The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program publishes a quarterly count of employment and wages reported by employers. Data available at the parish, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Regional Labor Market Area (RLMA), state, and national levels by detailed industry.

**EMPLOYMENT COVERAGE**
- The number of covered workers who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period that included the 12th day of the month.
- Covered employees in the private-sector and in the state and local government.
- Workers on paid sick leave, paid holiday, paid vacation, and the like are also covered.

**WAGE DATA**
- The estimates for occupations in nonfarm establishments are based on OES data collected for the reference months of May and November.
  - Median, mean, percentiles for hourly and annual wages/salaries
  - Location quotient

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