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**T**his publication, *Employment and Wages Annual Averages, 2006*, is an annual product of the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS; the Bureau). This year's edition of the bulletin continues the Bureau's efforts to make the bulletin more user-friendly. Most notably, the data tables and the text describing the characteristics and uses of the data are published exclusively in digital formats and included in this bulletin on a CD. Formerly, the data and its description were printed as a book with nearly 700 pages. This chartbook, on the other hand, contains new charts, graphs, and maps that show the different types of data available from the QCEW program.

All the data, at each level of geography, can be found at [www.bls.gov/cew](http://www.bls.gov/cew). Questions regarding these data can be addressed to the QCEW program by calling (202) 691-6567 or by using any of the channels provided on the QCEW contact page on the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/cew/cewcont.htm>.

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