

2023 OEWS Stakeholder Survey

As a current, former, or potential user of data produced by the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Survey (OEWS), your feedback is important. The OEWS survey is run by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and provides estimates of employment and wages by occupation, and occupational employment distributions by industry and geography. A link to the OEWS website where information and data products are available is below for reference.

<https://www.bls.gov/oes/>

Your feedback will help determine if the OEWS survey is capturing the most relevant information for today's economy. In addition, we are considering new ways of presenting OEWS data, and we would like your input so that our products better meet your needs.

The answers you provide to this survey will be used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to improve the OEWS program.

- Your participation is voluntary.
- We estimate that it will take approximately 6 minutes to complete this survey.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to OEWSinfo@bls.gov.

Thank you for your support and feedback on the OEWS program!

This voluntary survey is being collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics under OMB No. 1225-0088 (Expiration Date: 1/31/2024). We estimate that this survey takes six minutes to complete. You are not required to respond to this collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We will use the information you provide to make improvements to BLS online publications. Your participation is voluntary, and you have the right to stop at any time. Results from this survey will be aggregated for internal use and individual results will not be made public. This survey is being administered by SurveyMonkey and resides on a server outside of the BLS Domain. The BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses and advises against the inclusion of sensitive personal information in any response. By proceeding with this survey, you give your consent to participate in this survey.

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Q1. What OEWS data do you primarily use?

- a. Employment
- b. Wages
- c. Both employment and wages
- d. Neither – you do not use OEWS data [GO TO Q11]

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Q2. What level of detail is important for how you use OEWS employment and wage data?

Select all that apply.

- a. By major occupational group
- b. By detailed occupational group
- c. By industry sector (2-digit NAICS)
- d. By industry specific (4-digit NAICS)
- e. Across all industries
- f. By public or private ownership

Q3. What level of geography is important for how you use OEWS employment and wage data?

Select all that apply.

- a. National
- b. By state
- c. By metropolitan area
- d. Some other area detail (specify)

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Q4. Which of the following best describes the level of geographic detail that OEWS data provides for your needs?

- a. Detail is sufficient
- b. Detail is insufficient

Q5. Which of the following best describes the level of occupation detail that OEWS data provides for your needs?

- a. Detail is sufficient
- b. Detail is insufficient

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Q6. When using OEWS data do you primarily focus on certain *occupations*?

- a. Yes [GO TO Q7]
- b. No [GO TO Q8]

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Q7. Which occupations are your primary focus?

Select all that apply.

- a. Management
- b. Business and Financial Operations
- c. Computer and Mathematical
- d. Architecture and Engineering
- e. Life, Physical, and Social Science
- f. Community and Social Service
- g. Legal
- h. Educational instruction and Library
- i. Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media
- j. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical
- k. Healthcare support
- l. Protective Service
- m. Food Preparation and Serving Related
- n. Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance
- o. Personal Care and Service
- p. Sales and Related
- q. Office and Administrative Support
- r. Farming, Fishing, and Forestry
- s. Construction and Extraction
- t. Installation, Maintenance and Repair
- u. Production
- v. Transportation and Material Moving

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Q8. When using OEWS data do you primarily focus on certain *industries*?

- a. Yes [GO TO Q9]
- b. No [GO TO Q10]

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Q9. Which industries are your primary focus?

Select all that apply.

- a. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting
- b. Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction
- c. Utilities
- d. Constructions
- e. Manufacturing
- f. Wholesale Trade
- g. Retail Trade
- h. Transportation and Warehousing
- i. Information
- j. Finance and Insurance
- k. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- l. Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- m. Management of Companies and Enterprises
- n. Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- o. Educational Services (including private, state, and local government schools)
- p. Health Care and Social Assistance
- q. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- r. Accommodation and Food Services
- s. Other Services (except Public Administration)
- t. Public sector – Federal, State, and Local Government, excluding state and local schools and hospitals and the U.S. Postal Service

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Q10. The OEWS program produces occupational employment and wage information for the nation, for states, and areas. Understanding how data users like you use OEWS data can help us better understand program needs, or identify opportunities for expanding information offerings. Please tell us the primary purpose for which you use OEWS data?

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Q11. If the OEWS program is able to expand its current products, what would you like to see?

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[IF Q1 = d; DOES NOT USE OEWS DATA, SKIP TO Q20-1]

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Access and usability questions

Q12. How would you rate how easy or difficult it is to find what you need in OEWS data?

- a. Very easy
- b. Somewhat easy
- c. Neither easy nor difficult
- d. Somewhat difficult
- e. Very difficult

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Q13. How do you access OEWS data? For example:

- a. Directly through BLS website
- b. Other Department of Labor Website
- c. State government website
- d. Some other way (specify) _____

Q14. Do you feel the data provided are in a user-friendly format?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Q15. Which of the following OEWS information products available on the BLS website do you use?

- a. Charts, or maps
- b. News releases
- c. Publications (e.g., handouts, articles, blog post)
- d. Excel data tables (files)
- e. Database tool (e.g., data finder or query tool)
- f. None of these [GO TO Q17]

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Q16. Do you feel the information products are in a user-friendly format?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Q17. Are you aware of the following information provided for OEWS data?

- a. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's for OEWS) Yes No
- b. Technical notes (about OEWS data) Yes No

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Q18. [IF 17a = YES] Do you feel the information provided in the FAQ's is sufficient?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Q19. [IF 17b = YES] Do you feel the information provided in the Technical Notes provides enough information about the OEWS data?

- a. Yes
- b. No

[IF Q18 OR Q19 = NO; DOES NOT USE OEWS DATA, GO TO Q20; ELSE SKIP TO Q21.]

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Q20. [If NO to Q18 or Q19] What additional information would you like to see?

[TEXT BOX] -> [GO TO Q21]

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Q20-1. What, if any occupational employment and wage data do you currently use?

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Q21. Which category best describes your organization?

- a. Academia
- b. Education planning or administration
- c. U.S. government
- d. State or local government
- e. News media
- f. Financial institution
- g. Industry or trade association
- h. Research, development, or consulting organization
- i. Job training, or workforce development organization
- j. Technical and vocational institution
- k. Other privately- or publicly-owned company
- l. Other (please specify)

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Q22. [IF Q21 = b (State or local government), or c (U.S. government)] Which government agency do you work for?

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Q23. What role best describes you as an OEWS data, or information product user?

- a. Business
- b. Education
- c. Researcher
- d. Policy analysis
- e. Job training provider
- f. Human Resources
- g. Career Counselor
- h. Student
- i. Job seeker
- j. Media
- k. Other

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Q24. If you have any other comments to share, please provide them below.

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