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The Bureau of Labor Statistics makes available the information it produces through a broad publication program which includes news releases, periodicals, reports, and bulletins. Some BLS material is available on magnetic tape, computer diskette, and microfiche. An increasing amount of BLS data and selected publications are also available on-line through the Internet at <http://stats.bls.gov>

NEWS RELEASES

News releases are available without charge from the Bureau's regional offices listed at the back of this publication and from the Division of Customer and Information Services, Office of Publications, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC 20212-0001. Regular mailings of releases on specific subjects, such as the monthly employment situation, are available to interested parties who ask to be put on the appropriate mailing list.

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PERIODICALS

Subscriptions to the Bureau's periodicals, listed in the following text, may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Single copies also may be ordered.

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Reports on information concerning BLS programs and some national data are available without charge from the Washington or regional offices. Regular mailings or announcements on specific topics are available, upon request, from: Division of Customer and Information Services, Office of Publications, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC 20212-0001. The Bureau's regional offices also issue reports presenting local or regional data. These are available from the originating regional office.

BULLETINS

Bulletins may be purchased from the BLS Publications Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690-2145. Selected bulletins also are available on the Internet. Bul-

letins that are out of print may be available for reference at public or academic libraries and at Federal depository libraries.

INTERNET ACCESS

The BLS Web site (<http://stats.bls.gov>) houses a wide range of data and information related to labor statistics, including information about its surveys and programs, publications and research papers, data on selected BLS economic indicators, BLS regional information, and contacts at BLS for specific data series. The site also contains a lead to other statistical sites.

MICROFICHE

Selected BLS publications are available on microfiche with optional paper copy from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Va. 22151. Costs vary for microfiche reproductions. Questions about costs of specific items and orders and remittances should be sent directly to NTIS.

DATAFILES ON TAPE

Magnetic tapes of some major BLS data series are available for purchase. The standard magnetic tape format is 9-track, 6250 BPI. In addition, BLS makes available some microdata tapes (usually unpublished series) and also prepares customized data files on a cost-for-service basis. Further information is available by calling (202) 606-7789.

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BLS Publication Lists and Directories

BLS Publications, 1978-93, Report 863 (1994). Index of BLS bulletins, reports, and summaries from 1978 to 1993. Free.

Monthly Labor Review Index, January 1991—December 1995, (1996). Index to all material appearing in the *Monthly Labor Review* except for unsigned items appearing in the regular departments. Free.

BLS Publications on Productivity and Technology, Report 815 (1991). Lists publications issued between 1977 and 1991. Free.

Bureau of Labor Statistics: Customer Service Guide. Brochure summarizing the kinds of information the Bureau produces by program; how to obtain BLS data and publications; names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of information specialists by subject; contacts at other Federal Government statistical agencies; and a calendar of release dates of the Bureau's major economic series. Free.

BLS Update. Quarterly annotated listing of new publications. Regular mailings are available without charge upon request to be put on the mailing list. Free.

Periodicals

CPI DETAILED REPORT

Monthly. \$25 a year domestic; \$31.25 foreign. Detailed current data on consumer price movements for the U.S. city average and 27 local areas. Includes charts and technical notes.

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Monthly. \$36 a year domestic (includes annual supplement); \$45 foreign. Annual supplement: \$29 domestic; \$36.25 foreign. Detailed current data on price movements for the net output of mining and manufacturing industries. Includes technical notes.

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Monthly. \$35 a year domestic; \$43.75 foreign. Current data on employment, unemployment, hours, and earnings for the United States as a whole, for individual States, and for more than 200 local areas.

MONTHLY LABOR REVIEW

\$25 a year domestic; \$31.25 foreign. Articles and reports on employment, prices, wages, productivity, job safety, and economic growth. Regular features include a review of developments in labor research, book reviews, and current labor statistics.

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK QUARTERLY

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