Instructions for Finding South Dakota Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage (QCEW) Data in the Virtual Labor Market Data System

Begin at the menu page https://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_covered_workers.aspx and follow the link to the virtual labor market data system. Then follow the instructions below. (Chrome or Edge browser recommended; functionality in the virtual system is not compatible with Internet Explorer.)

If you need additional assistance or would like us to provide the data you need, please contact the Labor Market Information Center at 605.626.2314 or email melodee.lane@state.sd.us.

1. Click on “Filter.”

2. Click in the Geography Type box as needed to find data for a different area (county and Metropolitan Statistical Area, MSA) than the default of State. Then choose the MSA option.

Click anywhere outside a drop-down box to close it and continue with the next step.
3. Then select the areas of interest. The table at the right will update based on your selections.

If you prefer, you may click on “Select Areas By Map” to select areas.

4. By default, the Total (all industries) level is selected. Click in the “Select Industry Level” box to filter for data at a different level of detail (using the North American Industry Classification, NAICS system).

For the most industry options or level of detail available, select Subsector (3 digit).

5. Select the industry group(s) of interest.

6. Then select the industry(ies) of interest. The table at the right will update based on your selections.

If you prefer, you may use the gray “Search for an Industry” box to select industries by keyword or industry code, following the instructions below.
Search for an industry by keyword(s)

Type your keywords in the box and click the Search button. (e.g. Manufacturing)

To search by keyword, we recommend entering as few of characters as possible for the most complete list of matching options.

Search for an industry by industry code (NAICS)

Enter a partial or complete NAICS code in the box and click the Search button.

Then enter the NAICS code(s) of the industry(ies) of interest.

Whether you choose to search by keyword or industry code, click on the Search button to perform the search.
7. Click in the Select Time Period Type box to change from the default of quarterly data to (or add) annual data.

8. Then select the time period(s) of interest.

9. By default, the ownership of “total” is selected. To find data for only private industry (excluding public/government data), select Private instead.