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(and how to avoid it)

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Iowa Employment Data Challenges and Opportunities

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Presentation Overview

- IWD
- What is Employment Data ES 202
- How the Modeling Community Uses Data
- Confidentiality
- History of use in Iowa
- Current use restrictions
- Solutions
- OTS Data, Info USA
- On-the Map alternative

What is Workforce Development?

- Mostly thought of as the place to go to apply for jobs.
- They link job placement and skill development into one system to maximize success in helping people find employment.

• IWD Mission:

• Iowa Workforce Development contributes to the economic security of Iowa's workers, businesses and communities through a comprehensive statewide system of employment services, education and regulation of health, safety and employment laws.

Iowa Workforce Development Building



IWD Divisions

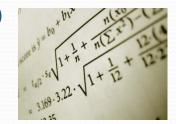
- Labor Services
- Worker's Compensation
- Unemployment Insurance
- Administrative Services
- Workforce Development Center Administration
- Labor Market and Workforce Information

 This Division is where we get our employment data

Labor Market and Workforce Information Division

- 3 Bureau's
- Labor Force and Occupational Analysis Bureau
- Regional Research & Analysis Bureau
- Employment Statistics Bureau

Where do we get our data?



- Employment Statistics Bureau
 - Responsible for data collection, analysis and publication of statistical data for 3 programs:
- The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
- The Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey
- Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey

- A monthly survey of business establishments which provides estimates of employment, hours worked, and earnings data by industry for:
 - the nation as a whole,
 - all States,
 - and most major metropolitan areas.

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

- A voluntary partnership between state labor market information agencies and the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The program develops new demographic information about local labor market conditions.

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

- A cooperative program involving the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) (Part of the US Department of Labor) and the State Employment Security Agencies.
 - In our case: Iowa Workforce Development
- The QCEW program produces a comprehensive tabulation of employment and wage information for workers covered by State unemployment insurance (UI) laws and Federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program.

QCEW Program

- Produces a comprehensive tabulation of employment and wage information for workers covered by State unemployment insurance (UI) laws
- Also for Federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program.
- The program serves as a near census of monthly employment and quarterly wage information.
- These data are publicly available but are aggregated to various industry and geographic levels!!!!

National Data Access





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Iowa Current Employment Statistics Monthly Newsletter Monthly tables of employment in Iowa's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and Statewide.

Iowa Quarterly Industry Review (PDF) A Web publication that compiles public announcements and articles from newspapers and periodicals about business events significant to Iowa labor markets as they are reported.

Local Employment Dynamics innovative demographic employment information.

Iowa Factbook A publication by Legislative Services Agency that contains a range of facts, both financial and non-financial, regarding the State of Iowa.

Subscribe to Iowa Trends and receive notification when significant trends are updated, about once each month.

Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.6 percent in December, up from 4.4 percent one year ago.

County unemployment rates map

Iowa Nonfarm Employment totaled 1,468,800 in December, 13,200 less than November. (PDF)

Iowa Worknet - Labor market information quarterly publication (PDF)

Iowa Unemployment Insurance Claim Statistics now updated weekly.

December Year-to-Date new Vehicle Registrations are down 16.5% compared to last year. Registrations have decreased by 16.6% for US auto makers while foreign auto makers are down 16.4%.

Latest Indicator Links	Update	Value	Period		
♥ Vehicle Registrations	02/01/10	-16.5%	Dec - Dec		
♥ Housing Permits	01/29/10	-8.2%	Dec - Dec		
♠ Existing Home Sales	02/12/10	+9.9%	3rd Qtr - 4th Qtr		
◆ Total Resident Jobs	01/22/10	2,700	Nov - Dec		
Non-farm Employment	01/22/10	-13,200	Nov - Dec		
Factory Jobs	01/22/10	-18,000	Nov - Dec		
♦ Jobless Rate	01/22/10	6.6%	Dec		
◆ Personal Income	03/30/09	+5.7%	4th Qtr - 4th Qtr		
◆ Unemployment Claims	02/19/10	+0.5%	Jan - Jan		
◆ Farmland Values	12/04/09	-7.0%	Oct - Oct		

ES 202 What is it?

- Employment Data, ES 202, QCEW, IWD, unemployment data, employment securities and other given names.
- The ES202 database is derived from company level data obtained by each state for unemployment compensation tax collection purposes.
- Nearly all employers with paid employees are required to file unemployment insurance reports (technically called ES202) to their respective states (IWD) on a quarterly basis.
- The data received from the state is confidential!
- It has information on most employers in the state.
- Variables include company name, address, zip code, city, county, industrial classification (NAICS), number of employees, and total payroll.

NAICS Lookup Table

Code	Industry Title	Count*				
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	439,154				
21	Mining	32,209				
22	Utilities	279,639				
23	Construction	1,440,911				
31-33	Manufacturing	105,824				
42	Wholesale Trade	743,751				
44-45	Retail Trade	1,287,896				
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	336,121				
51	Information	321,336				
52	Finance and Insurance	676,215				
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	688,994				
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,803,748				
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	21,358				
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,130,823				
61	Educational Services	297,068				
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,162,133				
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	282,386				
72	Accommodation and Food Services	747,482				
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,767,215				
92	Public Administration	227,581				

What is ES 202 Data Used For?

- This rich and detailed database is used to conduct applied research and technical assistance projects throughout the state, by qualified users.
- The data helps analysts to understand the economic base of cities and other regions, monitor the performance of major development projects, and assist in industry targeting, small business growth, and labor force training.
- As we all know it is also used as a critical input to Travel Demand Models.

The Real Data We Need!

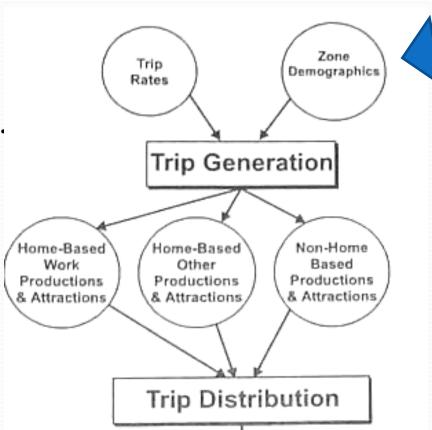
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Use of Employment Data for Transportation Planning

Employment data primarily used as Input for Trip

Generation.

Trip Attractions.



Use of Employment Data for Transportation Planning

- Employment attributes
 - E.g., number of employees or size of establishments

Trip Generation Models

Trip Attraction Rates (Person Trips)

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HBW = 1.7 × (Total Employment)

HBO =10.0 × (Retail Employment)
+ 0.5 × (Non-Retail Employment)
+ 1.0 × Households)

NHB = 2.0 × (Retail Employment)
+2.5 × (Non-Retail Employment)
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 $+ 0.5 \times (Households)$

Broken out by Employment Category Retail vs. Non-retail



! No Employment Data = No Attraction Model !

Data Confidentiality



- BLS Confidentiality Pledge
 - "The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA) (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent."

Data Confidentiality



Identifiable Form

 Any representation of information that permits the identity of the respondent to whom the information applies to be reasonably inferred by either direct or indirect means.

Informed Consent

• The process by which the BLS seeks the permission of a survey respondent to release information originally provided under a pledge of confidentiality.

Statistical Purpose



- A statistical purpose is defined as the use of data to describe, estimate, or analyze the characteristics of groups, without identifying individual respondents.
- Much of the data and analyses produced by the BLS are issued in the form of news releases, summaries, and reports. Data are presented in aggregate or summary form in these documents. Therefore, individual responses or respondents will not be able to be identified.
- Nonstatistical purposes involve using information in identifiable form for any purpose that is not statistical, such as administrative, regulatory, law enforcement, judicial, or any other purposes that may affect the rights, privileges, or benefits of a respondent.

Why is Protecting Data so Important?

The BLS must protect respondent data because:

- Most of these data are provided to the BLS voluntarily.
- The BLS promises its respondents that these data will be kept confidential and will be used only for the statistical purposes specified at the time of collection.
- The data has significant commercial value.
- It may affect the movement of financial markets.
- It may be taken as a measure of the impact of government policies.
- Keeping these data confidential guarantees that no one can gain an economic or political advantage through advance knowledge of the information, and protects the integrity and credibility of the BLS.

Why is Protecting Data so Important?

Because it's the law...

 The main laws governing the handling of confidential or private information are:



- The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act.
- The Privacy Act.
- The Trade Secrets Act.
- The Workforce Investment Act.





• Willful and knowing disclosure of protected data may result in being charged with a **felony** and criminal penalties of up to five years **imprisonment** and a **\$250,000 fine**.

Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347)

- CIPSEA prohibits disclosure, or release, of information which is collected under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes.
- Confidential data may be disclosed only with the respondent's informed consent, which is further explained later in this presentation.

Privacy Act

 The Privacy Act requires Federal agencies to protect personal information it collects and maintains on individuals, also known as Personally Identifiable Information, from disclosure.



Trade Secrets Act



- The Trade Secrets Act prohibits the disclosure of confidential business information collected and maintained by the government.
- Examples of this type of information collected and held by the BLS include information about a business establishment's profits, losses, or expenditures.
- Unauthorized disclosure of confidential business information may result in criminal penalties of up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine.

Workforce Investment Act

- Like CIPSEA, the Workforce Investment Act prohibits the disclosure of data collected for statistical purposes.
- This law applies to employment data collected by BLS.
- Confidential data may be disclosed only with the respondent's informed consent.

BLS Confidentiality Policy

- BLS Employees promise to protect confidential data by taking the Federal government Oath of Office and by signing an "Employee Acknowledgement Letter."
- State employees and employees of offsite contractors promise to protect confidential data by signing a legal document called a "BLS Agent Agreement."



STATE: IOWA

BLS AGENT AGREEMENT									
1. I, JAY A. Mousa,	an authorized official of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (B	LS), U.S. Department of Labor, hereby							
(Exhibit A), to serve	designate as a temporary Agent of the BLS, within the meaning of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA), Public Law 107-347 (Exhibit A), to serve in accordance with this Agent Agreement, the Cooperative Agreement and any other agreements entered into between the BLS and, and in accordance with applicable Federal law								
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Responsibility for Safeguarding Confidential Information

- You, as an agent of the BLS have a responsibility to safeguard confidential information.
 - Do not share confidential information with anyone who is not authorized to receive it.
 - Do not disclose or discuss with unauthorized persons specific statistical methods used to limit disclosure of data that might reveal the identity of a specific survey respondent, such as the statistical techniques used to suppress sensitive cells in published tables.

Responsibility for Safeguarding Confidential Information

- You, as an agent of the BLS have a responsibility to safeguard confidential information.
 - Report any confidentiality breaches that you may become aware of to your supervisor who must report the breach immediately to the designated BLS official.
 - Uphold the BLS confidential information policies and procedures.
 - Follow all BLS-wide and program-specific security procedures and precautions when producing, using, storing, printing, and transmitting confidential data.

Confidentiality Training

• As the principal data gathering agency of the Federal Government in the field of labor economics, it is important that the **BLS** maintains its **integrity**, **confidentiality**, and **trust** with respondents and data users to ensure accurate and honest data are provided for BLS surveys.



Confidentiality Training

 Per a new Federal requirement stemming from the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act, all agents accessing confidential data at the BLS <u>must</u> take annual confidentiality training.



Certificate of Completion

This certifies that

Phil Mescher

has completed the

BLS Confidentiality Training for Iowa LMI

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History

- In the past, Iowa MPOs had little trouble obtaining ES 202 data from the Department of Workforce Development. (Gentlemen's Agreement)
- The confidential nature of the data was respected.
- A few years ago a mistake was made and IWD employees discovered the data published on an MPOs website.
- This resulted in a complete ban on its use.



What has taken place since?

- Many phone calls with IWD.
- Face-to-face visit with IWD.
- Our promise to protect the data.
- IWD staff turnover.
- Same story from IWD.
- DOT Office/Division Director involvement.
- DOT IWD Director Involvement.
- Data is critical to Planning and Programming of Iowa's Highways.
- DOT can get the data but must be kept confidential.

In other words....

• We are not supposed to distribute raw data to MPOs.

Still kind of...



Solutions

- DOT can access ES 202 data.
 - Then aggregate for MPOs TAZ by TAZ.
 - Significantly reduces ability to "check" the data.
 - Local knowledge is limited.
 - ES 202 has its own set of accuracy issues!!
- Consolidated Purchase of OTS data. (?DOT subsidy?)
 - Info USA
 - Dunn & Bradstreet
 - Manta.com
 - Basically ES 202 type data
 - Mix and match data sets to protect confidentiality

Employment Data Sources

a. PRIVATE

InfoUSA	http://www.infousa.com/
Dun & Bradstreet	http://www.dnb.com/
Experian	http://www.experian.com/products/national_business_database.htm http://www.experian.com/
Claritas	http://en-us.nielsen.com/tab/product_families/nielsen_claritas
Geo Results	http://www.georesults.com/
MapInfo Business Points	http://www.mapinfo.com/
AGS Applied Geographic Solutions	http://www.appliedgeographic.com/
Equifax	http://www.equifax.com/
Global Insight	http://www.globalinsight.com/
0-0 DataNetwork Corporation	http://www.0-0.net/

b. FEDERAL

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages-(ES202) Program	http://www.bls.gov/cew/
Current Employment Statistics (CES) program	http://www.bls.gov/ces/
Current Population Survey (CPS)	http://www.census.gov/cps/
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)	http://www.bls.gov/lau
American Community Survey (ACS)	http://www.census.gov/acs/www/
Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program	http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/index.php
Census Transportation Planning Package 2000 (CTPP 2000)	http://www.dot.gov/ctpp/
Regional Industrial Multiplier System (RIMS)	http://www.bea.gov/regional/

Solutions

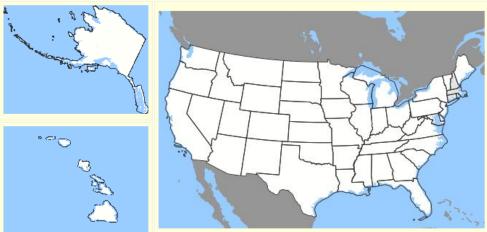
U.S. Census Bureau LED On The Map

OnTheMap Version 4 provides detailed maps showing where workers are employed and where they live with companion reports on age, earnings, industry distribution, and local workforce indicators. A total of 47 states are currently featured showing data for seven years (2002 through 2008). Click on one of the "Information/Help" links to the right of the map for more information on using the application.

Getting Started - Select a Geographic Area - Enter a geographic area (state, county, zip code, congressional district, metro area, city name, etc.) into the place name lookup box below. Then click the Enter button



Getting Started - Click in the Map - Start by clicking at the center of the geographical area for your analysis. The application will open a regional map centered on the selected point.



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OnTheMap Version 4

Information/Help

What's New [PDF; File Size: 120KB]
Getting Started [PDF; File Size: 2.45MB]
Sample Analysis - Area Profile [PDF; File Size: 1.85MB]
Sample Analysis - Shed [PDF; File Size: 1.31MB]

Resource Links:

LEHD Home QWI Online Industry Focus Older Worker Profiles

Solutions

- OnTheMap Version 4 provides detailed maps showing where workers are employed and where they live with companion reports on age, earnings, industry distribution, and local workforce indicators.
- Shows commuting patterns.
 - Now produces ESRI Shapefiles with # employees.
 - Still issues with the data. Place of work info has problems as does physical location.
 - Needs more investigation.
 - Confidentiality Issues......

OnTheMap Confidentiality

- The Census Bureau and its state partners are committed to protecting the confidentiality and integrity of the underlying workforce and employment data files.
- Statistical techniques are employed by the Census Bureau to ensure that actual statistics are not shown if the numbers in a cell are small.
- Rather, the mapping displays and tabular reports show **synthetic data** that are statistically analogous to actual worker counts and locations **but not exact**.

OnTheMap Confidentiality

 Only Census Bureau employees or individuals who have Special Sworn Status are permitted to work with the underlying confidential data.



Discussion/Questions







Other Info

- NHTS Data Released January 2010
 - National and Add-on Data
 - Cedar Rapids, Omaha/CB, State of Iowa
- NHTS Workshops currently being planned



CTPP



- Oversight board continues to meet
- CTPP Access Software
 - Contract with Beyond 20/20 and Citygate
 - Same company that developed last browser
- CTPP is now working with ACS data for CTPP Products
 - No Long Form for 2010 Census

TAZ Delineation

- Agency Responsibility Spreadsheet delivered to CB January 2010
 - This shows who is responsible for TAZ delineation
 - Liang Long, CS is contact for program
 - TAZ-UP software distribution **Spring 2011** (Caliper)
 - Only 4 months to complete and return
 - TAZ sizes (2 levels)
 - 1. Base TAZs with threshold of 1,200 population
 - 2. Transportation Analysis Districts with 20,000 threshold.

Census

- Census Day April 1, 2010
- In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided.
- If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.
- TV Ads http://2010.census.gov/mediacenter/spread-message/paid-ad-campaign/tv-ads/index.php?v,n8

Seatbelt Ad

• http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/health/2010/02/2
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