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## AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES IN THE MOUNTAIN STATES - 2002

Annual wages for the Mountain ${ }^{1}$ region averaged $\$ 33,302$ in 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). John D. Gordon, acting regional commissioner, noted that average wages in the Mountain region were lower than the nationwide average of $\$ 36,764$. Overall, regional wages increased by 1.4 percent from 2001, slightly lower than the 1.5 percent rate of increase for the United States.

Three of the eight states in the region - Colorado, Arizona, and Nevada - had average wage levels that ranked among the top half of all states. Of these, only Colorado exceeded the national average, with an annual average wage level of $\$ 38,005$. Among other states in the region, average wages ranged from $\$ 34,036$ in Arizona to $\$ 26,001$ in Montana, the lowest level regionally as well as nationally.

Within the region, wages grew fastest in Wyoming and Montana, increasing 3.3 percent and 3.2 percent respectively. Wages grew 2.6 percent in Nevada, 2.5 percent in New Mexico, 1.9 percent in Arizona, and 1.7 percent in Utah, putting these states above the national average for percentage growth in wages. In contrast, wages in Idaho grew 1.4 percent and Colorado's wage level grew just 0.1 percent, slowest in the region and above that of only three other states, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. (See table 1.)

Wage differences among states reflect the varying composition of employment by occupation, industry, and hours of work, as well as other factors. Similarly, over-the-year wage changes may reflect shifts in these characteristics, as well as changes in the level of average wages. Annual average wage data are compiled from reports submitted by employers subject to state and federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws which cover 128.2 million full- and parttime workers nationwide. Average annual wages are computed by dividing total annual payrolls of employees covered by UI programs by the average monthly number of those employees. (See Technical Note.)

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## Wages in metropolitan areas

Twelve of the region's 25 metropolitan areas ranked in the top half for wages among 318 metropolitan areas nationally. Of these, Boulder-Longmont, Colorado, and Denver, Colorado had the highest average annual wage levels in 2002, at $\$ 44,037$ and $\$ 42,133$ respectively. (See table 2.) Boulder-Longmont and Denver were also the only metropolitan areas within the Mountain region with wages above the $\$ 38,423$ national average. With a 0.6 percent decrease in wages over the year, Boulder-Longmont moved from fourteenth highest among U.S. metro areas in 2001 to the fifteenth position in 2002. Denver also slipped one position, due to a 0.5 percent decline in wages, and ranked twenty-first in wages among the nation's metropolitan areas for 2002. The third highest wages in the region were in Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz., ranked sixtieth in the nation with average wages of $\$ 36,045$. Only three other metropolitan areas in the region ranked in the top one hundred for wages across the nation. These were Colorado Springs and Fort Collins-Loveland, both in Colorado, and Reno, Nevada. In contrast, average wage levels in twelve of the region's metropolitan areas were in the bottom one hundred. At $\$ 23,429$, Yuma, Ariz. had the lowest wages in the region and ranked 315 among the 318 metropolitan areas across the country. Great Falls, Mont. had the second lowest wages in the region at $\$ 25,035$, putting it at 310 .

Most of the metropolitan areas in the region experienced faster wage growth than the 1.4 percent average increase for all metropolitan areas in the United States. The highest rate of wage growth in the Mountain region occurred in Santa Fe, N.M., with a gain of 5.2 percent. (See table 2.) In addition, Cheyenne, Wyo., Yuma, Ariz., and Missoula, Mont. all saw wages grow by more than 4.0 percent over the year, putting them in the top fifteen percent of the nation's metropolitan areas for growth in wages. Only five of the region's twenty-five metropolitan areas saw wages grow at a rate lower than the national average, with Boulder-Longmont and Denver the only areas in the region to experience declines over the year. Nationally, only fifty of the 318 metropolitan areas had increases at or below the nationwide average, with fourteen of these experiencing declines.

## Wages in industries

In the Mountain region, overall private industry wages grew faster than the 1.1 percent national rate in all states but Colorado, Idaho, and Utah. Montana had the highest growth, at 2.9 percent, with annual average wages rising in every industry but mining. Colorado, on the other hand, experienced a 0.6 percent decline in private industry wages, with wages in the mining industry and in management of companies and enterprises experiencing the biggest drops, declining 13.9 percent and 8.2 percent respectively. Among the remaining Mountain region states the rate of growth in private industry wages ranged from 1.0 percent in Idaho and Utah to 2.4 percent in Wyoming. (See table 3.)

While no industry dominated wages across the region, average wage levels in both utilities and in management of companies and enterprises were among the top four in all states which published data for these industries. These two industries were the highest paying for the nation as a whole. In Nevada, management of companies and enterprises was the highest paying industry of any in the region, at $\$ 105,853$ for 2002, far exceeding the national average of $\$ 69,277$ for this industry. The utilities industry was the highest paying in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Utah, with the highest average wages being \$83,403 in Utah.

On the other end of the spectrum, the accommodation and food services industry was the lowest paying in all of the region's states except Nevada. Idaho's average wages of $\$ 10,301$ in this industry were the lowest in the region.

# Beginning in October 2002, quarterly data are available for selected Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages series. Data are available from the Kansas City Information office at 816-426-2481, or at http://data.bls.gov/labjava/outside.jsp?survey=en 

## TECHNICAL NOTE

## Background

These data are the product of a federal-state cooperative program known as Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) in which State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) prepare summaries of employment and total pay of workers covered by Unemployment Insurance legislation. The summaries are a by-product of the administration of state unemployment insurance (UI) programs that require most employers to pay quarterly taxes based on the employment and wages of workers covered by UI.

## Coverage

Employment and wage data for workers covered by state UI laws and for federal civilian workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program are compiled from quarterly contribution reports submitted to the SESAs by employers. In addition to the quarterly contribution reports, employers who operate multiple establishments within a state complete a questionnaire, called the "Multiple Worksite Report," which provides detailed information on the location and industry of each of their establishments. Average annual pay data are derived from summaries of employment and wages submitted by states to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These reports are based on place of employment rather than place of residence.

UI and UCFE coverage is broad and basically comparable from state to state. In 2002, UI and UCFE programs covered workers in 128.2 million jobs. Covered workers received $\$ 4.713$ trillion in pay, representing 94.3 percent of the wage and salary component of personal income and 45.1 percent of the gross domestic product.

Major exclusions from UI coverage include self-employed workers, most agricultural workers on small farms, all members of the Armed Forces, elected officials in most states, most employees of railroads, some domestic workers, most student workers at schools, and employees of certain small nonprofit organizations.

## Concepts and methodology

Average annual wages was computed by dividing total annual wages of employees covered by UI programs by the average monthly number of these employees. In addition to salaries, average annual wages data include bonuses, the cash value of meals and lodging when supplied, tips and other gratuities, and, in some states, employer contributions to certain deferred compensation plans such as $401(\mathrm{k})$ plans, and stock options. Monthly employment is based on the number of workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period including the 12th of the month. With few exceptions, all employees of covered firms are reported, including production and sales workers, corporation officials, executives, supervisory personnel, and clerical workers. Workers on paid vacations and part-time workers also are included.

Average annual wages are affected by the ratio of full-time to part-time workers as well as the number of individuals in high-paying and low-paying occupations. When comparing average annual wage levels between industries and/or states, these factors should be taken into consideration. Annual pay data only approximate annual earnings because an individual may not be employed by the same employer all year or may work for more than one employer. Also, year-to-year changes in average annual wages can result from a change in the proportion of employment in high- and low-wage jobs, as well as from changes in the level of average annual wages.

In order to insure the highest possible quality of data, SESAs verify with employers and update, if necessary, the industry, location, and ownership classification of all establishments on a 3-year cycle. Changes in establishment classification codes resulting from the verification process are introduced with the data reported for the first quarter of the year. Changes resulting from improved employer reporting also are introduced in the first quarter. For these reasons, some data, especially at more detailed industry levels, may not be strictly comparable with earlier years.

A few covered employers provided insufficient information on the nature of their businesses to enable the SESA to assign a specific NAICS code. The establishments of these employers therefore could not be classified by industry sector. The wages for these nonclassifiable establishments, along with data for the agricultural division, are not shown separately, but are included in the averages for state and national totals.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan areas for use in federal statistical activities and updates these definitions as needed each summer-data in this release use criteria established in definitions issued June 30, 1999 (OMB Bulletin No. 99-04). The 318 metropolitan areas in the United States are a compilation of a set of areas classified as Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSAs) and Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSAs). Generally speaking, an MSA consists of one or more counties and meets specified size criteria-either it contains a city of at least 50,000 inhabitants, or it contains an urbanized area of at least 50,000 inhabitants, and has a total population of at least $100,000(75,000$ in New England). A CMSA is a metropolitan area that has a population of at least 1 million and has been divided into two or more PMSAs. The CMSA comprises the same geographic area as its constituent PMSAs which are loosely defined as freestanding areas that have a population of at least 100,000 .

County definitions are assigned according to Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) as issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Public Law 104-106. Areas shown as counties include areas designated as independent cities in some jurisdictions, and, in Alaska, those designated as census areas where counties have not been created.

## Additional statistics and other information

Additional average annual wages data (or Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data) is available on the BLS Internet site at http://www.bls.gov/cew/home.htm. Beginning in October 2002, quarterly data are available for selected QCEW series. Data can be accessed in several ways, including Selective Access, which allows quick access to particular items, and the special request FTP service, which allows access to extensive collection of flat text files. The Kansas City Information Office can provide assistance accessing these files by calling (816) 4262481.

This news release, along with other BLS statistics and information, is available via the Internet at the BLS World Wide Web site http://www.bls.gov/ro7/home.htm.

An annual bulletin, Employment and Wages, features comprehensive information by detailed industry on establishments, employment, and wages for the nation and all states. Employment and Wages Annual Averages, 2002 is available for sale from the BLS Publications Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, Illinois 60690, telephone 312-353-1880. The bulletin is now available in a portable document format (PDF) on the BLS Web site at http://www.bls.gov/cew/cewbultn02.htm.

News releases on quarterly measures of gross job flows also are available upon request from the Division of Administrative Statistics and Labor Turnover (Business Employment Dynamics), telephone 202-691-6467; (http://www.bls.gov/bdm/); (e-mail: BDMInfo@bls.gov).

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; TDD message referral phone number: 1-800-877-8339. For personal assistance or further information on annual average pay data as well as other Bureau programs, contact the Kansas City Information Office at (816) 426-2481 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. central time.

Table 1. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by Mountain States

| Area | Average annual wages |  | Percentchange $^{2}$$2001-2002$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2002 |  |
| UNITED STATES ${ }^{3}$ | \$36,219 | \$36,764 | 1.5 |
| Mountain states | 32,832 | 33,302 | 1.4 |
| Arizona | 33,411 | 34,036 | 1.9 |
| Colorado | 37,952 | 38,005 | 0.1 |
| Idaho | 27,768 | 28,163 | 1.4 |
| Montana | 25,195 | 26,001 | 3.2 |
| Nevada | 33,121 | 33,993 | 2.6 |
| New Mexico | 28,702 | 29,431 | 2.5 |
| Utah | 30,077 | 30,585 | 1.7 |
| Wyoming | 28,043 | 28,975 | 3.3 |

1 Includes workers coverd by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs. 2 Percent changes were computed from unrounded average annual wages data and may differ from those computed using data rounded to the nearest dollar.
3 Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Table 2. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by metropolitan area

|  | Average annual wages ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Metropolitan area ${ }^{2}$ | 2001 | 2002 | Percent change, 2001-02 |
| Metropolitan areas ${ }^{4}$ | \$37,908 | \$38,423 | 1.4 |
| Santa Fe, NM | 30,671 | 32,269 | 5.2 |
| Cheyenne, WY | 27,579 | 28,827 | 4.5 |
| Yuma, AZ | 22,415 | 23,429 | 4.5 |
| Missoula, MT | 26,181 | 27,249 | 4.1 |
| Las Cruces, NM | 24,310 | 25,256 | 3.9 |
| Flagstaff, AZ-UT | 25,890 | 26,846 | 3.7 |
| Greeley, CO | 30,066 | 31,104 | 3.5 |
| Great Falls, MT | 24,211 | 25,035 | 3.4 |
| Grand Junction, CO | 27,426 | 28,331 | 3.3 |
| Las Vegas, NV-AZ | 32,239 | 33,280 | 3.2 |
| Tucson, AZ | 30,690 | 31,673 | 3.2 |
| Fort Collins-Loveland, CO | 33,248 | 34,215 | 2.9 |
| Albuquerque, NM | 31,667 | 32,475 | 2.6 |
| Pueblo, CO | 27,097 | 27,763 | 2.5 |
| Billings, MT | 27,889 | 28,553 | 2.4 |
| Pocatello, ID | 24,621 | 25,219 | 2.4 |
| Casper, WY | 28,264 | 28,886 | 2.2 |
| Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT | 31,965 | 32,600 | 2.0 |
| Phoenix-Mesa, AZ | 35,514 | 36,045 | 1.5 |
| Reno, NV | 34,231 | 34,744 | 1.5 |
| Boise City, ID | 31,624 | 31,955 | 1.0 |
| Colorado Springs, CO | 34,391 | 34,681 | 0.8 |
| Provo-Orem, UT | 28,266 | 28,416 | 0.5 |
| Denver, CO | 42,351 | 42,133 | -0.5 |
| Boulder-Longmont, CO | 44,310 | 44,037 | -0.6 |

1 Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.
2 Includes data for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSA) as defined by OMB Bulletin No. 99-04. See Technical Note.
3 Each year's total is based on the MSA definition for the specific year. Annual changes include differences resulting from changes in MSA definitions.
4 Totals do not include the six MSAs within Puerto Rico.

Table 3. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 by NAICS industry for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by Mountain States

| State and Industry | Average annual wages |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Percent } \\ \text { change } \\ 2001-02 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2002 |  |
| United States ${ }^{2}$ Private |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$36,157 | \$36,539 | 1.1 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 20,188 | 20,890 | 3.5 |
| Mining | 59,686 | 60,392 | 1.2 |
| Construction | 38,412 | 39,027 | 1.6 |
| Manufacturing | 42,969 | 44,097 | 2.6 |
| Wholesale trade | 48,791 | 49,241 | 0.9 |
| Retail trade | 22,667 | 23,232 | 2.5 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 36,189 | 36,823 | 1.8 |
| Utilities | 65,561 | 67,374 | 2.8 |
| Information | 57,288 | 56,103 | -2.1 |
| Finance and insurance | 63,687 | 62,762 | -1.5 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 32,871 | 33,924 | 3.2 |
| Professional and technical services | 58,755 | 58,672 | -0.1 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 68,965 | 69,277 | 0.5 |
| Administrative and waste services | 24,443 | 25,276 | 3.4 |
| Educational services | 32,066 | 33,163 | 3.4 |
| Health care and social assistance | 32,813 | 34,043 | 3.7 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 25,344 | 26,159 | 3.2 |
| Accommodation and food services | 13,674 | 13,946 | 2.0 |
| Other services, except public administration | 23,220 | 23,784 | 2.4 |
| Government | 36,549 | 37,935 | 3.8 |
| Arizona |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$33,165 | \$33,640 | 1.4 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 16,672 | 17,196 | 3.1 |
| Mining | 47,487 | 46,972 | -1.1 |
| Construction | 34,019 | 34,438 | 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 48,031 | 48,905 | 1.8 |
| Wholesale trade | 48,712 | 48,766 | 0.1 |
| Retail trade | 24,401 | 24,787 | 1.6 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 35,535 | 36,198 | 1.9 |
| Utilities | 64,567 | 67,004 | 3.8 |
| Information | 43,429 | 42,766 | -1.5 |
| Finance and insurance | 46,325 | 47,320 | 2.1 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 30,639 | 31,973 | 4.4 |
| Professional and technical services | 49,277 | 49,772 | 1.0 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 53,345 | 54,019 | 1.3 |
| Administrative and waste services | 23,459 | 24,256 | 3.4 |
| Educational services | 29,516 | 30,030 | 1.7 |
| Health care and social assistance | 34,638 | 36,243 | 4.6 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 28,593 | 29,389 | 2.8 |
| Accommodation and food services | 13,543 | 13,907 | 2.7 |
| Other services, except public administration | 23,441 | 23,761 | 1.4 |
| Government | 34,734 | 36,085 | 3.9 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 by NAICS industry for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by Mountain States

| State and Industry | Average annual wages |  | Percent change 2001-02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2002 |  |
| Colorado |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$38,214 | \$37,988 | -0.6 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 22,346 | 22,684 | 1.5 |
| Mining | 75,260 | 64,824 | -13.9 |
| Construction | 38,940 | 39,219 | 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 47,543 | 48,657 | 2.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 52,464 | 52,230 | -0.4 |
| Retail trade | 23,846 | 24,190 | 1.4 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 37,564 | 38,439 | 2.3 |
| Utilities | 65,194 | 64,300 | -1.4 |
| Information | 65,782 | 63,177 | -4.0 |
| Finance and insurance | 55,658 | 55,074 | -1.0 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 33,425 | 34,114 | 2.1 |
| Professional and technical services | 61,366 | 60,803 | -0.9 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 76,805 | 70,502 | -8.2 |
| Administrative and waste services | 26,617 | 27,660 | 3.9 |
| Educational services | 29,531 | 29,162 | -1.2 |
| Health care and social assistance | 34,037 | 35,572 | 4.5 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 27,244 | 27,626 | 1.4 |
| Accommodation and food services | 13,743 | 13,935 | 1.4 |
| Other services, except public administration | 25,574 | 26,336 | 3.0 |
| Government | 36,464 | 38,095 | 4.5 |
| Idaho |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$27,478 | \$27,758 | 1.0 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 20,742 | 20,975 | 1.1 |
| Mining | 38,858 | 40,200 | 3.5 |
| Construction | 31,057 | 31,054 | 0.0 |
| Manufacturing | 37,704 | 38,230 | 1.4 |
| Wholesale trade | 34,445 | 34,541 | 0.3 |
| Retail trade | 20,218 | 20,564 | 1.7 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 26,999 | 27,543 | 2.0 |
| Utilities | 47,938 | 68,343 | 42.6 |
| Information | 32,984 | 33,291 | 0.9 |
| Finance and insurance | 36,994 | 37,515 | 1.4 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 20,763 | 21,317 | 2.7 |
| Professional and technical services | 42,295 | 42,506 | 0.5 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 59,032 | 56,360 | -4.5 |
| Administrative and waste services | 17,936 | 18,460 | 2.9 |
| Educational services | 27,399 | 28,654 | 4.6 |
| Health care and social assistance | 27,530 | 28,291 | 2.8 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 17,887 | 18,802 | 5.1 |
| Accommodation and food services | 10,035 | 10,301 | 2.7 |
| Other services, except public administration | 19,567 | 19,830 | 1.3 |
| Government | 29,062 | 29,940 | 3.0 |

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Table 3. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 by NAICS industry for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by Mountain States

| State and Industry | Average annual wages |  | Percent change 2001-02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2002 |  |
| Montana |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$24,122 | \$24,813 | 2.9 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 22,213 | 23,909 | 7.6 |
| Mining | 52,801 | 52,744 | -0.1 |
| Construction | 30,537 | 30,643 | 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 32,833 | 33,436 | 1.8 |
| Wholesale trade | 32,259 | 33,542 | 4.0 |
| Retail trade | 18,470 | 19,322 | 4.6 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 27,483 | 28,032 | 2.0 |
| Utilities | 53,080 | 56,250 | 6.0 |
| Information | 31,137 | 32,798 | 5.3 |
| Finance and insurance | 35,172 | 35,890 | 2.0 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 18,163 | 18,677 | 2.8 |
| Professional and technical services | 34,173 | 35,018 | 2.5 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 35,545 | 36,277 | 2.1 |
| Administrative and waste services | 17,182 | 18,198 | 5.9 |
| Educational services | 18,415 | 18,894 | 2.6 |
| Health care and social assistance | 26,847 | 27,972 | 4.2 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 12,624 | 13,567 | 7.5 |
| Accommodation and food services | 10,179 | 10,439 | 2.6 |
| Other services, except public administration | 17,615 | 18,133 | 2.9 |
| Government | 29,462 | 30,741 | 4.3 |
| Nevada |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$32,197 | \$33,035 | 2.6 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 22,238 | 23,280 | 4.7 |
| Mining | 58,887 | 62,331 | 5.8 |
| Construction | 39,760 | 40,794 | 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 39,477 | 39,159 | -0.8 |
| Wholesale trade | 46,010 | 46,378 | 0.8 |
| Retail trade | 25,201 | 25,637 | 1.7 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 27,984 | 28,815 | 3.0 |
| Utilities | 68,127 | 70,417 | 3.4 |
| Information | 45,134 | 45,193 | 0.1 |
| Finance and insurance | 45,845 | 47,014 | 2.5 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 29,636 | 30,776 | 3.8 |
| Professional and technical services | 52,755 | 54,231 | 2.8 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 88,542 | 105,853 | 19.6 |
| Administrative and waste services | 23,530 | 23,944 | 1.8 |
| Educational services | 28,204 | 29,771 | 5.6 |
| Health care and social assistance | 38,103 | 39,335 | 3.2 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 23,097 | 23,279 | 0.8 |
| Accommodation and food services | 24,029 | 24,790 | 3.2 |
| Other services, except public administration | 24,762 | 25,262 | 2.0 |
| Government | 40,057 | 40,890 | 2.1 |

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Table 3. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 by NAICS industry for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by Mountain States

| State and Industry | Average annual wages |  | Percent change 2001-02 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2002 |  |
| New Mexico |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$27,683 | \$28,187 | 1.8 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 15,476 | 16,190 | 4.6 |
| Mining | 46,825 | 47,689 | 1.8 |
| Construction | 30,158 | 30,032 | -0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 38,196 | 37,791 | -1.1 |
| Wholesale trade | 36,333 | 37,465 | 3.1 |
| Retail trade | 20,741 | 21,161 | 2.0 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 30,650 | 31,445 | 2.6 |
| Utilities | 54,352 | 53,570 | -1.4 |
| Information | 32,863 | 31,894 | -2.9 |
| Finance and insurance | 35,597 | 37,497 | 5.3 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 24,679 | 29,641 | 20.1 |
| Professional and technical services | 49,134 | 50,918 | 3.6 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 41,265 | 43,106 | 4.5 |
| Administrative and waste services | 22,478 | 23,102 | 2.8 |
| Educational services | 23,602 | 24,703 | 4.7 |
| Health care and social assistance | 28,496 | 29,492 | 3.5 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 16,242 | 16,354 | 0.7 |
| Accommodation and food services | 11,149 | 11,515 | 3.3 |
| Other services, except public administration | 20,522 | 21,220 | 3.4 |
| Government | 32,121 | 33,530 | 4.4 |
| Utah |  |  |  |
| Private |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$29,702 | \$30,011 | 1.0 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 21,113 | 20,936 | -0.8 |
| Mining | 51,168 | 49,471 | -3.3 |
| Construction | 30,428 | 30,757 | 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 36,312 | 36,919 | 1.7 |
| Wholesale trade | 41,806 | 42,208 | 1.0 |
| Retail trade | 20,211 | 20,600 | 1.9 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 34,032 | 35,342 | 3.8 |
| Utilities | 73,723 | 83,403 | 13.1 |
| Information | 41,104 | 40,686 | -1.0 |
| Finance and insurance | 39,864 | 41,153 | 3.2 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 25,253 | 26,127 | 3.5 |
| Professional and technical services | 46,612 | 45,910 | -1.5 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 48,913 | 46,085 | -5.8 |
| Administrative and waste services | 19,910 | 20,602 | 3.5 |
| Educational services | 32,082 | 32,862 | 2.4 |
| Health care and social assistance | 28,784 | 29,552 | 2.7 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 17,898 | 22,857 | 27.7 |
| Accommodation and food services | 11,147 | 11,468 | 2.9 |
| Other services, except public administration | 21,021 | 21,076 | 0.3 |
| Government | 31,901 | 33,264 | 4.3 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Average annual wages for 2001 and 2002 by NAICS industry for all covered workers ${ }^{1}$ by Mountain States

| State and Industry | Average annual wages |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percent } \\ \text { change } \\ 2001-02 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2002 |  |
| Wyoming Private |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{3}$ | \$27,630 | \$28,293 | 2.4 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 22,245 | 22,215 | -0.1 |
| Mining | 53,318 | 55,022 | 3.2 |
| Construction | 31,902 | -- | -- |
| Manufacturing | 36,667 | -- | -- |
| Wholesale trade | 36,745 | 36,976 | 0.6 |
| Retail trade | 18,718 | 19,306 | 3.1 |
| Transportation and warehousing | -- | -- | -- |
| Utilities | -- | -- | -- |
| Information | -- | -- | -- |
| Finance and insurance | 37,102 | 35,195 | -5.1 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 22,422 | 24,344 | 8.6 |
| Professional and technical services | 33,615 | 36,491 | 8.6 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 41,412 | 50,958 | 23.1 |
| Administrative and waste services | 19,963 | 19,449 | -2.6 |
| Educational services | 19,953 | 26,001 | 30.3 |
| Health care and social assistance | 27,201 | 28,521 | 4.9 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 14,391 | 13,756 | -4.4 |
| Accommodation and food services | 10,863 | 11,537 | 6.2 |
| Other services, except public administration | -- |  |  |
| Government | 29,362 | 31,131 | 6.0 |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Mountain states referenced in this release are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. Together, these eight states constitute the Mountain region.

[^1]:    1 Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.
    2 Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
    3 Includes other industries, not shown separately.
    -- Data do not meet BLS or State agency disclosure standards.

