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## Data Source References

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### U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

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## Census Occupational Format

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## Data Limitation

The Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) is a publication of the U.S. Department of Labor. It provides job descriptions and worker requirement information for 12,741 individual jobs found in the national economy. All DOT titles have been assigned a corresponding Census Code by the National Crosswalk Service Center in Des Moines, Iowa. U.S. Publishing has published a crosswalk for the Census and DOT. It is called the Specific Occupation Selector (SOS) manual and shows all DOT codes and titles grouped by Census Codes. When using the Occupational Employment Quarterly in conjunction with the SOS Manual to estimate the number of individuals employed in a specific DOT job, local knowledge of the labor market should be used. No government agency reports employment by specific DOT codes.

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