


Announcement of Availability of Local Area Estimates

NEW ESTIMATES FOR 1997 and revised estimates for 1995–96 are now available on BEA's Web site for the following local area series: Wage and salary disbursements, which accounts for approximately 57 percent of personal income at the national level; wage and salary employment, and average wages per job. All three series are presented on a place-of-work basis for counties and metropolitan areas. The newly available estimates reflect the incorporation of the results of the 1998 annual revision of State personal income and the underlying county source data.¹

BEA's local area estimates are based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on employment and wages for workers covered by State unemployment insurance (UI) and unemployment compensation for

Federal employees (UCFE). In order to provide complete coverage for all wages and salaries earned in the United States, the UI and UCFE data are adjusted for workers not covered by UI and UCFE programs and for underreporting and misreporting under these programs.²

To access the newly available estimates on BEA's Web site, go to <www.bea.doc.gov>, and select "Data" under the "Regional" heading. The release of the full set of estimates of personal income for local areas is scheduled for May 6, 1999. 

1. For more information about revisions to the State estimates, see Wallace K. Bailey, "State Personal Income, Revised Estimates for 1982–97," *SURVEY* 78 (October 1998): 20–41. For more information about the source data used to produce local area wages and salaries, see Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Local Area Personal Income, 1969–92* (Washington, DC, U.S. Government Printing Office, September 1994).

2. For more information about the differences between the UI and UCFE wage and salary data and the BEA estimates of wages and salaries, see (1) NIPA table 8.25, "Relation of Wages and Salaries in the National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA's) to Wages and Salaries as Published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)," *SURVEY* 78 (August 1998): 117; and (2) Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, *State Personal Income, 1929–93* (Washington, DC, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1995): M–8–M–13. The *SURVEY* and the text of *State Personal Income* are available on BEA's Internet site. For the most recent BLS release of county data from the UI and UCFE programs, go to <www.bls.gov/news.release/eaapc.toc.htm>.