

# Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

## What is the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program?

OEWS provides employment and wage estimates for about 830 occupations in over 400 industries. By surveying 1.1 million business establishments nationwide, OEWS produces estimates for approximately 530 metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and selected U.S. territories.

## Who uses OEWS 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 OEWS data to project employment and determine jobs in demand.

## How can OEWS 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](http://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?

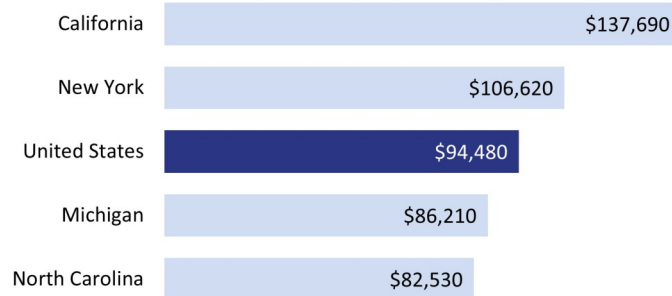
Contact the OEWS information staff by email at [oewsinfo@bls.gov](mailto:oewsinfo@bls.gov) or by telephone at (202) 691-6569.

# What data does OEWS have?

## Occupational employment and wage data for...

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

### Average annual wages of registered nurses by state, May 2023



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

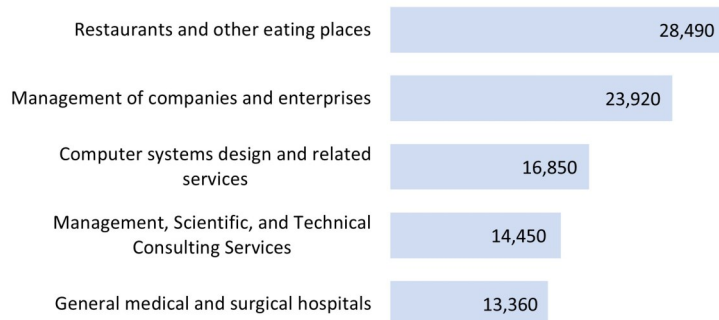
Employment and wages in Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Georgia, May 2023		
Occupation	Employment	Average hourly wage
Retail salespersons	79,510	\$16.43
Accountants and auditors	30,350	45.35
Security guards	22,320	18.13
Medical assistants	14,490	20.08
Computer systems analysts	9,110	52.71

Metropolitan  
and  
nonmetropolitan  
areas

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

National data  
for specific  
industries

### Industries with the highest employment for training and development specialists, May 2023



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