2014 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll

The U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for providing information about the nation's state and local governments. The Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll is one of the tools that is used to collect information on state and local government activity.

March 2012 Average Total Pay for State & Local Governments by Job Function

Source: 2012 Census of Governments: Employment

Why did I receive this survey?

Authorized by Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 182, the Census Bureau surveys state and local governments annually. The Census Bureau selects about 11,000 governments to participate in the annual survey.

Your response to this survey is important. This information will provide insight about government activity and allow your community leaders the opportunity to make informed decisions. This survey provides the only source of data on government employment and payroll by job function.

Government employment represents approximately 15 percent of the total workforce and government payroll is a vital contribution to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This information is often requested by other governments, researchers, and media outlets to inform the public and develop policy for state and local governments.

How can I respond to the survey or get help?

Respond online

Instructions including the User ID and Password are enclosed with this mailing. If you need assistance with the User ID or Password, please call us at **1-800-832-2839** and we can provide you that information.

Respond by mail

Simply return the completed questionnaire by mail in the prepaid envelope provided.

Have questions or need some help?

Call us at **1-800-832-2839** weekdays, 7 AM - 5 PM ET or email us at **govs.employ@census.gov**.

When is my response due?

Your response is due **May 31, 2014**