

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 in the bulletin present cross-industry national estimates for Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) major occupational groups and detailed occupations, as well as selected industry-specific national estimates and cross-industry State and MSA estimates for selected detailed occupations. National industry estimates by industry sector and at the 3-digit, 4-digit, and selected 5-digit industry level within the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) are available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>. Cross-industry estimates for all States and metropolitan areas also are available on the Web site.

The estimates are based on data collected during the 2003-2006 surveys and are adjusted to full universe counts for the reference period. The reference period for wage data is May 2006. The reference period for employment is the average of May 2006 and November 2005 employment, based on information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Covered Employment and Wages program.

The OES program is a Federal-State cooperative effort between the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) and the Bureau

of Labor Statistics (BLS). BLS provides technical assistance and the statistical procedures for the survey; the SWAs collect the data. 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. This survey 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 Workforce Agencies, and for personnel planning and market research conducted by private enterprises.

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