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Dear Employer,

Your establishment has been selected to participate in the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program, which is conducted by «state\_agency» in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Your participation is essential for developing the highest quality employment and wage data for the citizens of your state.

### **What information do I need to provide?**

All we need from you is the specific job title, a brief description of duties, and the wage rate for each employee at the location specified after "Report for" in the mailing address for the pay period that included **November 12, 2023**.

### **How will my information be used?**

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. All identifying information for non-government establishments will be held in strict confidence to the full extent permitted by law.

### **How do I provide my information?**

There are several ways to provide your data, and many payroll systems will produce an electronic report with the information we need. Please remove personally identifiable information like employee names and Social Security numbers from your submission. If you are reporting for a school, please see the additional school instructions at [www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/instructions.htm#school](http://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/instructions.htm#school).

- **Online** → Go to **IDCF OEWS.BLS.GOV** and log in using your unique IDCF number, <sched\_num>. You can fill out our online form, upload your own file, or download an Excel template to fill out.
- **Email** → Send an email with your data and IDCF number to «state\_email». An Excel template is available at [www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/template.xlsx](http://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/template.xlsx). BLS encourages respondents to encrypt an attachment and send the password in a separate email. Please do not include sensitive information in the body or text of the email.
- **Phone** → Call us at «state\_phone».

### **When do I need to provide my information?**

Please respond within two weeks. Your timely response will help reduce program costs and save taxpayer money by eliminating the need for additional mailings and telephone calls to you.

### **What if I have questions?**

If you have any questions or if we can help you submit your data, please call or email us. For more information, visit [www.bls.gov/respondents/oes](http://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes) «site\_and» «state\_site».

Thank you for your time and attention – we appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

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As a participant in a Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) statistical survey, you should be aware that use of electronic transmittal methods in reporting data to the BLS involves certain inherent risks to the confidentiality of those data. Further, you should be aware that responsible electronic transmittal practices employed by the BLS cannot completely eliminate those risks. The BLS is committed to the responsible treatment of confidential information and takes rigorous security measures to protect confidential information in its possession.

# Completing the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) Report Online

You are being asked to report the occupation and wage information about the employees at the location specified after “Report for” in the mailing address for the pay period that included **November 12, 2023**.

We recommend schools upload or email a spreadsheet or report from your payroll system. We prefer Excel files (.xlsx), but can accept almost any file format except executable (.exe) files. You can download a template from [www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/postsecondarytemplate.xlsx](http://www.bls.gov/respondents/oes/postsecondarytemplate.xlsx).

- For professors and other instructors (post-secondary educators), include the subject taught or department.
- For educators who work less than full-time but receive an annual salary, report the salary and whether they are employed half-time, three-quarters time, one-third time, two-thirds time, etc.
- For adjunct professors, report their per-credit rate.
- For employees who are not educators, report their hourly wage rates. You can report annual salaries for full-time employees.
- If wage rates are recorded differently, such as by the month, convert them to an hourly wage rate.

**IMPORTANT: To protect your data, your session will time out if you spend 30 minutes on a page. A warning will appear when five minutes remain. If you do not click “Stay Connected” to extend your session, your data will be lost and you will have to log in again.**

**We do not receive your data until you click “Submit Data to BLS” or “Send” at the end of the process.**

1. Go to **IDCFOWS.BLS.GOV**. Log in with your unique IDCF number, **<sched\_num>**.
2. Follow the instructions to enter your contact information and answer questions about the location specified after “Report for” in the mailing address. You will be directed to either the data entry page or the file upload page based on the size of your establishment. Each page has a link you can use to switch to the other submission method if you would prefer.
3. Enter your occupation and wage data into our online form or select a file to upload.
4. Click “Submit Data to BLS” or “Send” and “Continue” to complete the submission. You will receive a confirmation email. Please save this email in case there are questions about your submission.

That’s it—you’re done! If you have questions or require assistance, please contact us at «**state\_email**».

**Thank you for your time—employers like you are the ONLY source of this information!**

## SAVE TIME! Upload a spreadsheet!

Many schools save time by sending us a spreadsheet or report from their personnel or payroll system. All we need is a column with job titles, a column with wage rates, and a column with pay basis. A column listing department is optional, but helpful, and can reduce the need for follow-up phone calls.

Upload your spreadsheet or other report at

**IDCFOWS.BLS.GOV**

Department	Job title	Wage	Pay basis
Political science	Adjunct professor	\$12,460	Per credit
Biology	Professor (tenured)	\$113,505	Annual
Economics	Professor (tenured)	\$41,865	Annual, 1/3 time
Math	Assistant professor	\$51,220	Semester
English	Visiting lecturer	\$18,520	Per course
IT	Computer user support	\$23.24	Hourly
IT	Computer user support	\$19.75	Hourly
Administration	President	\$120,000	Annual
Administration	Admin assistant	\$18.22	Hourly

We estimate that the time required to complete this report will vary from 10 minutes to 2 hours, depending on factors such as the size of the establishment. This includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing this information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspects of this report, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (1220-0042), 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Suite 2135, Washington, DC 20212. This report is authorized by law 29 U.S.C. §2. We request your cooperation to make the results of this report comprehensive, accurate, and timely. You do not have to complete this questionnaire if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. Form Approved, O.M.B. No. 1220-0042.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 USC Section 3572) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent except in the case of state and local governments. The BLS publishes statistical tabulations from this report that may reveal the information reported by state and local governments. Upon request, however, the BLS will hold the information provided by state and local governments on this report in confidence. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.