

# Lassen County Weekly Wages

Focus on Post-Recession Recovery

Q 3 – 2015 Update

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# 1. Descriptions and References

The contents of this report illustrate the evolution of Lassen County wage patterns over time. This report presents:

**Wages:** Average weekly wages for the industry in the region. They are inflation adjusted to current dollars using: Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items, from the FRED Database maintained by the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

The data underlying this report are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). These data are available on a quarterly basis, generally with a 5 month lag from the end of the quarter to the release of the data.

**QCEW:** The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program publishes a quarterly count of employment and wages reported by employers covering 98 percent of U.S. jobs, available at the county, MSA, state and national levels by industry. <http://www.bls.gov/cew/home.htm>

**Time Period:** The data extend from Q1-1990 through Q3 - 2015

**Seasonality:** There is a significant seasonal component to many industries. The QCEW data are not seasonally adjusted. Rather than seasonally adjusting the data, most comparisons in this report are between the same quarter in different years. The data presented are therefore the actual employment levels and wages (inflation adjusted) compared across years.

A particular focus of this report is on the post-Great Recession recovery. This is accomplished by comparing the most recent quarter of data to the same quarter in 2007, the last non-recessionary year for most of California and the United States.

Notes:

**Notes:** There are occasions where the data displayed seem to reflect implausible increases in either employment or wages. These changes are as reported in the QCEW data. For a closer look at these changes, please contact: [Jon@MarinEconomicConsulting.com](mailto:Jon@MarinEconomicConsulting.com)

## 2. Overview of Wage Changes Since the Onset of the Great Recession

Figure 2 - 1

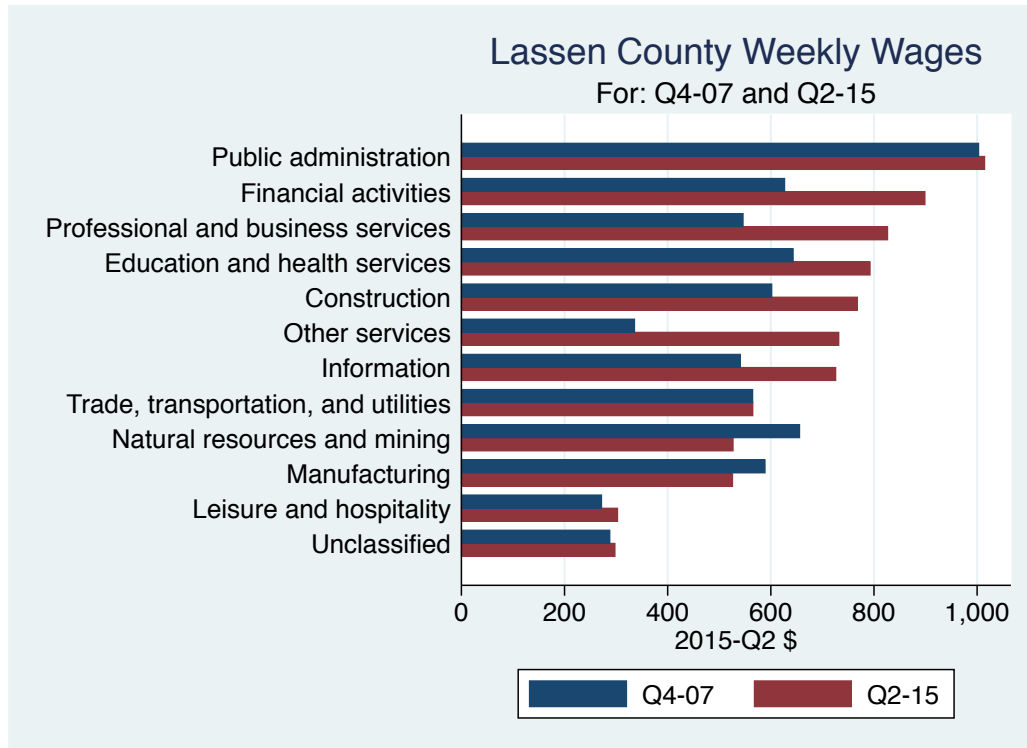


Table 2.1: Quarterly Summary for Q 3 – 2015

| Sector                               | Levels in Q 3 – 2015 |         | Change vs Q 3 in 2007 |      |            |        |              |       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|------------|--------|--------------|-------|
|                                      | Employment           | Wages   | Relative to:          |      | Employment | Wages  | Relative to: |       |
|                                      |                      |         | Bay                   | U.S. |            |        | Bay          | U.S.  |
| Public administration                | 4,851                | 1,040.1 | 0.6                   | 0.9  | 324        | 44.45  | -0.10        | -0.14 |
| Other services                       | 304                  | 903.0   | 1.1                   | 1.4  | 4          | 567.00 | 0.56         | 0.72  |
| Financial activities                 | 149                  | 880.0   | 0.4                   | 0.6  | -33        | 276.00 | 0.05         | 0.11  |
| Construction                         | 132                  | 873.0   | 0.6                   | 0.8  | -126       | 215.00 | 0.04         | 0.06  |
| Information                          | 90                   | 844.0   | 0.2                   | 0.5  | -41        | 360.00 | -0.01        | 0.10  |
| All industries                       | 10,095               | 842.0   | 0.5                   | 0.9  | -44        | 98.00  | -0.08        | -0.05 |
| Professional and business services   | 193                  | 833.4   | 0.4                   | 0.7  | -28        | 370.65 | 0.10         | 0.21  |
| Education and health services        | 1,541                | 762.9   | 0.7                   | 0.8  | -80        | 115.00 | 0.01         | 0.00  |
| Natural resources and mining         | 697                  | 668.0   | 0.8                   | 0.7  | 176        | -47.00 | -0.20        | -0.22 |
| Manufacturing                        | 23                   | 608.0   | 0.2                   | 0.5  | -5         | -1.00  | -0.06        | -0.10 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 1,146                | 593.1   | 0.5                   | 0.7  | -195       | 55.48  | -0.05        | -0.04 |
| Unclassified                         | 6                    | 573.0   | 0.5                   | 0.7  |            |        |              |       |
| Leisure and hospitality              | 726                  | 312.3   | 0.6                   | 0.7  | -20        | 40.33  | -0.04        | -0.02 |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>19,953</b>        |         |                       |      |            |        |              |       |

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

### 3. Weekly Wages Over Time

**Table3.1: Summary of Weekly Wages versus the Bay Area as A Whole**

| Sector                               | Q 3 – 2015 |         | Relative Wages: Q 3 of Each Year |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                      | Employment | Wages   | 1990                             | 1995 | 2001 | 2004 | 2007 | 2015 |
| Public administration                | 4,851      | 1,040.1 | 0.92                             | 0.85 | 0.67 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.62 |
| Other services                       | 304        | 903.0   | 0.69                             | 0.59 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 1.14 |
| Financial activities                 | 149        | 880.0   | 0.51                             | 0.46 | 0.34 | 0.42 | 0.35 | 0.40 |
| Construction                         | 132        | 873.0   | 0.62                             | 0.69 | 0.77 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| Information                          | 90         | 844.0   | 0.75                             | 0.54 | 0.32 | 0.28 | 0.22 | 0.20 |
| All industries                       | 10,095     | 842.0   | 0.76                             | 0.70 | 0.56 | 0.61 | 0.60 | 0.53 |
| Professional and business services   | 193        | 833.4   | 0.61                             | 0.61 | 0.32 | 0.38 | 0.30 | 0.39 |
| Education and health services        | 1,541      | 762.9   | 0.70                             | 0.67 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.66 |
| Natural resources and mining         | 697        | 668.0   | 0.91                             | 1.11 | 0.81 | 0.95 | 1.02 | 0.82 |
| Manufacturing                        | 23         | 608.0   | 0.71                             | 0.69 | 0.67 | 0.42 | 0.30 | 0.24 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 1,146      | 593.1   | 0.64                             | 0.63 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.56 | 0.52 |
| Unclassified                         | 6          | 573.0   |                                  |      | 0.33 |      |      | 0.51 |
| Leisure and hospitality              | 726        | 312.3   | 0.65                             | 0.62 | 0.53 | 0.62 | 0.60 | 0.56 |

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

**Table3.2: Summary of Weekly Wages versus California as A Whole**

| Sector                               | Q 3 – 2015 |         | Relative Wages: Q 3 of Each Year |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                      | Employment | Wages   | 1990                             | 1995 | 2001 | 2004 | 2007 | 2015 |
| Public administration                | 4,851      | 1,040.1 | 0.97                             | 0.90 | 0.75 | 0.79 | 0.80 | 0.69 |
| Other services                       | 304        | 903.0   | 0.72                             | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.69 | 0.68 | 1.29 |
| Financial activities                 | 149        | 880.0   | 0.56                             | 0.52 | 0.42 | 0.51 | 0.44 | 0.53 |
| Construction                         | 132        | 873.0   | 0.71                             | 0.79 | 0.98 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.74 |
| Information                          | 90         | 844.0   | 0.76                             | 0.60 | 0.39 | 0.36 | 0.31 | 0.32 |
| All industries                       | 10,095     | 842.0   | 0.86                             | 0.84 | 0.73 | 0.79 | 0.80 | 0.74 |
| Professional and business services   | 193        | 833.4   | 0.68                             | 0.76 | 0.44 | 0.52 | 0.41 | 0.57 |
| Education and health services        | 1,541      | 762.9   | 0.71                             | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.75 | 0.74 | 0.78 |
| Natural resources and mining         | 697        | 668.0   | 1.30                             | 1.58 | 1.33 | 1.20 | 1.31 | 0.97 |
| Manufacturing                        | 23         | 608.0   | 0.88                             | 0.95 | 0.97 | 0.62 | 0.50 | 0.40 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 1,146      | 593.1   | 0.70                             | 0.70 | 0.61 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.63 |
| Unclassified                         | 6          | 573.0   |                                  |      | 0.44 |      |      | 0.63 |
| Leisure and hospitality              | 726        | 312.3   | 0.65                             | 0.63 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.62 |

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

**Table3.3: Summary of Weekly Wages versus the United States as A Whole**

| Sector                               | Q 3 – 2015 |         | Relative Wages: Q 3 of Each Year |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                      | Employment | Wages   | 1990                             | 1995 | 2001 | 2004 | 2007 | 2015 |
| Public administration                | 4,851      | 1,040.1 | 1.20                             | 1.12 | 0.95 | 1.00 | 1.02 | 0.89 |
| Other services                       | 304        | 903.0   | 0.77                             | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.66 | 0.63 | 1.35 |
| Financial activities                 | 149        | 880.0   | 0.60                             | 0.57 | 0.48 | 0.60 | 0.51 | 0.61 |
| Construction                         | 132        | 873.0   | 0.80                             | 0.90 | 1.09 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.81 |
| Information                          | 90         | 844.0   | 0.87                             | 0.67 | 0.50 | 0.47 | 0.39 | 0.49 |
| All industries                       | 10,095     | 842.0   | 0.95                             | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.89 | 0.91 | 0.86 |
| Professional and business services   | 193        | 833.4   | 0.71                             | 0.84 | 0.50 | 0.58 | 0.46 | 0.67 |
| Education and health services        | 1,541      | 762.9   | 0.76                             | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.83 | 0.84 |
| Natural resources and mining         | 697        | 668.0   | 0.89                             | 1.06 | 0.91 | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.65 |
| Manufacturing                        | 23         | 608.0   | 0.99                             | 1.08 | 1.15 | 0.73 | 0.62 | 0.52 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 1,146      | 593.1   | 0.81                             | 0.80 | 0.69 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.71 |
| Unclassified                         | 6          | 573.0   |                                  |      | 0.39 |      |      | 0.66 |
| Leisure and hospitality              | 726        | 312.3   | 0.78                             | 0.70 | 0.66 | 0.79 | 0.77 | 0.75 |

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

## 4. Graphical Display of Weekly Wage Evolution by Industry (Super Sector)

Graphs present only Q 3 data for each year.

Figure 4 - 1: 1028: Public administration

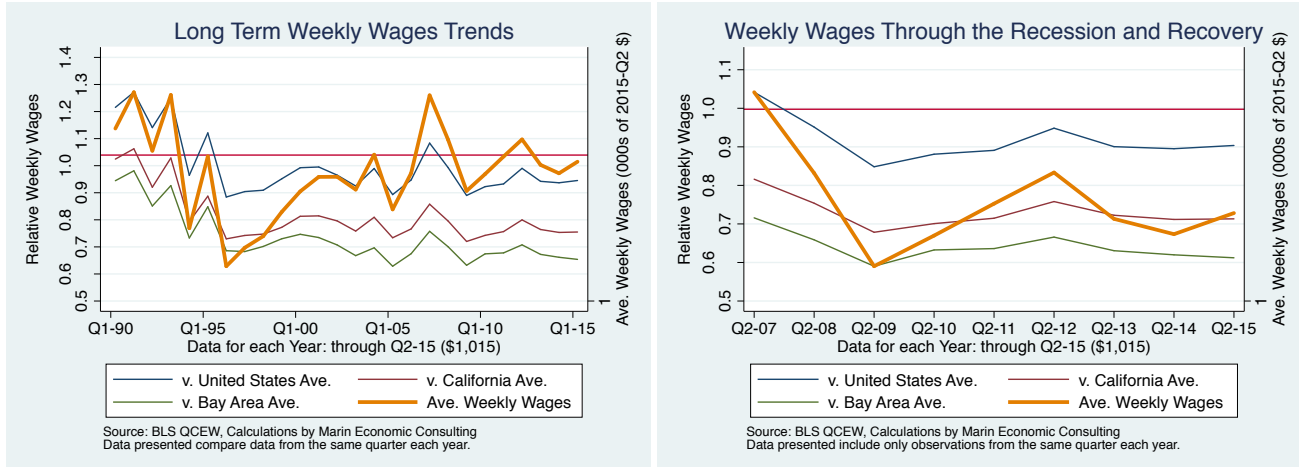


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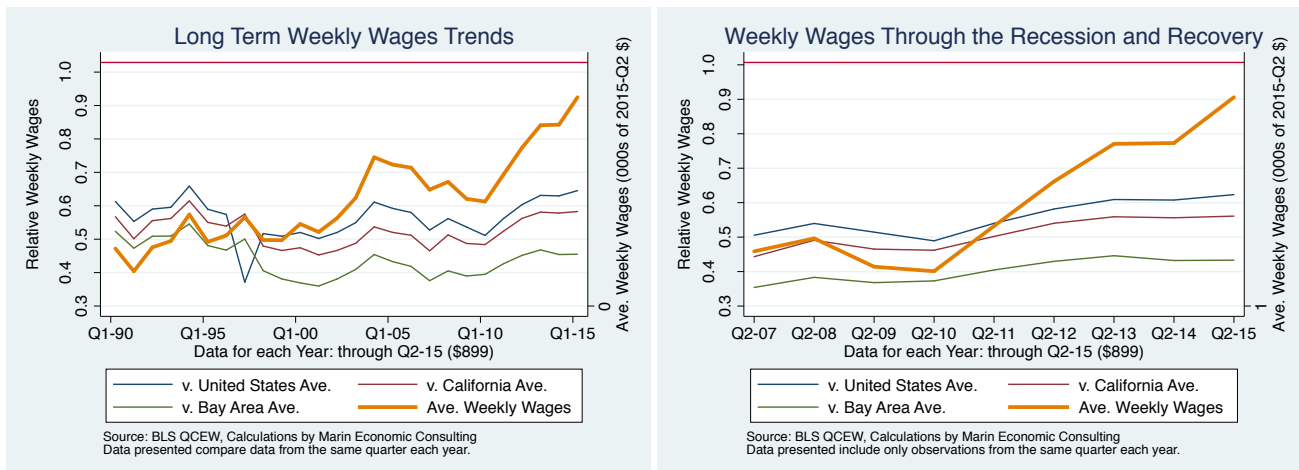


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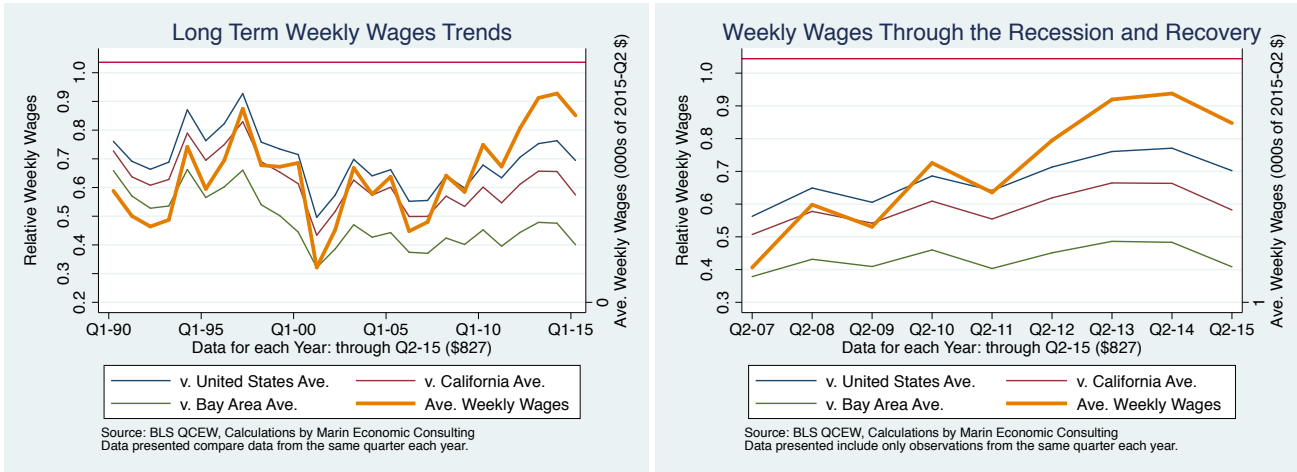


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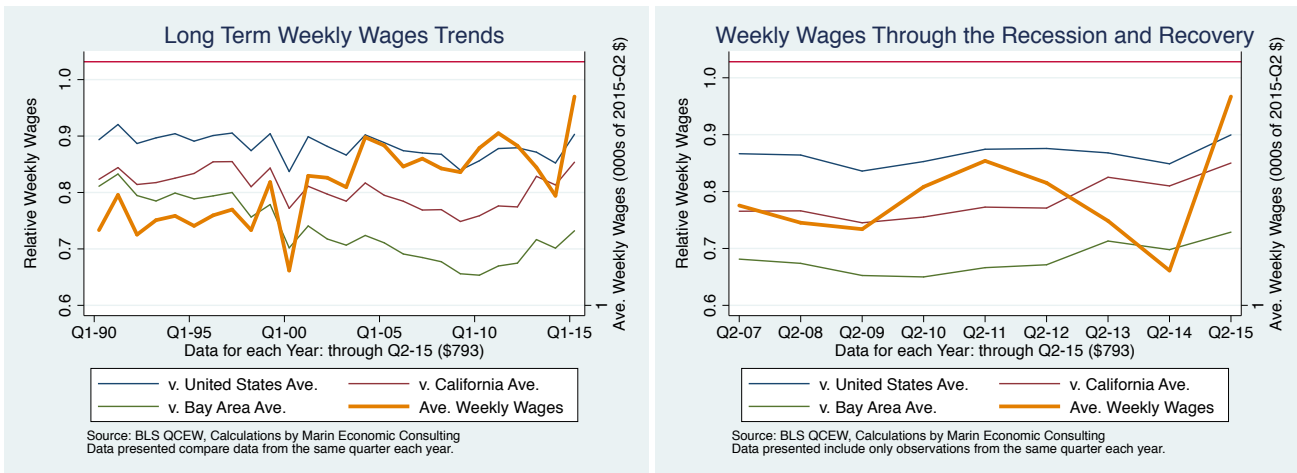


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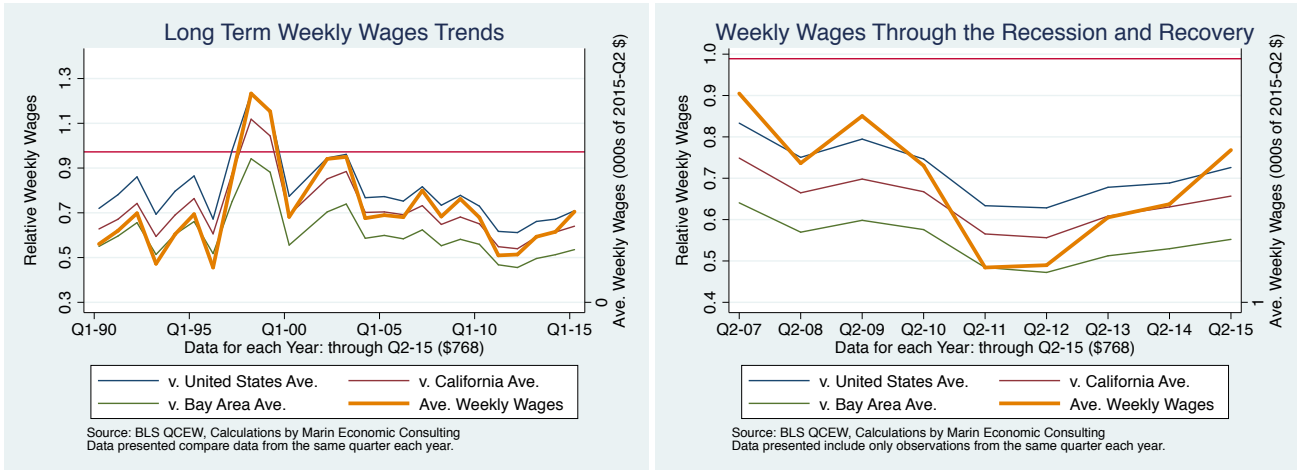


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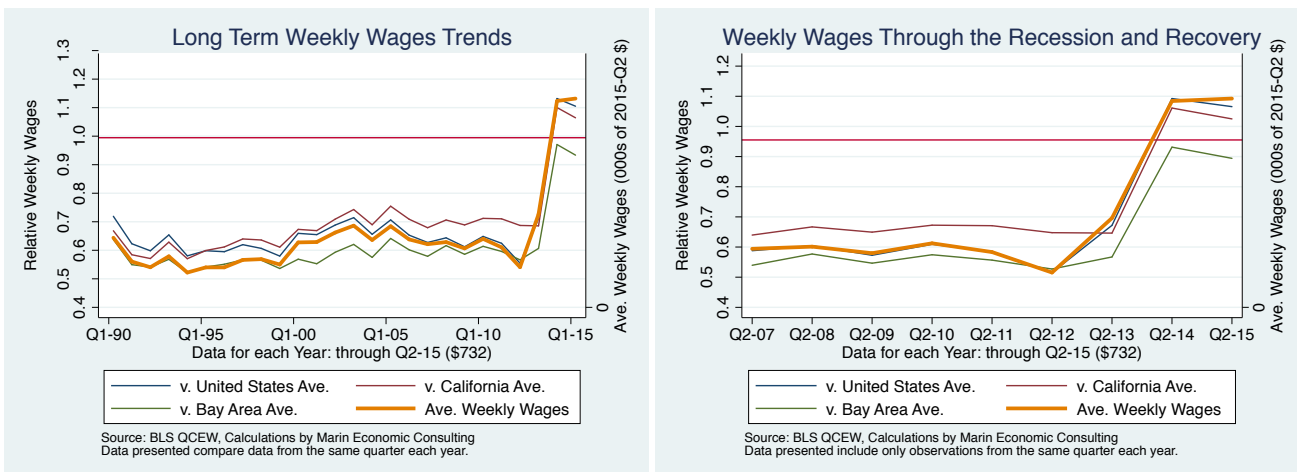


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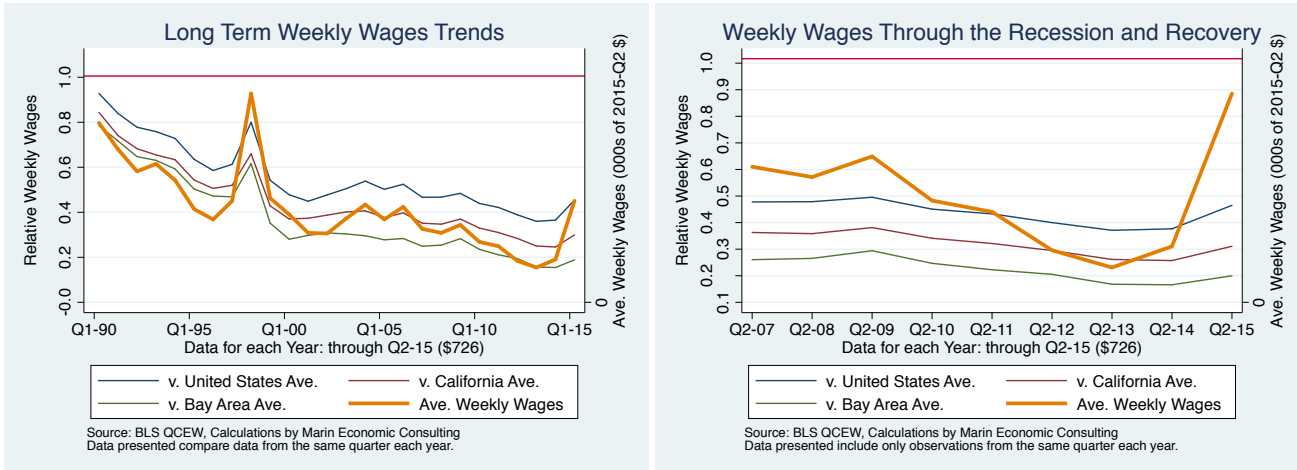


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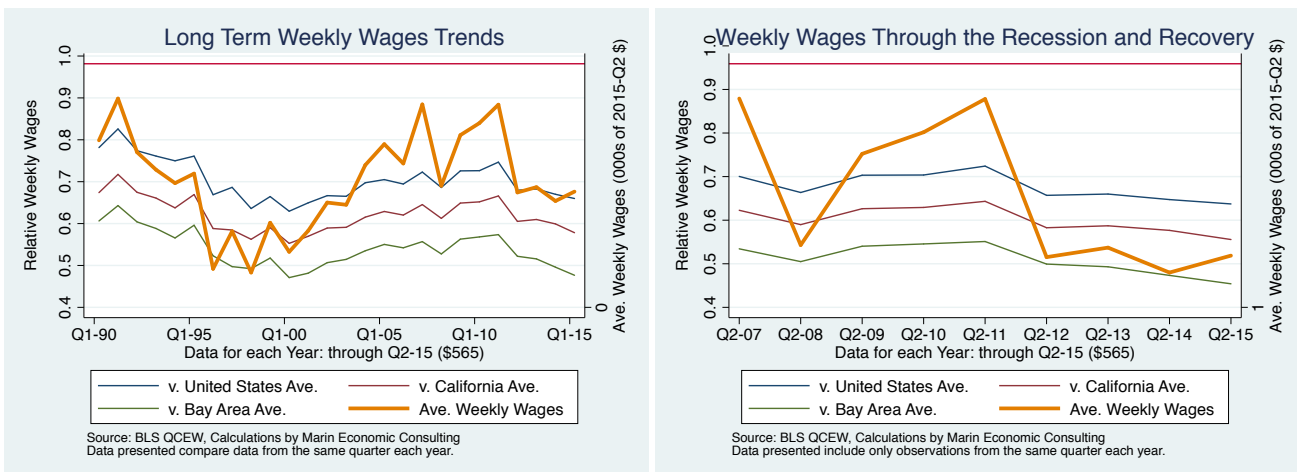




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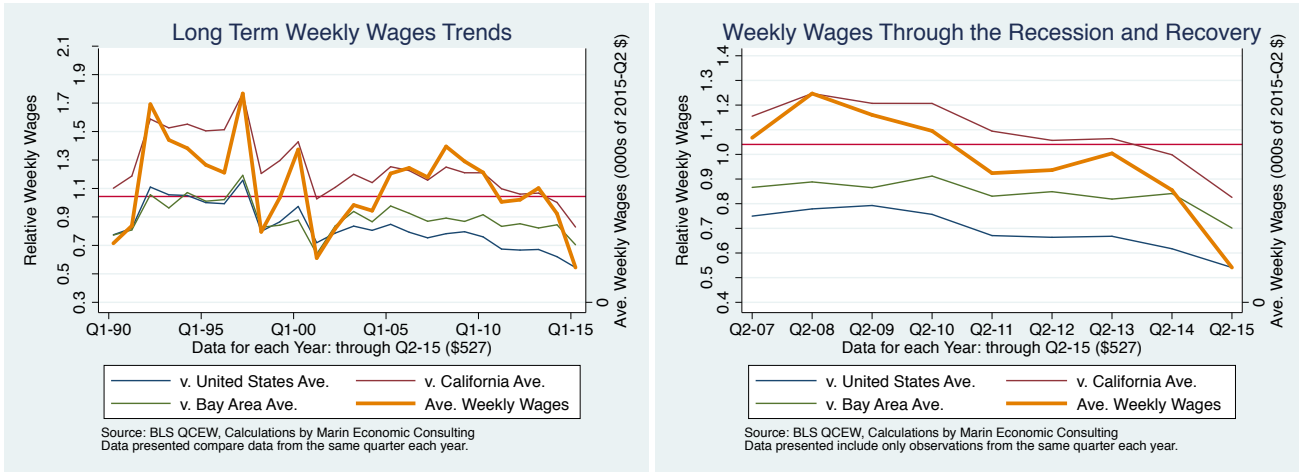


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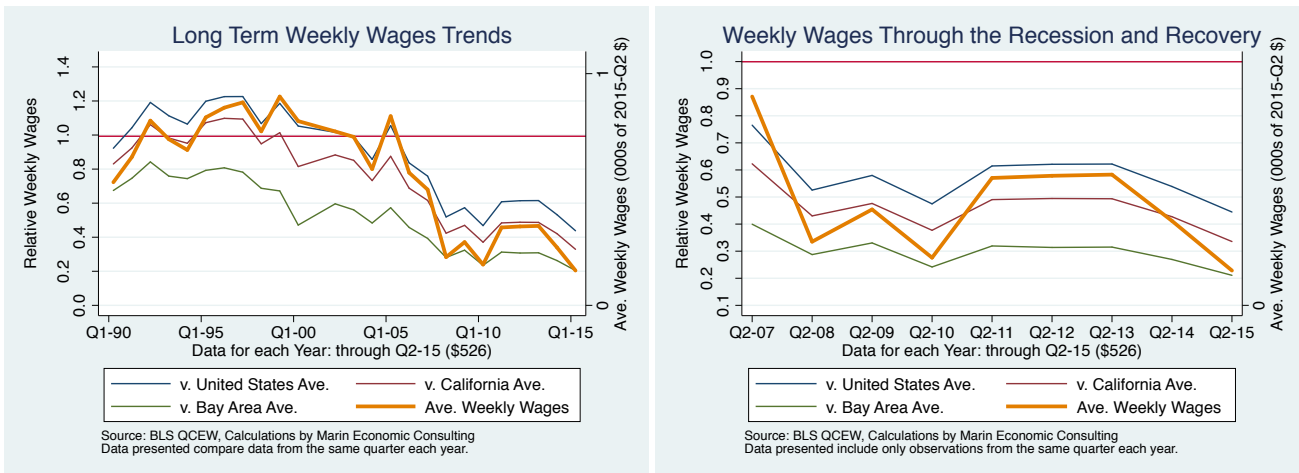


Figure 4 - 11: 1021: Trade, transportation, and utilities

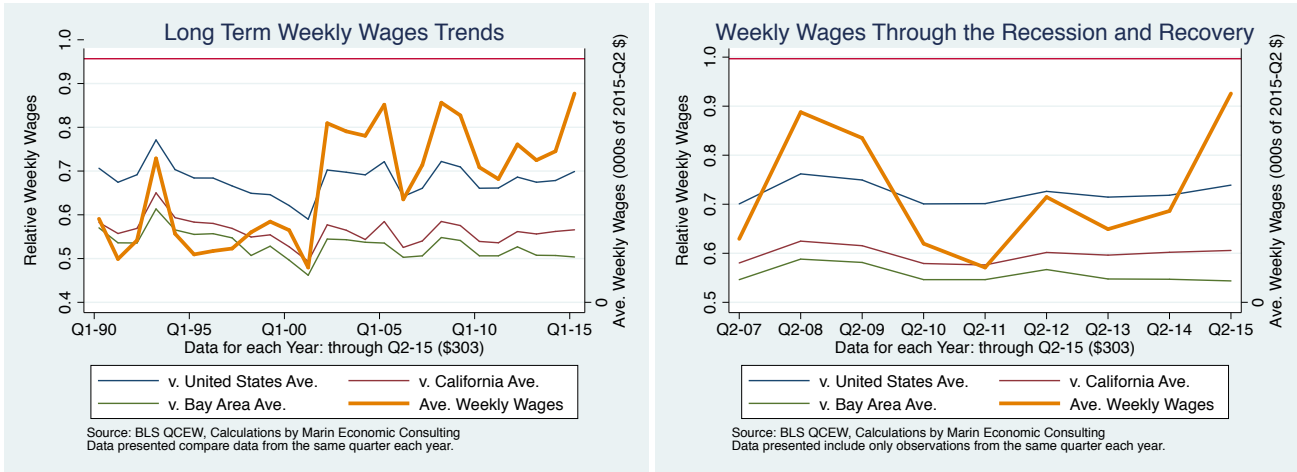


Figure 4 - 12: 1029: Unclassified

