Occupational Employment Statistics

What is the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program?

OES provides employment and wage estimates for nearly 800 occupations in over 400 industries. By surveying 1.1 million business establishments nationwide, OES produces estimates for approximately 530 metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and selected U.S. territories.

Who uses OES data?

- State and local workforce investment boards, as well as training professionals, use the information to determine the need for local employment, training, and educational services.
- Economic development specialists use the information to estimate available labor supply.
- Researchers use the data to understand the structure of labor markets and to understand labor costs for new markets.
- Students and counselors use the information for career planning.
- Employers and compensation specialists use the data to determine equitable and competitive pay, to develop recruiting packages, and to make site selection decisions.
- BLS and state workforce agencies use OES data to project employment and determine jobs in demand.

How can OES data help YOU?

- You can compare employment and wages across geographic areas.
- You can compare employment and wages for particular occupations across industries.
- You can compare employment and wages for different occupations.

Where can you find this information?

- You can find our data online at www.bls.gov/oes/tables.htm. There you will find the latest data for the nation, states, metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and specific industries at the national level.

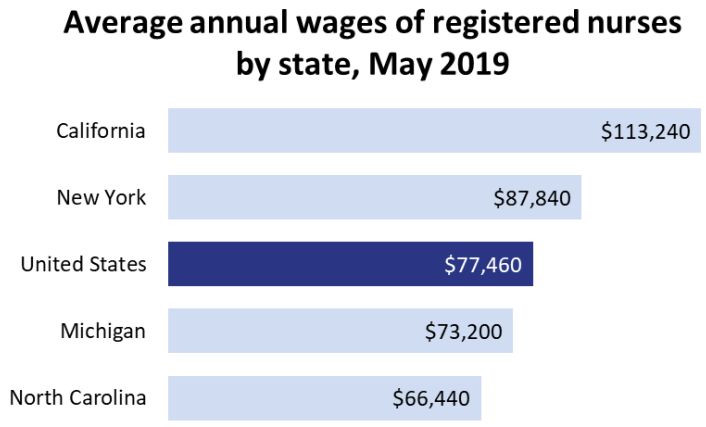
Whom should you contact if you have additional questions?

Contact the OES information staff by email at **oesinfo@bls.gov** or by telephone at **(202) 691-6569**.

What data does OES have?

Occupational employment and wage data for...

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and selected U.S. territories



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics.

Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas

Employment and wages in Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Georgia, May 2019

Occupation	Employment	Average hourly wage
Retail salespersons	85,990	$13.02
Accountants and auditors	27,560	40.08
Security guards	23,440	13.03
Computer systems analysts	16,280	44.08
Medical assistants	16,410	16.86

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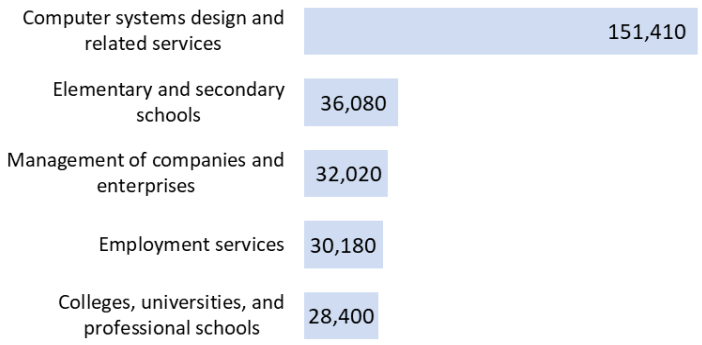
National data for specific industries



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