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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 present cross-industry national estimates for Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) detailed occupations, as well as selected industry-specific national estimates and cross-industry State and MSA estimates for some detailed occupations in each SOC major occupational group. Additional estimates are available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>. The estimates are based on data collected during 1999, 2000, and 2001 surveys and are adjusted to full universe counts for the fourth-quarter 2001 reference period, based on information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) 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 from the sample of 1.2 million establishments. Therefore, 3 years of employment and

wage data have been combined to produce this year's results.

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 Agencies, and for personnel planning and market research conducted by private enterprises.

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