

# OnTheMap: Data Notices

Local Employment Dynamics

On occasion, it may be necessary to alert users to specific features or changes in the LODES/OnTheMap data. In these cases, relevant information will be included in an updated version of this document. Each notice will be dated so that users are able to determine if or how a particular issue affects them. The datestamp in the footer of this document will show its release date. The latest version of this document can be found online at <http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/onthemap/OnTheMapDataNotices.pdf>.

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### 02/21/2012: Industry Sector Data Quality for 2009

In response to data quality inquiries about NAICS sector data in the LODES datasets and in OnTheMap, we have reviewed the issue and revised the data for 2009. These data will be prepared in the same manner used for data releases prior to LODES Version 5/OnTheMap Version 5.

As a result of this change, there will be a general improvement in data quality for the NAICS Industry Sector characteristic. Users should also expect to see some change to the Educational Attainment characteristics due to the change in method for handling the confidentiality protection.

An update for 2009 data was released on March 23, 2012 in the OnTheMap application <http://onthemap.ces.census.gov/> and will be followed by an update to the raw LODES data files <http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/onthemap/>. The change in format also affects data for 2010, and these data were released at the same time as the update for 2009 data.

### 03/23/2012: Incomplete Employment Data for the District of Columbia in 2007 and 2008

The January 26, 2012 release of OnTheMap Version 6 contained incomplete employment data for the District of Columbia in 2007 and 2008. These data have been removed from the OnTheMap application until they can be completed with the addition of Federal civilian workers in those years.

Users who performed certain analyses in OnTheMap Version 6 before March 23, 2012 can expect to see decreases in the total number of jobs as well as in distributions of those jobs for among geographic and characteristic variables. Only queries for 2007 and 2008 data will be affected by this issue. Specific analyses that are more likely to be affected are:

- a. Any analysis for which "Work" is chosen for the Home/Work Area and for which any part of DC is included; and
- b. Any analysis for which "Home" is chosen for Home/Work Area and for which the employment locations of the jobs are located in DC.

The second effect will be strongest when the selection area is in or around DC (including the Maryland and Virginia parts of the metropolitan area).

## **5/31/2012: Addition of data for the District of Columbia and Federal Employment**

On May 31, 2010 two new sets of data were added to the public release of the LODES dataset and to the OnTheMap application. Job data for the District of Columbia in 2010 are being released. Also being made available are data on Federal employment in 2010. Together these data fill in important information on employment in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and other centers of Federal employment.

Further information on the inclusion of Federal employment in LODES/OnTheMap can be found in the [Federal Employment in LODES/OnTheMap](#) document.

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