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Preface

This bulletin provides occupational employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey. It includes national, State, and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) estimates across all industries, as well as by industry. The tables highlight OES data for particular occupations, industries, States, and MSAs. Data are presented for Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) detailed occupations and major occupational groups. Data for additional occupations, industries, and areas are available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>. The data are based on information collected during 1999 and 2000 surveys and are adjusted to full universe counts for the fourth-quarter 2000 reference period, based on information from the Covered Employment and Wages program.

For many years, the OES survey has been a major source of detailed occupational employment data by industry for the Nation, for States, and for metropolitan areas. The OES survey is an annual mail survey collecting occupational employment and its distribution by wage interval for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments by industry. The survey samples approximately 400,000 establishments per year, taking 3 years to fully collect data for the sample of 1.2 million establishments.

Due to the shift to the SOC system in 1999, employment and wage estimates are based only on the data collected in

the 1999 and 2000 survey. For this reason, data from 1997 and 1998 are not strictly comparable with data from the 2000 survey. (For further details, see appendix B.)

This annual survey is part of the Federal-State cooperative program of occupational employment statistics, which provides information for many data users, including individuals and organizations engaged in planning vocational education programs, higher education, and employment and training programs. OES data also are used to prepare information for career counseling, for job placement activities performed at State employment security offices, and for personnel planning and market research conducted by private enterprises.

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