Quarterly Workforce Indicators from the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

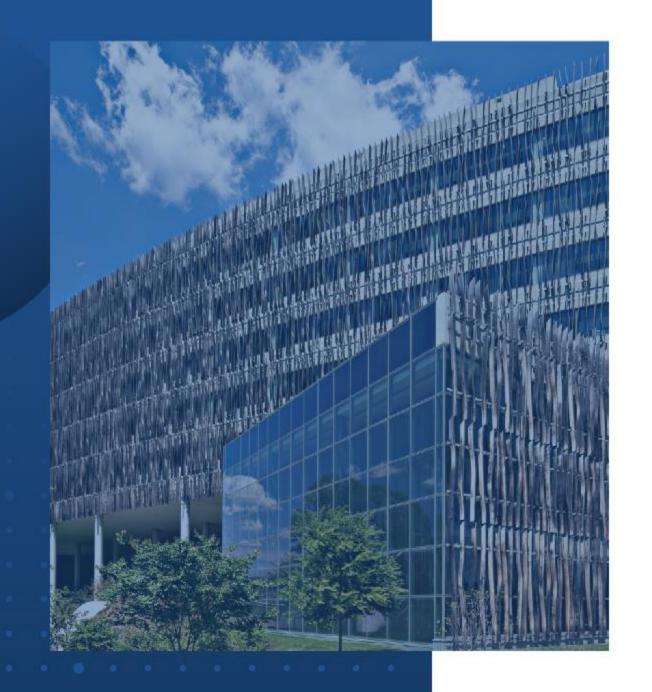
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Program and Partnership

LEHD Program

An innovative federal statistical program, collecting existing data and ...

Firm Data

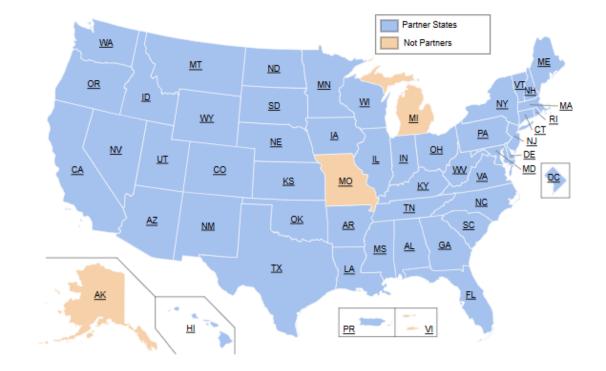
..linking it together to provide new information sources at low cost

Jobs

Data

Person Data

New linked national jobs data for the U.S.







Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)

Online Tool	Data/Availability	Description
J2J Explorer	J2J: Quarterly, 2000- <u>Latest</u>	A web-based tool for analyzing new statistics on job flows. Multiple interactive visualizations trace worker movements through industries, geographic labor markets, and to/from employment.
QWI Explorer	QWI: Quarterly, 1990- <u>Latest</u>	Provides charts, maps, and interactive tables for users to compare, rank, and aggregate QWIs across firm and worker characteristics.
<u>OnTheMap</u>	LODES: Annual, 2002- <u>Latest</u>	Maps, charts, and reports on demographic characteristics and commute patterns of workers/jobs covering 50 states plus D.C.
OnTheMap for Emergency management	LODES: Annual, Latest	Shows potential impact on jobs/workers and population for hurricanes, fires, floods, winter storms, and disaster declaration areas. Real-time disaster events are automatically updated. Selected variables from ACS and Decennial data are also available.
PSEO Explorer	PSEO: Annual, 2001- <u>Latest</u>	Interactive tool allows for comparisons of earnings and employment outcomes for recent graduates.
VEO Explorer	VEO: Annual, 2001- <u>Latest</u>	Interactive tool allows for comparisons of earnings and employment outcomes for military veterans.
LED Extraction Tool	QWI: 1990- <u>Latest</u> J2J: 2000- <u>Latest</u> LODES: 2002- <u>Latest</u>	Easy access to raw data extracts from the QWI, J2J, and LODES datasets through a simple query-building interface.





QWI Explorer

- ✓ 32 Quarterly Workforce Indicators
- ✓ Flexible Pivot Table and Map/Chart interface
- ✓ Data on detailed interactions between firms and workers include employment, employment change (individual and firm), and earnings
- Analyze/report by worker demographics: age, earnings, race, ethnicity, educational attainment, and sex





- ✓ Analyze/report by firm characteristics: NAICS classification (sector, 3, 4), firm age, and firm size
- ✓ Quarterly data very current (9-12 months old)
- ✓ National and 50 states available (plus DC)



QCEW VS QWI

QCEW vs. QWI		
Feature	QCEW (Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages)	QWI (Quarterly Workforce Indicators)
Agency	Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)	U.S. Census Bureau (LEHD program)
Data Source	State unemployment insurance (UI) tax records + BLS surveys	State UI wage records + Census demographic & business data
Coverage	~95% of U.S. jobs (UI-covered)	States participating in LEHD (nearly all)
Focus	Jobs, establishments, and wages	Workforce dynamics: hiring, separations, job flows
Demographics	× None	Yes (age, sex, race/ethnicity, education)
Employer Details	Industry, size, location	Industry, size, location
Measures Provided	Employment counts, establishments, total wages, average weekly wages	Employment, earnings, job creation, separations, turnover
Geographic Detail	Nation → state → county → metro	Nation → state → county → metro → workforce areas
Strengths	Benchmark census of employment and wages; highly detailed geography and industry	Rich detail on who is working where; tracks workforce dynamics over time
Limitations	No demographic detail; 5–6 month lag in release	More complex, sometimes less timely; may not perfectly match QCEW totals



LED in Action

Leveraging Quarterly Workforce Indicators to Analyze Teacher Labor Market Dynamics: Inequitable Trends in Educator Turnover





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Educator labor markets vary considerably across the country and can change quickly during recessions. We use data from the Quality Workforce Indicators (QWI) on educators in Elementary and Secondary Schools from 2000-01 to 2022-23. We demonstrate how to transform the quarter-level data in the QWI to construct valid educator labor market measures. The strengths of the QWI address the limitations of other sources of labor market data, including (I) non-standardized definitions, (2) sampling that is useful for describing local and regional trends, (3) contemporaneous availability, and (4) lack of data for sub-groups. We demonstrate how the QWI addresses each of these data gaps and describe how educator labor markets vary across time, region, and educator characteristics.

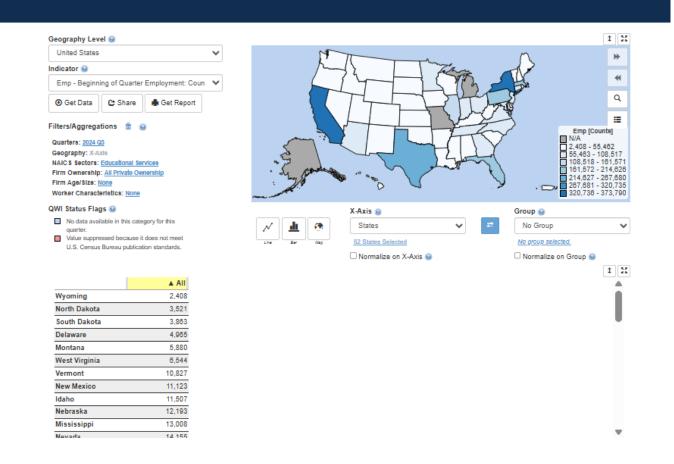




Education Employment Count by State

Census QWI Explorer

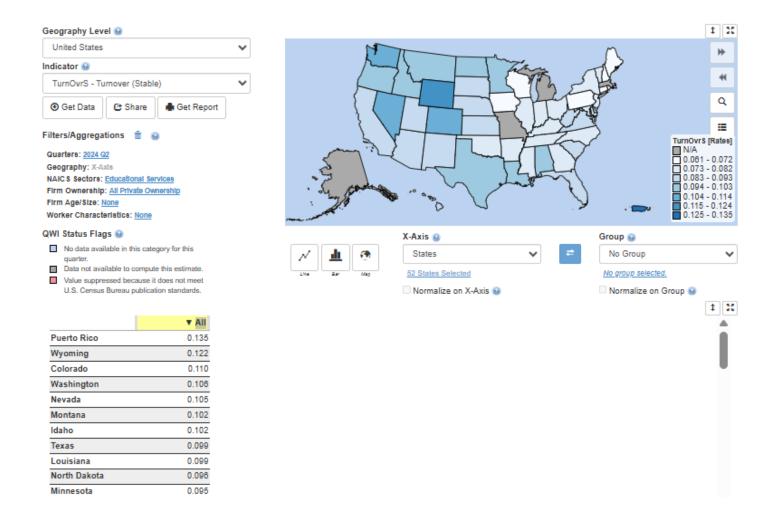
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Regional Turnovers for Education

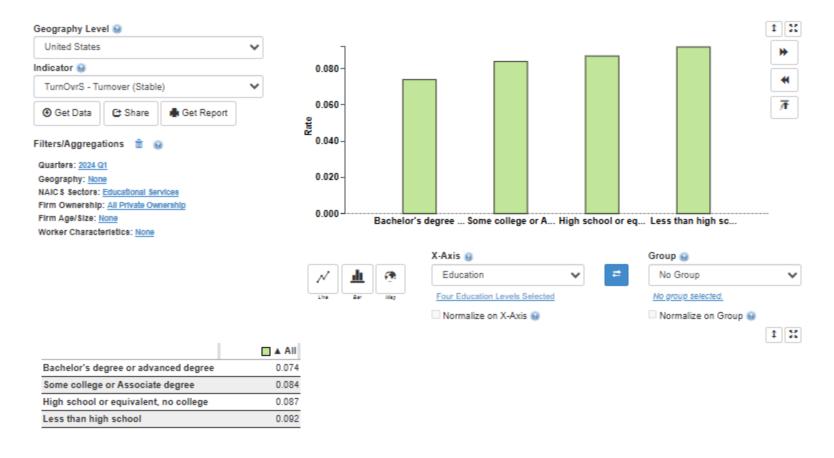




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Turnover by Education

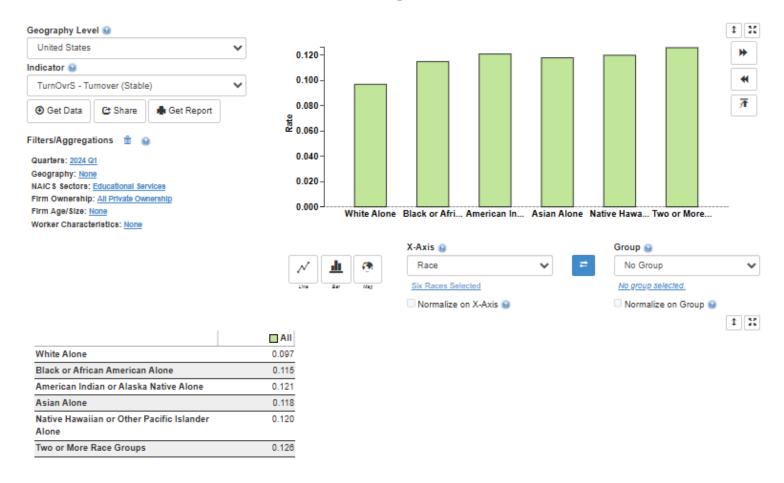




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Turnover by Race

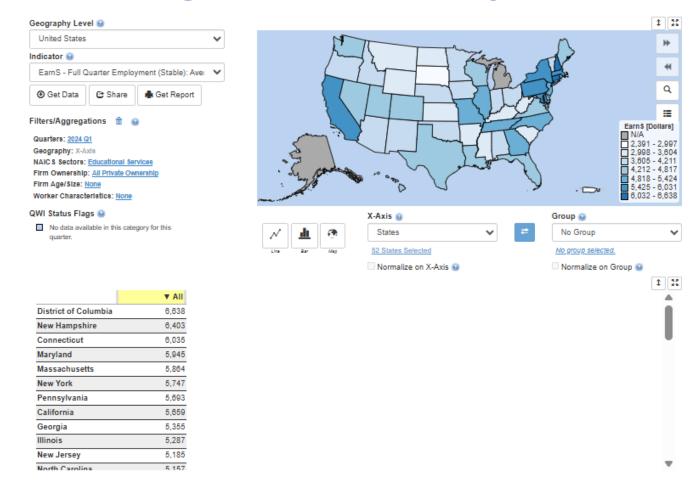


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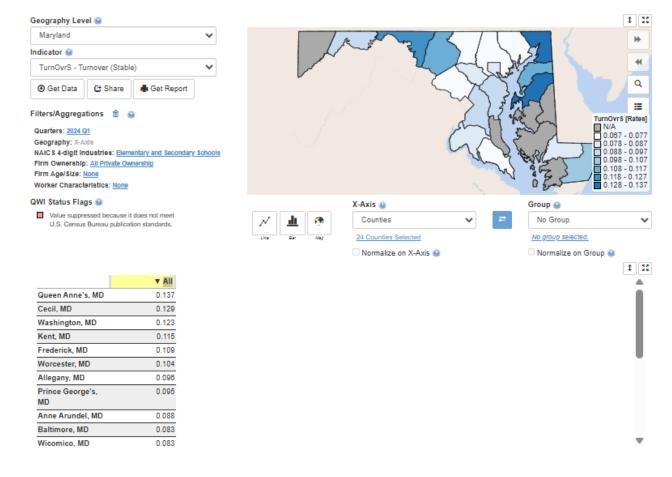
Earnings in Education by State







Turnover for Elementary and Secondary Schools – NAICS 4-Digit in Maryland

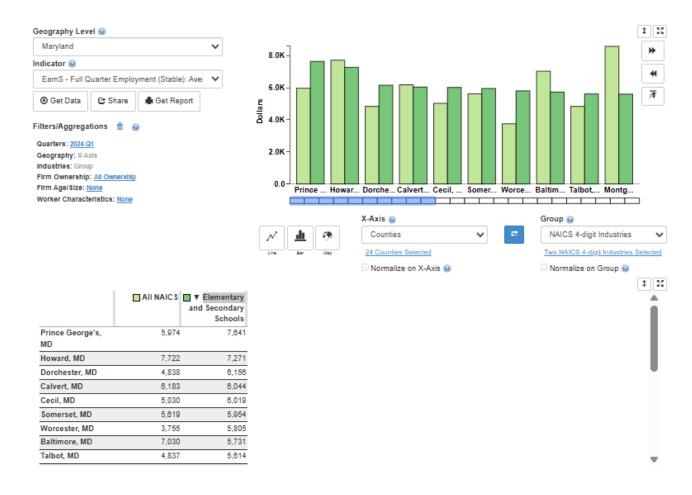




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Earnings by County in the State of Maryland



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Live Demo



Resources

QWI Explorer

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LED Extraction Tool

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Quarterly Workforce Indicators Explorer

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QWI 101

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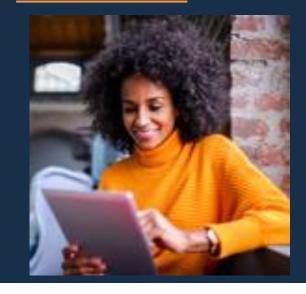
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Q & A and Thank You!

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