

# LMI TUESDAY

## What is the Latest Occupational Information for North Carolina?

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# OEWS:

- Is managed by BLS
- Produces employment and wage estimates based on occupations
- Covers workers in most nonfarm establishments
- Excludes self-employed, owners/partners of unincorporated firms, household workers, unpaid family workers.

## U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



# Questions to help us learn more about the OEWS program:

- 1. Who?**
- 2. What?**
- 3. Where?**
- 4. When?**
- 5. How?**
- 6. Why?**

# Who carries out the work?

The United States [Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) produces this data at the [national level](#) with the help of state partners collecting data for their particular state.

North Carolina's state partner for this program is the NC Department of Commerce, and it is carried out through the dedicated work of those in the Occupational Analysis Team in LEAD.

# Who provides the data?

We collect data from a sample of establishments (chosen by BLS)

- Drawn using Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) information
  - UI-covered employment
- Approximately 6,700 establishments across the industry structure & across all regions in North Carolina

# What is collected?

## The information we collect include:

- Number of workers
- Job titles
- Wage information
- Description of job positions

# Occupations

- The OEWS program uses the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system to classify jobs into occupations based on job duties.

# Standard Occupational Classification System

**AA-BCCD**

- **AA** = Major Group
- **B** = Minor Group
- **CC** = Broad Occupation
- **D** = Detailed Occupation

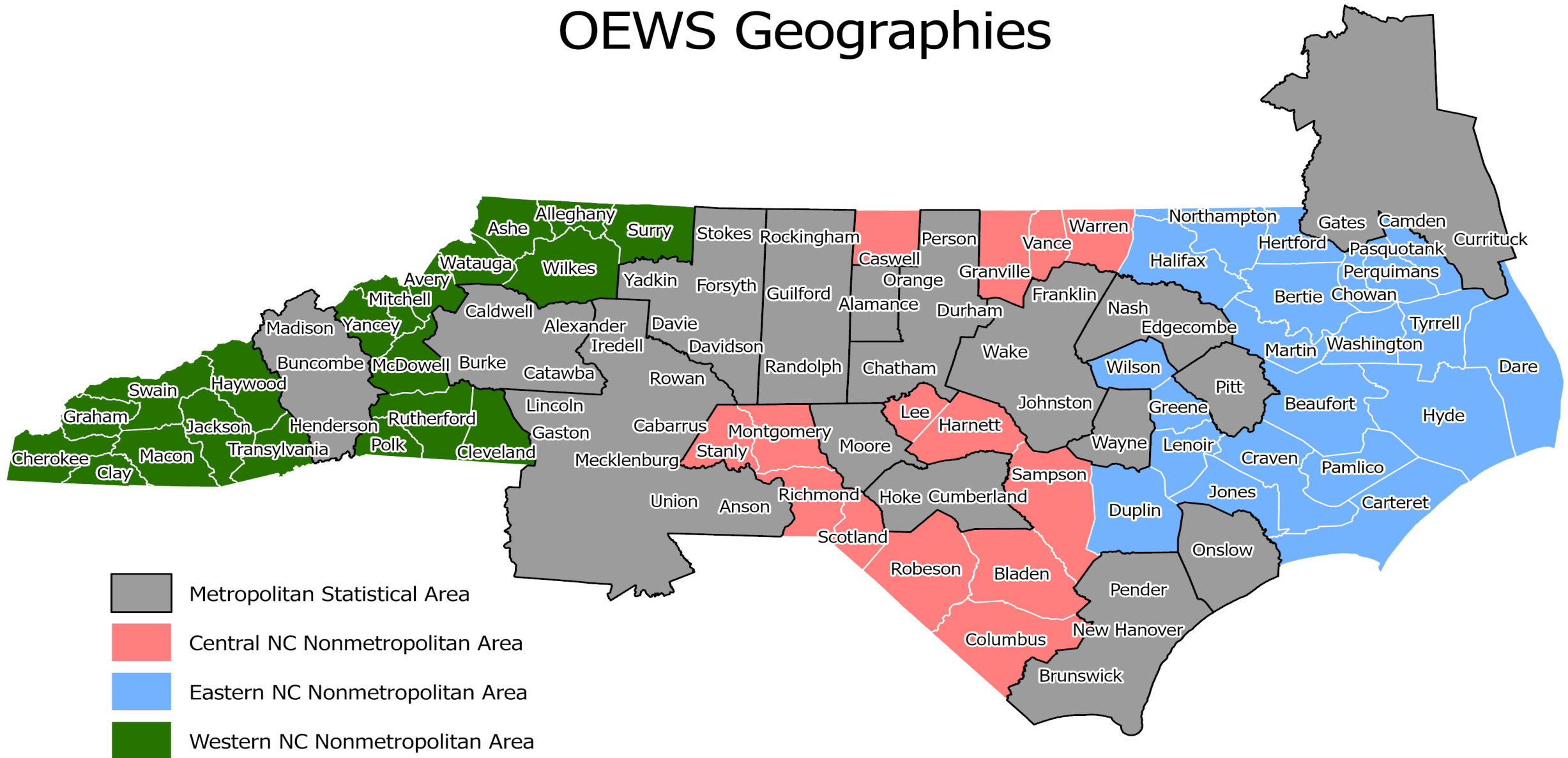
# Occupation Classification

- **Fast Food Cooks 35-2011**
  - **35**: Major Group-
    - **35**-0000 **Food Preparation & Serving Related**
  - **2**: Minor Group-
    - 35-**2**000 **Cooks & Food Preparation Workers**
  - **01**: Broad Occupation-
    - 35-2**01**0 **Cooks**
  - **1**: Detailed Occupation-
    - 35-201**1** **Cooks, Fast Food**

# Where?

- **National level**
- **State Level**
- **Metropolitan Statistical Area**
- **Balance of State**

# OEWS Geographies



Map Created June 2025

# **How? When?**

**Collect data for 2 samples of employers each year (May & November). Work involves collecting, quality reviewing, coding, and processing data.**

**May 2024 estimates publication includes data collected over the past 3 years.**

# Why?

- Produce employment and wage estimates
- Provide comprehensive information on occupations at multiple levels directly for public
- Feeds into projections, which provide information about future occupational growth and needs

# Employment in North Carolina (May 2024)

- The occupations with the most employment in North Carolina are:

SOC	Occupation	Employment (statewide)
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	126,060
41-2011	Cashiers	115,170
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	113,330
29-1141	Registered Nurses	108,510
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	91,980

# Employment in North Carolina (May 2024)

## Major Occupational Groups:

- The largest occupational family in North Carolina is Office and Administrative Support (SOC 43-0000) at 553,530.
- The smallest is Farming, Fishing, and Forestry (SOC 45-0000) at 7,920.

# Wages in North Carolina (May 2024)

## A Look at Wages in NC:

- Annual median wage across all occupations is \$46,950.
- Annual mean wage across all occupations is \$62,440.

# Wages in North Carolina (May 2024)

- The occupational groups with highest annual median salaries in North Carolina are:

Code	Major Occupational Group	Median Salary (annual)
11-0000	Management Occupations	\$115,610
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$106,290
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$85,860
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$79,210
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$78,660

# NC Products that Incorporate OEWS Data

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☐Balance of State

☐Metropolitan Statistical Area (2013 Def)

Occupational Employment and Wages in North Carolina (OEWS) ?

Occupation:

00-0000 - Total All occupations  
11-0000 - Management Occupations  
13-0000 - Business and Financial Operations Occupations  
15-0000 - Computer and Mathematical Occupations  
17-0000 - Architecture and Engineering Occupations  
19-0000 - Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations  
21-0000 - Community and Social Services Occupations  
23-0000 - Legal Occupations  
25-0000 - Education, Training, and Library Occupations

Industry:

000000-Cross-industry, private, federal, state, and local government  
11 -Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting  
113 -Forestry and Logging  
1133 -Logging  
115 -Agriculture & Forestry Support Activity  
1151 -Support Activities for Crop Production  
1152 -Support Activities for Animal Production  
21 -Mining

Data:

Employment  
Employment Relative Standard Error  
Response Rate(%)  
Hourly wage; mean  
Annual wage; mean  
Wage Relative Standard Error  
Hourly wage; 10th percentile  
Hourly wage; 25th percentile  
Hourly wage; median

Additional information regarding the OEWS program including data for the Nation and other states can be accessed on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at <https://www.bls.gov/oes/home.htm>

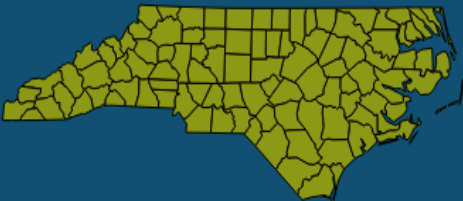
[OEWS industry hierarchy](#)  
[OEWS occupation hierarchy](#)

# NC Products that Incorporate OEWS Data

## Occupational Wage Lookup Dashboard



### North Carolina 2022 Occupational Wage Lookup



Step 1: Select Area

North Carolina

Step 2: Select a Job Title

All Occupations

To select a different SOC code or Official Occupation Category, click a different code/category.

Step 3: Select the most appropriate SOC Code or Occupation Category

SOC Code	Official Occupation Category(ies) for Selected Job Title	BLS Min Ed Req for Entry for Selected Job Title
00-0000	All Occupations	Missing or N/A

All occupations across all industries in this area.

[Click here for more information about the necessary experience, education, and key skills and abilities for All Occupations.](#)

Step 4: Select Industry Level

All (NAICS 000000)

Step 5: Select industry(ies)

000000 -- Total, all industries

Step 6: Select Wage Type

Annual

Step 7: View data below. Missing values are suppressed.

To quickly deselect industries, check the "(All)" option at the top of the filter, then uncheck the same option. If you did it correctly, the bar should say "(None)".

# Recap

1. The Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics program is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Dept. of Labor and States.
2. OEWS provides perhaps the most comprehensive picture of occupational employment and wages across the country, state, and regional geographies.
3. The latest NC occupational employment data are available now and can be accessed from [D4](#), our [dashboard](#), and the [BLS national](#) website.

# Thank You!



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