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| **Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)** | Data provides the number of firms, monthly industry employment and total wages paid to hourly and salaried workers in specific non-farm firms covered by unemployment insurance (UI) for Maryland and its counties based on place of work. | –Identifies top employing industries by state, MSA, Workforce Region, or county  
–Offers ability to compare information within and between specific areas  
–Provides historic data for industry review for growth or decline, by employment | **National**  
[www.bls.gov/qcew/](http://www.bls.gov/qcew/)  
**Maryland**  
[www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/emppay](http://www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/emppay) |
| **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey** | Data provides occupational employment estimates of the number of people employed in over 800 occupations in the U.S and its territories & the wages paid to them.  
Data Release: during the 2nd quarter of each year | –Analysis of employment by occupation and area  
–Compare occupational wages across area and time  
–Assists in exploring career opportunities  
–Assists in determining salary ranges for different occupations in different regions | **National**  
[www.bls.gov/oes/](http://www.bls.gov/oes/)  
**Maryland**  
[www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/wages/](http://www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/wages/) |
| **Current Employment Statistics (CES)**       | Data provides total industry employment for non-farm payroll jobs, average weekly hours, and average hourly/weekly wages paid to employees of all ages for each payroll job held.  
Data Release: 2-3 weeks after each month ends | –Evaluates the health of the economy by employment  
–Measures employment, earnings trends, and wage inflation & short-term fluctuations in demand  
–Tracks short-term fluctuations in demand based on weekly hours  
–Provides access to industry growth | **National**  
[www.bls.gov/ces/](http://www.bls.gov/ces/)  
**Maryland**  
[www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/ces](http://www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/ces) |
| **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)**  | Monthly and annual estimates of employment, unemployment, & labor force data for Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and cities above 25,000 by place of residence. | –Assists with allocation of assistance to states or regions  
–Planning and budgetary assistance  
–Determines the need for employment and training services  
–Assess localized labor market developments | **National**  
[www.bls.gov/lau/](http://www.bls.gov/lau/)  
**Maryland**  
[www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/laus](http://www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/laus) |
| **Industry and Occupational Projections** | Short- and long-term projections for occupations and industries in Maryland. Short-term projections span two years and long-term projections cover a 10 year period. Regional projections are available by Workforce Region. | –Identify industries in which job openings are expected to occur  
–Identify the state's rapidly-growing, stable or declining industries  
–Identify the state's rapidly-growing, stable or declining occupations | www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/lmiprod.htm|
| **Monthly Labor Review (MLR)** | Monthly publication comprising of LAUS and CES data, as well as a Business News segment. Contains metrics, such as the unemployment rate, for the current month, previous month, and previous year. Also, it includes the monthly press release. | –Staying abreast of current developments and trends  
–Assessing unemployment across the state by county  
–Learning about recent business openings | www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/mlr/|
| **Growth Industry Tool (GIT)** | The Growth Industry Tool can be used to analyze QCEW data for Maryland. GIT produces the number of business, employment growth, employment concentration, and much more. | –Can classify industries as growing, emerging, or declining.  
–Examine employment change over a year or more.  
–Compare employment levels between counties for a given industry | www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/wiagrowthbyind/git.shtml|
| **Growth Occupation Tool (GOT)** | The Growth Occupation Tool is used to analyze OES data for Maryland. Research employment, growth, employment concentration, and wages with GOT. | –Can classify occupations as growing, emerging, or declining.  
–Examine employment change  
–Study occupation data for Maryland’s Workforce Regions or state-wide. | www.labor.maryland.gov/lmi/wiagrowthbyind/got.shtml|
| **Maryland Workforce Exchange** | The Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE) Virtual Labor Market Information website is a powerful labor market information system. It was specifically designed for employers, job seekers, researchers and analysts, and others seeking economic and workforce information. | –Creating profiles of an area, industry, or occupation  
–Analyzing real-time LMI  
–Generating charts and maps containing LMI | https://mwejobs.maryland.gov|

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