

Categories of Labor Market Data

Use these resources for each category of labor market data to help students explore career options that best fit their interests and aspirations.

Career Planning Data

This data includes information on in-demand jobs, wages, training providers, and training and skill requirements. Examples of data use are to assess options for dislocated workers, to forecast fields with too many or too few workers, and adjust training programs and courses.

Data Resources

Occupational and Industry Projections

- Projections Central: www.projectionscentral.com
- Texas Career Check: <https://texascareercheck.com/ExploreCareer/OccupationTrends>

Occupational Descriptions

- O*NET OnLine: www.onetonline.org
- Texas Career Check: <https://texascareercheck.com/ExploreCareer/OccupationInfo>

Career Exploration Tools

- CareerOneStop: www.careeronestop.org
- Texas Career Check: www.texascareercheck.com

Demographic Data

This data covers a wide range of general population characteristics and looks at ties to employment status, earnings, and commuting patterns. Demographic data helps assess differences and address problems within a workforce.

Data Resources

Decennial Census

- United States Census Bureau: www.census.gov

American Community Survey (ACS)

- United States Census Bureau: www.census.gov/acs

Employment Data

A count or an estimate of jobs within an industrial or occupational category. A person who holds more than one job can be counted multiple times. This type of data is always tabulated by place of work, and most often about the number of jobs, not about the people who hold them.

Data Resources

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/cew/#data
- Texas Wages: www.texaswages.com

Current Employment Statistics (CES)

- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/ces/#data
- Texas Wages: www.texaswages.com

Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS)

- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/oes/#data
- Texas Workforce Commission: <https://texaslmi.com/LMIbyCategory/Wages>

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Wage/Income Data

The total wages paid for a given month or quarter within an industry sector and includes monthly estimates of average hourly and weekly earnings for some industry groups. Most wage and income data is a byproduct of employment data. It is tallied by industry and occupation. In general, this data is available at the state, metro, and regional levels.

Data Resources

QCEW, CES and OES (byproduct of employment data)

- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/cew/#data
- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/ces/#data
- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/oes/#data
- Texas Wages: www.texaswages.com
- Texas Labor Analysis: <https://texaslaboranalysis.com/>

National Compensation Survey

- US Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/cew/#data

Total Personal and Per Capita Income

- Bureau of Economic Analysis: www.bea.gov/regional

Labor Force Data

This information deals with the employment status of the working-age population (16 and older) and counts people, not jobs. A person with more than one job is only counted once and is tallied by place of residence. Labor force data includes groups not in other datasets, such as elected officials and employees of religious organizations, and does not include active duty military personnel. This data is all about people and where they live, regardless of where they work.

Data Resources

Current Population Survey Tool (CPS)

- Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/cps
- Labor Market and Career Information: <https://texaslmi.com/>

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

- Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/lau
- Texas Workforce Commission: <https://texaslmi.com/>

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

- United States Census Bureau: <http://lehd.ces.census.gov>

Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS)

- Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov/mls