

Overview

Industry at a Glance contains profiles of the nine industry divisions. Each profile is a fascinating collection of facts about the industry, and contains links to additional data. The nine industry divisions, ranked by employment covered by unemployment insurance programs, are:

Industry	2000 Employment
Services	37.7 million
Retail Trade	23.3 million
Government	19.9 million
Manufacturing	18.4 million
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.4 million
Wholesale Trade	7.0 million
Transportation and Public Utilities	6.8 million
Construction	6.6 million
Mining	0.5 million

The new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is gradually replacing the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system at BLS and other statistical agencies. For more information on NAICS, including an implementation schedule for BLS, see NAICS at BLS.

As emerging and refined information technologies continue to prove their worth and come down in price, healthcare, historically a cash poor marketplace, is increasingly adopting leading-edge solutions. As a result, healthcare providers report to be realizing increased efficiencies, boosted bottom lines, better patient care and more favorable outcomes. As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you apprised of what's developing in healthcare IT, the editors of *Healthcare Informatics* have selected what we think will be the nine hottest trends enabling the industry in 2001. Each technology was considered based on industry input and examined for its efficacy to bring at least one of four critical components to the continuum of care: streamlined business processes, lowered overall costs, a competitive edge and improved quality of care.

--The editors