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This edition continues the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS or the Bureau) efforts to make the bulletin on employment and wages more user-friendly. Most notably, data tables and the text describing the characteristics and uses of the data are published exclusively in digital formats and included on the enclosed CD. Formerly, the data and its description were printed as a book with nearly 700 pages. All tables on this CD are available as PDF files. Also, all data for 2008, at each level of geography, are provided as sequential (flat) files on the enclosed CD. Alternatively, all data and tables provided on the enclosed CD can be found at www.bls.gov/cew. Questions regarding these data can be addressed to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program by calling (202) 691-6567 or by using any of the channels provided on the QCEW contact page on the BLS Web site at <https://www.bls.gov/cew/cewcont.htm>.

Included on the CD for the 2008 bulletin are PDFs of the quarterly County Employment and Wages news releases produced by the QCEW program, as well as PDFs of all 2008 QCEW news releases published

by regional offices of BLS. County Employment and Wages news releases present employment and wages by county and are released approximately 6 months after the reference quarter. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) news releases present gross job gains and losses and are released approximately 8 months after the reference quarter. (These BED data were first released in September 2003.) Questions about BED data can be directed to the information line at (202) 691-6467. The program's Web site is <https://www.bls.gov/bdm/>.

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