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## Cannabis employment information?

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**Matthew Witemyre**  
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Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at  
8:55 PM

To: DataLibrary@edd.ca.gov

Hello, I am an instructor and researcher at Merritt College in Oakland. I am attempting to find any sort of employment data for the cannabis industry. I have been unable to find anything so far on the website. I was hoping you could please help me with this information. My phone number is 510-688-0596 and my email is [mwitemyre@gmail.com](mailto:mwitemyre@gmail.com).

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Witemyre

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**Takechi, Mindy@EDD**  
<Mindy.Takechi@edd.ca.gov>

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at  
12:39 PM

To: "mwitemyre@gmail.com" <mwitemyre@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Le, Trang@EDD" <Trang.Le@edd.ca.gov>, "Wong, Cindy@EDD" <Cindy.Wong@edd.ca.gov>

Good morning Mr. Witemyre,

Thank you for your inquiry. Unfortunately we do not collect cannabis industry employment data.

Sincerely,

**Mindy Takechi**

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To: Mindy.Takechi@edd.ca.gov

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at  
7:29 PM

Hello Mindy,

Why is this data not being collected? According to industry data, the cannabis industry is the fastest growing employment sector in the country (<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200207005038/en/Leafly-Jobs-Report-Cannabis-is-the-fastest-growing-American-industry-surpassing-240000-jobs>)

Cannabis jobs are legal in California since 2016, why is EDD LMI not collecting this information?

Sincerely,  
Matthew Witemyre

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Cc: "Takechi, Mindy@EDD" <Mindy.Takechi@edd.ca.gov>

Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at  
6:13 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Witemyre,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the cannabis industry data collection and for including the link to the Leafy article. It is correct in stating or to the effects of, “With the federal prohibition still in place, the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics [BLS] refuses to recognize the cannabis industry in its national economic database and document the growth of this burgeoning industry.” The federal/state cooperative agreement between the BLS and Employment Development Department’s Labor Market Information Division (LMID) does not allow the California Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program to collect cannabis industry employment data at this time.

Your inquiry is important to LMID and we will continue to take such inquiry to consideration. For more information on the QCEW data, please refer to our webpage: [https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/QCEW\\_About\\_the\\_Data.html](https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/QCEW_About_the_Data.html)

Please let me know if you need further assistance.

Thank you,

**Trang Le**

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Wed, Sep 23, 2020 at  
7:15 PM

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Thank you Trang Le, that does make sense with the federal issues. I did not realize the extent of the federal/state intersection in terms of employment data, I had assumed this was all state level data reporting only.

Hopefully we will see real movement in terms of rescheduling cannabis and allowing for industry development at the federal level in the near future.

Please keep us in mind at Merritt College if there are changes to the data collection process in the future.

Thank you all for the good work that you do.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Witemyre  
Merritt College

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Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at

6:58 PM

To: Laura Forlin <lforlin@peralta.edu>, Chris Grampp

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Response from EDD LMI

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Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at

11:53 PM

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