

LMI Data Reference Guide

Characteristic	Current Population Survey (CPS)	Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)	Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)	Current Employment Statistics (CES)	Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS)
Annual Sample Size	~2,000 Households	N/A*	N/A†	~22,000 estab.	~15,000 estab.
Frequency	Monthly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Annual
Place of Residence/Work	Residence	Residence	Work	Work	Work
Employment Data Represents	People	People	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
Source	Census Bureau	BLS/CWIA	BLS/CWIA	BLS/CWIA	BLS/CWIA
Wage Data Available	✓		✓	✓	✓
Demographic Data Available	✓				
Industry Detail Available			✓	✓	
Occupation Detail Available					✓
Seasonal Adjustment		✓**		✓‡	
Geography					
Statewide	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
County	Limited	✓	✓		✓
Metropolitan Statistical Area		✓	✓	✓	✓
Workforce Development Area		✓	✓		✓
Cities (pop. >25,000)		✓			

*Estimates are developed using a statistical model

**Seasonally adjusted data unavailable at City level

†Represents a complete count of all covered employment

‡Seasonally adjusted data available statewide and for select MSAs