

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program conducts a semiannual survey designed to produce estimates of employment and wages for specific occupations. The OES program produces these occupational estimates for the nation as a whole, by state, by metropolitan or nonmetropolitan area, and by industry or ownership. The OES survey does not gather demographic information. Data from self-employed persons are not collected and area not included in the estimates.



SURVEY COVERAGE

- The OES survey covers all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers in nonfarm industries.
- Survey collects data for the payroll period including the 12th day of May or November.
- The survey does not cover the self-employed, owners and partners in unincorporated firms, households workers, or unpaid family workers.



ESTIMATES

The estimates fro occupations in nonfarm establishments are based on OES data collected for the reference months of May and November.

- Median, mean, percentiles for hourly and annual wages/salaries
- Location quotient



WAGES REPORTED

Excluded wages:

- overtime pay
- severance pay
- shift differentials
- non-production bonuses
- uniform allowances
- tuition reimbursements

Wages reported for the OES survey:

- straight-time, gross pay
- base rates
- cost-of-living allowances
- guaranteed pay
- hazardous-duty pay
- including commissions
- production bonuses
- tips