,755	\$103,067,144	\$1,129
Motion picture and video industries	5121	156	1,669	\$99,019,274	\$1,141
Sound recording industries	5122	21	87	\$4,047,870	\$895
Broadcasting, except Internet	515	92	4,355	\$424,790,556	\$1,876
Radio and television broadcasting	5151	82	4,015	\$400,115,837	\$1,916
Cable and other subscription programming	5152	10	339	\$24,674,719	\$1,400
Internet publishing and broadcasting	516	26	81	\$4,935,397	\$1,172
Internet publishing and broadcasting	5161	26	81	\$4,935,397	\$1,172
Telecommunications	517	202	3,990	\$319,343,478	\$1,539
Wired telecommunications carriers	5171	89	1,891	\$137,062,298	\$1,394
Wireless telecommunications carriers	5172	29	180	\$16,493,641	\$1,762
Telecommunications resellers	5173	62	799	\$71,215,334	\$1,714
ISPs, search portals, and data processing	518	195	2,846	\$198,575,011	\$1,342
ISPs and web search portals	5181	161	2,214	\$164,835,327	\$1,432
Data processing and related services	5182	34	632	\$33,739,684	\$1,027
Other information services	519	90	2,069	\$172,545,413	\$1,604
Other information services	5191	90	2,069	\$172,545,413	\$1,604
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		1,890	27,354	\$2,216,303,862	\$1,558
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	52	929	17,050	\$1,688,175,017	\$1,904
Credit intermediation and related activities	522	371	8,554	\$824,920,653	\$1,855
Depository credit intermediation	5221	222	3,830	\$220,315,220	\$1,106
Activities related to credit intermediation	5223	50	415	\$35,781,635	\$1,658
Securities, commodity contracts, investment	523	276	3,001	\$447,564,567	\$2,868
Securities and commodity contracts brokers	5231	100	1,961	\$307,275,764	\$3,013
Securities and commodity exchanges	5232	8	14	\$1,822,651	\$2,504
Other financial investment activities	5239	168	1,025	\$138,466,152	\$2,598
Insurance carriers and related activities	524	226	4,176	\$296,818,684	\$1,367
Insurance carriers	5241	104	3,303	\$220,257,773	\$1,282
Insurance agencies, brokerages, and related activities	5242	122	873	\$76,560,911	\$1,687
Funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles	525	56	1,312	\$118,391,479	\$1,735
Insurance and employee benefit funds	5251	27	1,070	\$74,410,620	\$1,337
Other investment pools and funds	5259	29	242	\$43,980,859	\$3,495

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FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (continued)					
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	53	961	10,304	\$528,128,845	\$986
Real estate	531	876	9,227	\$495,408,103	\$1,033
Lessors of real estate	5311	287	3,505	\$149,942,919	\$823
Offices of real estate agents and brokers	5312	203	1,009	\$68,459,186	\$1,305
Activities related to real estate	5313	386	4,714	\$277,005,998	\$1,130
Rental and leasing services	532	83	1,076	\$32,682,592	\$584
Automotive equipment rental and leasing	5321	20	215	\$5,159,710	\$462
Consumer goods rental	5322	32	402	\$11,415,799	\$546
General rental centers	5323	7	74	\$2,819,407	\$733
Machinery and equipment rental and leasing	5324	25	385	\$13,287,676	\$664
PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES		7,654	134,838	\$9,365,441,497	\$1,336
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	54	5,962	91,065	\$7,874,110,124	\$1,663
Professional and technical services	541	5,962	91,065	\$7,874,110,124	\$1,663
Legal services	5411	1,456	32,918	\$3,447,168,436	\$2,014
Accounting and bookkeeping services	5412	247	4,441	\$325,214,065	\$1,408
Architectural and engineering services	5413	414	6,487	\$467,950,564	\$1,387
Specialized design services	5414	156	787	\$47,331,214	\$1,157
Computer systems design and related services	5415	933	11,596	\$776,970,535	\$1,289
Management and technical consulting services	5416	1,259	11,504	\$970,105,741	\$1,622
Scientific research and development services	5417	543	15,150	\$992,060,891	\$1,259
Advertising and related services	5418	772	6,054	\$663,372,543	\$2,107
Other professional and technical services	5419	185	2,128	\$183,936,135	\$1,662
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	55	83	1,569	\$204,367,980	\$2,505
Management of companies and enterprises	551	83	1,569	\$204,367,980	\$2,505
Management of companies and enterprises	5511	83	1,569	\$204,367,980	\$2,505
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	56	1,609	42,204	\$1,286,963,393	\$586
Administrative and support services	561	1,558	41,742	\$1,267,624,307	\$584
Office administrative services	5611	200	3,935	\$236,290,683	\$1,155
Facilities support services	5612	30	1,374	\$45,833,770	\$641
Employment services	5613	480	11,029	\$351,828,330	\$613
Business support services	5614	188	3,167	\$150,035,606	\$911
Travel arrangement and reservation services	5615	186	1,130	\$48,947,850	\$833
Investigation and security services	5616	122	7,789	\$228,154,647	\$563
Services to buildings and dwellings	5617	258	12,685	\$187,794,901	\$285
Other support services	5619	96	634	\$18,738,520	\$568
Waste management and remediation services	562	51	462	\$19,339,086	\$805
Waste collection	5621	24	215	\$8,521,634	\$762
Waste treatment and disposal	5622	6	44	\$2,069,853	\$905
Remediation and other waste services	5629	21	203	\$8,747,599	\$829
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES		2,391	82,848	\$3,707,268,391	\$861
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	61	449	31,879	\$1,436,471,713	\$867
Educational services	611	449	31,879	\$1,436,471,713	\$867
Elementary and secondary schools	6111	95	5,001	\$190,528,769	\$733
Colleges and universities	6113	53	23,015	\$1,097,495,889	\$917
Business, computer and management training	6114	96	938	\$44,012,474	\$902
Other schools and instruction	6116	104	1,519	\$44,600,176	\$565
Educational support services	6117	75	898	\$53,242,812	\$1,140
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	62	1,943	50,969	\$2,270,796,678	\$857
Ambulatory health care services	621	1,255	10,563	\$616,704,642	\$1,123
Offices of physicians	6211	624	4,058	\$291,617,974	\$1,382
Offices of dentists	6212	327	1,347	\$72,031,736	\$1,028
Offices of other health practitioners	6213	157	676	\$29,644,970	\$843
Outpatient care centers	6214	67	3,125	\$171,453,247	\$1,055
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	6215	29	232	\$17,272,365	\$1,432
Home health care services	6216	21	668	\$16,802,826	\$484
Other ambulatory health care services	6219	32	457	\$17,881,524	\$752

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EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES					
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE (continued)					
Hospitals	622	22	22,799	\$1,110,291,857	\$937
General medical and surgical hospitals	6221	15	22,223	\$1,088,773,731	\$942
Psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals	6222	6	575	\$21,500,126	\$719
Nursing and residential care facilities	623	162	7,353	\$203,905,733	\$533
Nursing care facilities	6231	14	1,536	\$43,342,313	\$543
Residential mental health facilities	6232	84	1,523	\$39,284,323	\$496
Community care facilities for the elderly	6233	20	2,515	\$75,742,352	\$579
Other residential care facilities	6239	44	1,779	\$45,536,745	\$492
Social assistance	624	504	10,253	\$339,894,446	\$638
Individual and family services	6241	194	2,712	\$81,647,469	\$579
Emergency and other relief services	6242	82	2,852	\$133,793,653	\$902
Vocational rehabilitation services	6243	62	1,843	\$64,495,969	\$673
Child day care services	6244	167	2,847	\$59,957,355	\$405
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY		1,951	49,568	\$1,279,551,093	\$496
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	71	295	5,815	\$249,681,403	\$826
Performing arts and spectator sports	711	183	2,890	\$188,123,120	\$1,252
Performing arts companies	7111	54	1,331	\$39,388,275	\$569
Spectator sports	7112	7	394	\$112,640,755	\$5,498
Promoters of performing arts and sports	7113	36	972	\$20,879,462	\$413
Agents and managers for public figures	7114	18	69	\$5,085,287	\$1,417
Independent artists, writers, and performers	7115	70	124	\$10,129,341	\$1,571
Museums, historical sites, zoos, and parks	712	23	796	\$24,294,488	\$587
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	713	89	2,129	\$37,263,795	\$337
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	72	1,657	43,753	\$1,029,869,690	\$453
Accommodation	721	119	14,292	\$466,515,716	\$628
Traveler accommodation	7211	108	14,213	\$464,567,918	\$629
Rooming and boarding houses	7213	9	79	\$1,934,898	\$471
Food services and drinking places	722	1,538	29,461	\$563,353,974	\$368
Full-service restaurants	7221	569	15,025	\$305,552,696	\$391
Limited-service eating places	7222	746	8,898	\$147,322,682	\$318
Special food services	7223	169	4,463	\$93,397,190	\$402
Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	7224	54	1,075	\$17,081,406	\$306
OTHER SERVICES, EXCEPT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	81	7,159	52,690	\$2,924,038,117	\$1,067
Repair and maintenance	811	170	816	\$22,873,484	\$539
Automotive repair and maintenance	8111	109	531	\$11,966,806	\$433
Electronic equipment repair and maintenance	8112	20	95	\$4,332,627	\$877
Household goods repair and maintenance	8114	31	120	\$3,156,283	\$506
Personal and laundry services	812	591	5,682	\$147,330,452	\$499
Personal care services	8121	226	1,537	\$46,258,709	\$579
Death care services	8122	23	212	\$6,834,366	\$620
Drycleaning and laundry services	8123	142	1,011	\$20,946,727	\$398
Other personal services	8129	200	2,922	\$73,290,650	\$482
Membership associations and organizations	813	2,543	42,026	\$2,678,802,893	\$1,226
Religious organizations	8131	115	1,826	\$70,661,090	\$744
Grantmaking and giving services	8132	329	2,797	\$160,642,989	\$1,105
Social advocacy organizations	8133	710	8,476	\$446,945,967	\$1,014
Civic and social organizations	8134	165	3,188	\$126,351,365	\$762
Professional and similar organizations	8139	1,225	25,740	\$1,874,201,482	\$1,400
Private households	814	3,856	4,166	\$75,031,288	\$346
Private households	8141	3,856	4,166	\$75,031,288	\$346
UNCLASSIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS	99	3,238	6,059	\$306,869,970	\$974

Notes:

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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's 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).

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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 to the covered data is that it is 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 were 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 federal 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; more than 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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