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Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

What data does the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program produce?

- The QCEW program produces county level employment and wage data on number of establishments, monthly employment, and quarterly wages. The program also partners with state agencies in New England, who produce township data (comparable to county data) in that region.
- Each quarter, the program releases rankings of the fastest growing counties in the country by employment and wages.
- The QCEW program has also used the data to produce a number of articles focusing on regional employment and wage dynamics appearing in the Issues in Labor Statistics publication that can be accessed on the program's website.
- QCEW data are broken down by NAICS industry, county, and ownership sector, for the entire United States. These data are aggregated to annual levels, higher industry levels (NAICS industry groups, sectors, and supersectors), and higher geographic levels (national, State, and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)).

How can you use QCEW data?

Many individuals and organizations use QCEW data for analysis, forecasting, sampling and projections including:

- State budget forecasters
- Local economic planning and development groups
- Private sector and university researchers
- The Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Other BLS programs

When are the data available to you?

QCEW data are available quarterly and annually.

- "County Employment and Wages," the QCEW program's quarterly publication is released roughly 6 months after the quarter that the date represents. The QCEW news release was most recently published on April 9, 2008.
- Annual data can be found in the Employment & Wages Annual Averages bulletin, recently published in April, 2008.

Where can you find the information?

QCEW data and publications can be accessed online at www.bls.gov/cew. Contact the QCEW staff by email at QCEWInfo@bls.gov or by telephone at (202) 691-6567.

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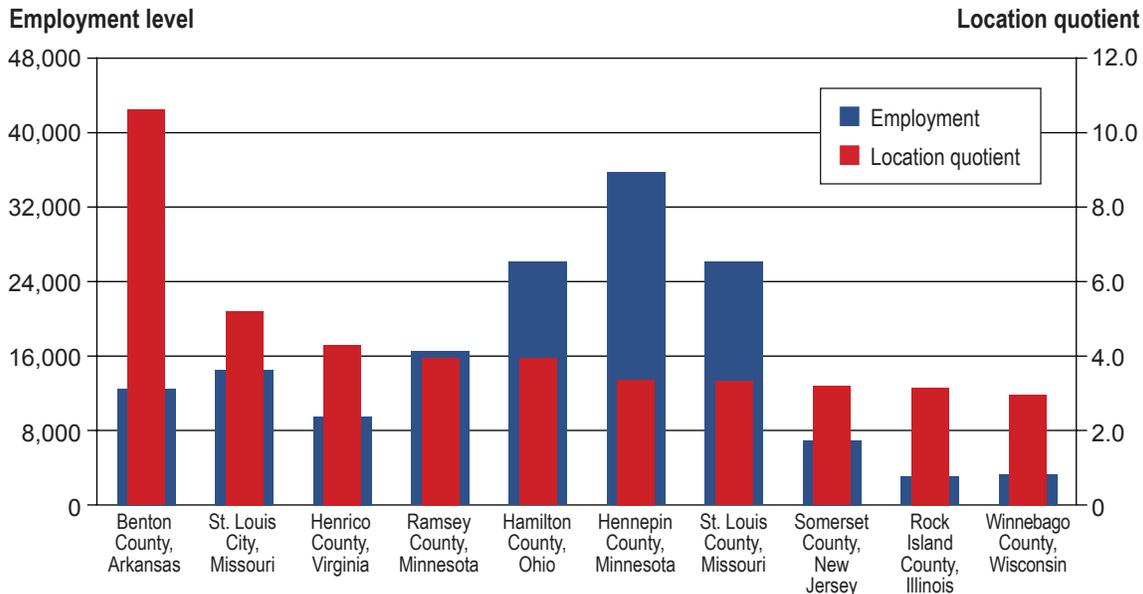


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Top 10 large U.S. counties in managing offices employment concentration



NOTE: Location quotient is a number derived by comparing percent employment in a place, in this case a county, with percent employment nationwide. A location quotient of 1.0 indicates a local industry concentration which is identical to the national average.

Average Weekly Wages in the Top Ten Counties in Investment Banking and Securities Dealing, First through Fourth Quarter 2006

