

NOTICE ABOUT ECI ESTIMATES FOR METROPOLITAN AREAS AND REGIONS

Employment Cost Index (ECI) estimates for private industry for 14 metropolitan areas for the year ended September 2008 will be released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Thursday, November 20, 2008. For each locality, two estimates are provided: 12-month percent change for total compensation and 12-month percent change for wages and salaries. The data will be available at www.bls.gov/ect as well as in news releases for each area. For additional information, see "BLS Introduces New Employment Cost Indexes for 14 Metropolitan Areas," at www.bls.gov/opub/cwc/cm20080922ar01p1.htm.

The "Employment Cost Index for the Regions" news releases have been discontinued. However, the estimates that have appeared in those releases are available in table 6 (www.bls.gov/news.release/eci.t06.htm) and table 10 (www.bls.gov/news.release/eci.t10.htm) of the "Employment Cost Index" news release issued by the BLS National Office and historical estimates can be retrieved using the tool at <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=ci>.

The 14 metropolitan areas are Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Gainesville, GA-AL CSA; Boston-Worcester-Manchester, MA-NH CSA; Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City, IL-IN-WI CSA; Dallas-Forth Worth, TX CSA; Detroit-Warren-Flint, MI CSA; Houston-Baytown-Huntsville, TX CSA; Los Angeles-Long Beach-Riverside, CA CSA; Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL MSA; Minneapolis-St. Paul-St. Cloud, MN-WI CSA; New York-Newark-Bridgeport, NY-NJ-CT-PA CSA; Philadelphia-Camden-Vineland, PA-NJ-DE-MD CSA; Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ MSA; San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA CSA; and Washington-Baltimore-Northern Virginia, DC-MD-VA-WV CSA.