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Chapter 14:
Savings and Thrift and Deferred Profit-Sharing Plans

Data for Table 14.1, Private Pension Plans and Participants, are from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefit Security Administration (EBSA) tabulations of the Form 5000. These tabulations are published when available and posted on the EBSA Web page at http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/main.html. To locate the document desired on this Web page, see section titled “Pension Reports.” The title of the specific document is Private Pension Plan Bulletin. The several documents with that title differ only by the year, corresponding to the year of data in the report. Section E of each bulletin contains historical data. The first year of data in the historical section is 1975, the first year of Form 5500 filings. The 1995 bulletin is the last bulletin to contain historical data back to 1975.

Tables 14.2 through 14.4 are derived from the National Compensation Survey. This data-set is maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The data are available from the BLS Web page at http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/. Preliminary data are released in a news release format. The most recent news releases are in the section titled “ECONOMIC NEWS RELEASES.” More detailed tabulations are available at the above Web page under the section titled “PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION.”

Before 1999, data from the Employee Benefit Survey were released in three separate publications covering medium and large private establishments (establishments with 100 or more employees), small private establishments (establishments with 99 or fewer employees), and state and local governments. Starting with the 1999 data, the BLS began publishing data for all private industry. In the section, “PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION,” supplementary data are available for years 1999 and 2000 under the old format of medium and large private establishments and small private establishments.