

## **Industry Changes to County Employment and Wages Data**

In an effort to enhance the comparability of industrial employment and wage statistics across Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and more accurately reflect economic activities within industries, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is revised periodically. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget in conjunction with its counterparts in Canada and Mexico developed NAICS 2017.

The conversion to NAICS 2017 resulted in minor revisions reflecting content changes in the following industries: mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; manufacturing; retail trade; information; real estate and rental and leasing; and professional and business services. Several industry titles and descriptions were also updated. This revision had a minimal impact on Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) data. Approximately 3.9 percent of employment and 1.9 percent of establishments were reclassified into different industries as a result of the revision.

Some industries were directly transferred to new industries while others were consolidated or split into two or more industries. There were 11 industries that were directly moved to new industries created in the NAICS 2017 revision. Approximately 7,400 establishments representing approximately 232,000 employees were impacted by these direct transfers. There were also 13 industries that were consolidated into an industry. Approximately 3,000 establishments representing approximately 30,500 employees were impacted by these consolidations. In addition, 4 industries split into two or more industries. Approximately 2,000 establishments representing approximately 74,000 employees were impacted by these split transfers.