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Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202) Explanatory Note

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These data, provided in the quarterly ES-202 report by State employment security agencies in cooperation with BLS, come from the administrative records of the unemployment insurance systems in each State.

It covers monthly employment, total quarterly wages, taxable wages, employer contributions, and establishments by industry, county, and State, for workers covered by State unemployment insurance laws and by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program. Four digit SIC industry data at national, State, and county level, based on the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual, are available as are data by size of establishment available for the first quarter only.

Coverage

All employees covered by unemployment insurance. The primary exclusions from unemployment insurance coverage are railroad employees, members of the Armed Forces, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and some agricultural and private household employees.

Reference period

Employment relates to pay period including the 12th of the month. Wages relate to entire quarter.