



Finding the *Right* BLS Data for *Your* Needs

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: Resources Beyond the News Release

THE BEST TIP: CONTACT OUR NATIONAL OR REGIONAL OFFICES FOR ASSISTANCE!
www.bls.gov/newsroom/mediacontacts.htm

Data Query System – www.bls.gov/data/#employment

Use the one-screen data search to find current and historical data.

Geographic Guide – www.bls.gov/guide/geography

The “Employment & Unemployment” section of the Geographic Guide is a great source for overviews of employment data by geographic availability. Find the type of data you need by clicking on “More” to view a pop-up window that includes links to the data and other resources.

Economy at a Glance – www.bls.gov/eag

Use this point-and-click map of the U.S. for quick retrieval of unemployment rates and industry employment numbers for States and metropolitan areas. The embedded dinosaur icons pull historical data for all series.

National Employment & Unemployment News Release & Related Information

Employment Situation News Release – www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.nr0.htm

Historical Data for Employment Situation news release CES and CPS tables – www.bls.gov/cps/data.htm

Commissioner’s Statement on the Employment Situation – www.bls.gov/news.release/jec.toc.htm

Recent Trends in Household and Payroll Employment – www.bls.gov/web/ces_cps_trends.pdf

Current Population Survey (CPS, national labor force data)

www.bls.gov/cps

“All About” Labor Force Characteristics – www.bls.gov/cps/lfcharacteristics.htm

Labor force data by characteristics such as discouraged workers, part-time workers, union members, multiple jobholders, and more

“All About” Demographics – www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm

Labor force data by characteristics such as age, race, disability, educational attainment, and more

Tables – www.bls.gov/cps/tables.htm

Monthly, quarterly, and annual tables with detailed data on topics such as persons not in the labor force, duration of unemployment, job search methods, and more

Current Employment Statistics (CES, national industry employment data)

www.bls.gov/ces

Monthly Highlights – www.bls.gov/web/ceshighlights.pdf

Charts and analysis featuring the latest industry employment numbers

Analytical Tables – www.bls.gov/ces/tables.htm

Comparison of current employment change to recent averages by industry
Most recent peak and trough employment by industry

Regional, State, & Metro Area Employment & Unemployment News Releases & Related Information

Regional and State Employment and Unemployment – www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/laus.pdf

Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment – www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/metro.pdf

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

www.bls.gov/laus

Create Unemployment Maps by State, County, and MSA – www.bls.gov/laus/data.htm

Supplemental Tables for States and Metropolitan Areas – www.bls.gov/laus/tables.htm

Historical unemployment rate highs and lows for States

Rank by unemployment rate and change in rate for States and metropolitan areas

State Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization – www.bls.gov/laus/stalt.htm

U-1 to U-6 Unemployment Rates for States

State and Metro Area Current Employment Statistics (SAE)

www.bls.gov/sae

Monthly Tables – www.bls.gov/sae/tables.htm

State and metropolitan area employment by industry

Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment (GP)

www.bls.gov/gps

Sub-National Labor Force Demographics (sex, race, ethnicity, age) – www.bls.gov/gps/tables.htm

By State (2008 Annual Averages, preliminary, www.bls.gov/laus/ptable14full2008.pdf)

By Metropolitan Area (2004 full report, www.bls.gov/pub/gp/gpsec3.htm)

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

www.bls.gov/cew

State, Metropolitan Area, and County Employment and Wages – www.bls.gov/cew/news.htm

Compare Industry Employment Concentrations by Area –

http://data.bls.gov/LOCATION_QUOTIENT/servlet/lqc.ControllerServlet

Other Frequently Requested National, Regional, and State Data

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

www.bls.gov/bdm

Charts and Tables of Quarterly Gross Job Gains and Losses by Establishment Size, Industry, and State –

www.bls.gov/bdm/charts.htm

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

www.bls.gov/jlt

Job Openings, Hires, Quits, Layoffs, Discharges, and Other Separations – www.bls.gov/jlt/news.htm

Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS)

www.bls.gov/mls

Data on Mass Layoffs & Movement of Work (national outsourcing/offshoring) – www.bls.gov/mls/tables.htm

Additional Regional, State, and Local Area Employment and Unemployment Tables and News Releases are produced by the BLS Regional Offices. Visit www.bls.gov/bls/reghome.htm to find your Region's Home Page!