

Navigating the Bureau of Labor Statistics

A Website Walk Through

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- BLS Subject Areas
- Program descriptions and common questions
- Website walkthrough
- Q&A

Major Subject Areas

*Employment and
Unemployment*

Employment Projections

Inflation and Prices

*Productivity and
Technology*

*Compensation and
Working Conditions*

Spending and Time Use

EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT

- Current Population Survey (CPS)
- Current Employment Statistics (CES)
- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAU)
- Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)
- Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS)



NATIONAL LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS)

- National data on employment, unemployment, earnings, and other labor market topics by demographic characteristics

How many women are employed ages 16-19?

What is the racial breakdown of those in the libraries and archives industry?

What is the labor force participation rate for persons with disability?

NONFARM PAYROLL STATISTICS

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)

- National data by detailed industry on employment, hours, and earnings of workers on the payrolls of nonfarm establishments, on a monthly basis

CES STATE AND METRO AREA

- Employment, hours, and earnings by industry and geographic area for 50 States, and about 450 metropolitan areas and divisions, on a monthly basis

What is that 'number of jobs added' I see in the news every month?

How many people work in libraries in NYC?

OTHER EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAU)

- Employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, monthly and annual data

JOB OPENINGS AND LABOR TURNOVER SURVEY (JOLTS)

- Data on job openings, hires, and separations, published monthly

QUARTERLY CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (QCEW)

- Count of employment and wages reported by employers at the county, MSA, state and national levels by industry, on a quarterly basis



PRICES AND LIVING CONDITIONS

- Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Producer Price Index (PPI)



PRICING AND LIVING CONDITIONS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

- Data on changes in the prices paid by urban consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services; monthly

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI)

- Data on changes in the selling prices received by domestic producers of goods and services; monthly

How much have prices increased where I live?

How has my buying power changed since
November 1998?

What do suppliers charge for tires?



COMPENSATION AND WORKING CONDITIONS

- National Compensation Survey (NCS)
- Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS)



PRICING AND LIVING CONDITIONS

EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX (ECI)

- Indexes measuring change over time in labor costs, produced quarterly

EMPLOYER COSTS FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (ECEC)

- Level of average costs per hour worked, produced quarterly

What is the total compensation for service occupations?

What is the change in cost of health care for private industry workers?

WAGE DATA BY OCCUPATION

OCCUPATIONAL

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE STATISTICS (OEWS)

- Employment and wage estimates for occupation by geographic area or industry, published annually

How many people are employed in management occupations?

What is the average hourly pay for a pharmacist in Florida?

EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

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- Information about the labor market for the Nation as a whole for 10 years in the future

What is the fastest growing occupation?

How much is my career field going to grow in 10 years?

Where do I start?



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