

Appendix C. Availability of Historical Occupational Employment Statistics Survey Data Nationally and from State Agencies

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program currently produces occupational employment and wage estimates for the Nation, States, 334 metropolitan areas, and industries. The current estimates are based on the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system and the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). National industry estimates are available at the three-, four-, and selected five-digit levels. These estimates are available online at www.bls.gov/oes/.

Industry data. Industry data are available at the national level only through the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). For the years 1997 to 2001, industry data are available for two- and three-digit industries as defined by the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Prior to 1996, the OES survey collected data from specified industries in 1 of 3 years in the survey round, depending on the industry.

Industry data for States are not available from BLS but may be available from State Workforce Agencies listed on the

inside cover of this publication.

Occupational classification. Data are available for SOC occupations for 1999 forward. Prior to 1999, OES used its own occupational classification system.

Wage data. Wage data are provided for all areas and industries beginning with the 1997 data.

State data. Cross-industry State data for 1997 forward are available on the OES Web site. Prior to 1983, not all States participated in the OES program in all survey years. Starting with the 1991 OES survey, certain States also collected wage data. Check with the State Employment Security Agencies listed on the inside back cover of this publication regarding the availability of State data on occupational employment and wages.

Metropolitan area data. Cross-industry data for 334 metropolitan areas for 1997 forward are available on the OES Web site.