

Industry Changes to County Employment and Wages Data

In an effort to enhance the comparability of industrial employment and wage statistics across Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and more accurately reflect economic activities within industries, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is revised periodically. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget in conjunction with its counterparts in Canada and Mexico developed NAICS 2007.

The conversion to NAICS 2007 resulted in minor revisions reflecting content changes in the following industries: agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; manufacturing; information; finance and insurance; and professional and business services. Several industry titles and descriptions were also updated. This revision had a minimal impact on Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) data. Approximately 1 percent of both employment and establishments were reclassified into different industries as a result of the revision.

Some industries were directly transferred to new industries while others were split into two or more industries. In some cases where an industry was split into two or more industries, some of the establishments, employment, and wages stayed in the original industry. There were 8 industries that were directly moved to new industries created in the NAICS 2007 revision. Approximately 3,100 establishments representing approximately 49,000 employees were impacted by these direct transfers. In addition, 13 industries split into two or more industries. Approximately 2,400 establishments representing approximately 24,000 employees were impacted by these split transfers.