Special Article

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Third Quarter 2018

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The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program publishes a quarterly census of nonagricultural wage and salary establishments, employment, and wages by industry. Data is based on information reported by New Mexico employers, covering 97 percent of nonfarm wage and salary workers. Data are published every quarter for statewide New Mexico, the four workforce regions, the four metropolitan statistical areas (Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe), and all 33 counties at the 2- and 3-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) level. To access and download these data, visit NMDWS’s interactive website—LASER (https://jobs.state.nm.us/QCEW).

Private Sector Average Weekly Wage

New Mexico $823

Largest Industry* by County

Health Care & Social Assistance
- Bernalillo County 48,931
- Doña Ana County 14,499
- San Juan County 6,621
- McKinley County 3,744
- Chaves County 3,572
- Curry County 2,872
- Otero County 2,670
- San Miguel County 1,929
- Cibola County 1,585
- Rio Arriba County 1,524
- Socorro County 894
- Sierra County 655
- Union County 183
- Mora County 174
- Catron County 152

Accommodation & Food Services
- Santa Fe County 9,996
- Taos County 2,326
- Lincoln County 1,442
- Colfax County 1,066
- Quay County 501
- Guadalupe County 417

Retail Trade
- Valencia County 2,417
- Torrance County 542
- Hidalgo County 241
- De Baca County 67

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting
- Luna County 1,325
- Roosevelt County 938
- Harding County 24

Mining
- Eddy County 7,595
- Lea County 7,498
- Grant County 1,445

Professional & Scientific Services
- Los Alamos County 11,542

Administrative & Support & Wage Management & Remediation Services
- Sandoval County 4,146

* Largest industry is based on employment in the private sector.
Percent of Establishments by Industry

Total Number of Establishments in New Mexico in the Third Quarter 2018: 60,308

- Health Care & Social Assistance, 16.1%
- Professional & Technical Services, 11.8%
- Retail Trade, 10.3%
- Accommodation & Food Services, 7.2%
- Other Services, 6.8%
- Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services, 5.6%
- Finance & Insurance, 4.7%
- Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing, 4.1%
- Transportation & Warehousing, 3.1%
- Public Administration, 3.1%
- Educational Services, 2.4%
- Manufacturing, 2.9%
- Information, 1.8%
- Arts, Entertainment & Recreation, 1.6%
- Mgt. of Cos, 0.6%
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting, 1.5%
- Utilities, 0.7%
- Mining, 1.9%
- Construction, 9.3%
- Wholesale Trade, 4.6%
- Utilities, 0.7%
- Mgt. of Cos, 0.6%
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting, 1.5%
- Information, 1.8%
- Arts, Entertainment & Recreation, 1.6%
- Manufacturing, 2.9%
- Public Administration, 3.1%
- Educational Services, 2.4%
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