

LED Termination of SIC-based QWI

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) has been producing two sets of Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) – one based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes and the other based on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). NAICS replaced SIC as the official standard in 2001. A key consideration of the continuing parallel production was the back-coding of NAICS – creating a full historical time series for NAICS industries as far back as 1990 – to ensure a smooth, complete transition to NAICS.

After completing the research work, LED began to implement NAICS back-coding in the 2006Q4 production quarter on October 1, 2006. Three quarters were allowed for state partners to choose and decide on their approach to implement NAICS back-coding. Thereafter, production of SIC-based QWI will be terminated.

According to this plan, SIC-based QWI will no longer be updated with the 2007Q3 production cycle, starting on July 1, 2007.

The last version of SIC-based QWI will be posted in the respective State Only sections in the LED website located at <http://lehd.did.census.gov>.

QWI Online for SIC-based data will continue to be available in the LED website, but it will not be refreshed. A one-time SIC-based QWI file will be produced for each new LED state partner.

NAICS-based QWI will continue to be produced.