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able upon request to the appropriate State agency listed on the inside back cover of this bulletin. In addition, basic statistical data on magnetic tapes and personal computer diskettes are available to interested data users on a cost-for-service basis. Inquiries should be addressed to the Division of Monthly Industry Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC 20212-0001.

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These data are now also available from the Bureau's public database, LABSTAT, on the INTERNET. INTERNET users should use Anonymous FTP or GOPHER to access BLS data: stats.bls.gov. The State and area data are in the /pub/time.series/sa directory. A service with more limited access is available by calling (202)606-7060.

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