

San Luis Obispo County Workforce Investment Board
Labor Market Information Glossary & Acronym Guide

CES – Current Employment Statistics

The CES is a monthly survey which summarizes monthly employment, hours, and earnings data from a sample of California employers.

CIP(CIP 2000) – Classification of Instructional Programs

Codes used to describe and aggregate college majors into systematic descriptions of instructional activity. The 2000 edition (CIP-2000) is the third revision.

CDP – Census Designated Place

A recognized community that was unincorporated at the time of the 2000 Census

CPS – Current Population Survey

The CPS is a monthly survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It provides comprehensive data on labor force, employment, unemployment, etc.

GRP – Gross Regional Product

Market value of all goods and services produced by all firms in an economy.

Industry digit level

A two to six digit standard code used in the NAICS or SIC systems

LMI – Labor Market Information

The body of information that deals with the functioning of labor markets and the determination of the demand for and supply of labor.

Location Quotient - LQ

A ratio that compares a region to a larger reference region (national or state) according to some characteristic or asset. It can reveal what makes a particular region “unique” in comparison to the national or state average by showing how concentrated a particular industry/occupation is in a region as compared to the nation or state.

LWIA – Local Workforce Investment Area

The local regional area established to implement the Workforce Investment Act. Geographic location, population and commonality of labor market areas are considered in designating an LWIA. California currently has 49 LWIAs and 58 counties

MSA – Metropolitan Statistical Area

An urbanized area of 50,000 or more population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. An MSA is delineated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use by Federal statistical agencies. San Luis Obispo County's MSA is the San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles MSA.

NAICS – North American Industry Classification System

Standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related the U.S. business economy. It was developed to replace the SIC system.

Non-QCEW – Non Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

This set is other groups who are not captured by QCEW but who still count as employees. Includes railroad, military, some non-QCEW federal government workers, UI-exempt non-profits, and a few other miscellaneous categories.

O*NET – Occupational Information Network

A database of standard coding developed by the US Department of Labor/Employment and training Administration for students and workers

OES – Occupational Employment Statistics

Annual employment and wage estimates by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

QCEW – Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

A quarterly count of employment and wages reported by employers covering 98 percent of U.S. jobs, available at the county, MSA, state and national levels by industry. Data source – all establishments covered under the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program are required to report wage and employment.

SIC – Standard Industrial Classification system

Replaced by the NAICS in 1997, was a four digit code classifying system for industries. Still occasionally used in conjunction with NAICS codes

SOC – Standard Occupational Classification system

Classifies workers into occupational categories.