Special Article

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, First Quarter 2019
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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: $871

Largest Industry* by County
New Mexico: Health Care & Social Assistance
- Bernalillo County
- Catron County
- Chaves County
- Cibola County
- Curry County
- Doña Ana County
- Hidalgo County
- Luna County
- McKinley County
- Mora County
- Otero County
- Rio Arriba County
- San Juan County
- San Miguel County
- Sierra County
- Socorro County
- Taos County

Accommodation & Food Services
- Colfax County
- Guadalupe County
- Lincoln County
- Quay County
- Santa Fe County
- Taos County

Retail Trade
- De Baca County
- Torrance County
- Valencia County

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting
- Harding County
- Roosevelt County

Mining
- Eddy County
- Grant County
- Lea County

Professional & Scientific Services
- Los Alamos County

Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services
- Sandoval County

* Largest industry is based on employment in the private sector.
Business Establishment Size, First Quarter 2019

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) releases statewide data on establishments by number of employees for the first quarter of each year from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program. These data are referred to as “size class” data. Preliminary data for first quarter 2019 were released in August. Data are collected for privately owned establishments employing workers covered under the New Mexico unemployment insurance (UI) program only.

For more information on size class data, visit [https://www.bls.gov/cew/home.htm](https://www.bls.gov/cew/home.htm). Since QCEW is a large dataset, the BLS created a data tool specifically to access pre-selected segments of QCEW data, including size class data. To access this data tool, visit [https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/data_views/data_views.htm#tab=Tables](https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/data_views/data_views.htm#tab=Tables).

### Employment by Number of Employees (as a % of establishments)

**Number of Establishments in New Mexico as of First Quarter 2019, 57,270**

- <5: 62.2%
- 5–9: 15.0%
- 10–19: 10.9%
- 20–49: 7.9%
- 50–99: 2.3%
- 100–249: 1.2%
- 250+: 0.4%

- 62.2% of New Mexico’s Establishments are Small Establishments (fewer than 5 employees)

### Employment by Size of Establishment (as a % of establishment)

**Average Number of Employees as of First Quarter 2019, 643,237**

- 20–49: 20.9%
- 250+: 19.6%
- 100–249: 16.0%
- 50–99: 13.8%
- 10–19: 13.1%
- 5–9: 8.8%
- <5: 7.8%

- 20.9% of New Mexico’s Workforce are employed in Medium-Sized Establishments (20 to 40 employees)

### Industries by Size of Establishment (as a % of establishments)

- Real estate: 78.3%
- Prof. & Tech. Svcs: 77.4%
- Information: 72.2%
- Health Care & Social Asst.: 70.7%
- Other Svcs: 70.5%
- Prof. & Tech. Svcs: 22.6%
- Information: 27.8%
- Health Care & Social Asst.: 29.3%
- Other Svcs: 29.5%

- Real Estate has the Largest Concentration of Small Establishments (fewer than 5 employees)
- Accommodation & Food Service has the Smallest Concentration of Small Establishments (fewer than 5 employees)