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Annual Census of Industry Employment and Wages Available

PIERRE, S.D. – Industry employment and wage data from a 2016 census is available from the Department of Labor and Regulation. This annual summary includes numbers of establishments, numbers of workers, and average pay by industry sector and by size class of employer.

“Payroll data reported by employers to our unemployment insurance tax unit is converted into labor market information through the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “This is valuable to businesses, economic developers, career decision makers and individual job seekers.”

The number of South Dakota employees covered by unemployment insurance in 2016 was 420,466, an increase of 1.1 percent from 2015. Average annual pay increased by 2.5 percent to \$41,168.

“Counties seeing the largest actual growth in workers from 2015 to 2016 were Minnehaha, Lincoln and Pennington,” said Secretary Hultman. “The census also shows the predominance of small businesses in South Dakota, with 77.8 percent of all establishments in 2016 falling in the 0-9 worker size class.”

Industry supersectors seeing the largest percentage in employment growth were Natural Resources and Mining, Construction, and Education and Health Services.

The detailed annual summary with a narrative analysis, tables and graphs for each industry is available from the Labor Market Information Center at dlr.sd.gov/lmic or by calling 605-626-2314. A [flier with highlights](#) is also available for download.