

## Data Elements Definitions

### Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

**Year**

The referenced 4-digit calendar year

**Time Period**

The referenced calendar quarter. 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr = January – March; 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr = April – June; 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr = July – Sept; 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr = Oct – Dec

**Area Type**

The type of geographic area: County, California-Statewide, or United States.

**Area Name**

The name of the area chosen from the Area Type.

**Ownership**

Refers to legal proprietorship such as Private; Federal, State, or Local Government.

**NAICS Level**

Refers to the 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, or 6-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) level.

NAICS uses a 6-digit coding system to identify particular industries and their placement in this hierarchical structure of the classification system. The first two digits of the code designate the sector, the third digit designates the subsector, the fourth digit designates the industry group, the fifth digit designates the NAICS industry, and the sixth digit designates the national industry. A zero as the sixth digit generally indicates that the NAICS industry and the U.S. industry are the same.

**NAICS Code**

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code is based on the primary business activity (products produced, distributed, or services rendered) by the establishment.

**Industry Name**

A short description of the NAICS Code

**Establishment**

An economic unit that produces goods and services, usually at a single physical location, and engaged in one or predominantly one industry activity.

**Employment (Month 1, Month 2, Month 3)**

The number of all full- and part-time employees who worked during or received pay subject to UI wages for the pay period that includes the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Total Wages**

The total amount of wages paid to UI-covered workers for services performed during the quarter.

**Average Weekly Wage** – Computed by dividing the Total Wages by the Average Monthly Employment and then dividing by the number of weeks (13) in the quarter.

**Average Monthly Employment**

Computed as the average of the three monthly employment figures in a given calendar quarter.  
(Month 1 + Month 2 + Month 3)/3.