

emsi Data Release Notes

EMSI Data 2015.4 Final Release: February 5, 2016

This document describes the final version of our 2015.4 data release. This release includes a few updated data sources.

Updated Data Sources in This Release

- **Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, Q1 2015** (BLS). This is the most complete source for wage and salary industry employment data.
- **Current Employment Statistics, Nov. 2015** (BLS). This source helps create more accurate employment estimates for the current year.
- **American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata, 2014** (Census). This dataset informs self-employment and extended proprietors data, and certain staffing patterns for QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker.
- **LEHD / Quarterly Workforce Indicators, Q2 2015** (Census). This data informs the age, gender, race, and ethnicity breakouts of the detailed industry and occupation datasets.

Primary Data Source Information

The following table summarizes our major data sources used for each EMSI release.

| Name | Abbrev. | Source Agency | Version Used (EMSI 2015.4) | Version Used (EMSI 2015.3) | Version Used (EMSI 2015.2) | Version Used (EMSI 2015.1) | Version Used (EMSI 2014.4) |
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| State Personal Income | SPI | BEA | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Local Area Personal Income | LPI | BEA | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Industry Economic Accounts | IEA | BEA | 2002-2013 | 2002-2013 | 2002-2013 | 2002-2013 | 2002-2013 |
| American Community Survey | ACS | Census | 2005-2014 | 2005-2013 | 2005-2012 | 2005-2012 | 2005-2012 |
| County Business Patterns | CBP | Census | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| ZIP Code Business Patterns | ZBP | Census | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Nonemployer Statistics | NES | Census | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 |
| Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages | QCEW | BLS | 2015Q1 | 2014Q4 | 2014 Q3 | 2014 Q2 | 2014 Q1 |
| Current Employment Statistics | CES | BLS | November 2015 | July 2015 | March 2015 | December 2014 | September 2014 |
| Natl. Employment Projections | EP | BLS | 2012-2022 | 2012-2022 | 2012-2022 | 2012-2022 | 2012-2022 |
| Occupational Employment Statistics | OES | BLS | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | 2013 |
| Railroad Retirement Board, State/County | RRB | RRB | 2013/2012 | 2013/2012 | 2013/2012 | 2013/2012 | 2013/2012 |
| Business-Level Data | | Infogroup* | Updated Quarterly | Updated Quarterly | Updated Quarterly | Updated Quarterly | Updated Quarterly |
| Long-term state industry projections | | Individual states | varies by state | varies by state | varies by state | varies by state | varies by state |
| LEHD / Quarterly Workforce Indicators | QWI | Census | 2015Q2 (states vary) | 2015Q1 (states vary) | 2015Q1 (states vary) | varies by state | varies by state |

* Infogroup replaced Equifax as our source of business-level data in May 2015.

Methodology Changes and Fixes

- We improved our estimates of occupation earnings at the county level.
- We corrected an issue that caused employment to be significantly understated in gambling-related occupations within the industry “Local Government, All Other” (903999), which includes gambling establishments owned by local government entities.

Questions? Contact Us

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