

The Standard Occupational Classification Policy Committee (SOCPC), chartered by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), received more than 6,300 public comments in response to information presented in the July 22, 2016, *Federal Register* notice (81 FR 48306). The public comments submitted in response to the July 22, 2016 *Federal Register* notice are available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and upon request by sending an email to [soc@bls.gov](mailto:soc@bls.gov) or by calling (202) 691-6500. Similar comments were reviewed together. If an individual submission included comments on more than one occupation, each occupation was considered separately and has a separate response. Each comment or submission was assigned a unique docket number. When a single submission addressed more than one occupation, two digits were added to end of the docket number assigned (e.g., 2-0120.01, 2-0120.02, etc.).

The SOCPC reviewed the comments and subsequent recommendations from its workgroups, guided by the SOC classification principles and coding guidelines (previously circulated for public comment and provided below) and following steps outlined in the document titled *“Revising the Standard Occupational Classification”* available at: [https://www.bls.gov/soc/revising\\_the\\_standard\\_occupational\\_classification\\_2018.pdf](https://www.bls.gov/soc/revising_the_standard_occupational_classification_2018.pdf). The 2018 SOC was designed and developed solely for statistical purposes. Although the SOC may be used for other purposes, these purposes play no role in its development or revision. More information on nonstatistical applications of the SOC can be found in FAQ #13 within the 2010 SOC User Guide, available at: [https://www.bls.gov/soc/soc\\_2010\\_user\\_guide.pdf](https://www.bls.gov/soc/soc_2010_user_guide.pdf).

This document provides a response to each comment. Where applicable, the responses cite at least one specific classification principle that would be violated if the recommendation were to be accepted, but does not necessarily cite all reasons for not accepting a recommendation. Some recommendations were outside the scope of the SOC revision. In some cases, the SOCPC did not accept a recommendation as submitted, but did make a change to the SOC related to the comment. The *Federal Register* notice requesting input asked for information on occupations as it relates to the SOC classification principles and coding guidelines published in the *Federal Register*. Not all commenters followed these guidelines to provide support for their request, often resulting in no change to the SOC.

### **2018 SOC Classification Principles**

1. The SOC covers all occupations in which work is performed for pay or profit, including work performed in family-operated enterprises by family members who are not directly compensated. It excludes occupations unique to volunteers. Each occupation is assigned to only one occupational category at the most detailed level of the classification.
2. Occupations are classified based on work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education, and/or training needed to perform the work.
3. Workers primarily engaged in planning and the directing of resources are classified in management occupations in Major Group 11–0000. Duties of these workers may include supervision.
4. Supervisors of workers in Major Groups 13–0000 through 29–0000 usually have work experience and perform activities similar to those of the workers they supervise, and therefore are classified with the workers they supervise.
5. Workers in Major Group 31–0000 Healthcare Support Occupations assist and are usually supervised by workers in Major Group 29–0000 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations, and therefore there are no first-line supervisor occupations in Major Group 31–0000.
6. Workers in Major Groups 33–0000 through 53–0000 whose primary duty is supervising are classified in the appropriate first-line supervisor category because their work activities are distinct from those of the workers they supervise.
7. Apprentices and trainees are classified with the occupations for which they are being trained, while helpers and aides are classified separately because they are not in training for the occupation they are helping.
8. If an occupation is not included as a distinct detailed occupation in the structure, it is classified in an appropriate “All Other” occupation. “All Other” occupations are placed in the structure when it is determined that the detailed occupations comprising a broad occupation group do not account for all of the workers in the group, even though such workers may perform a distinct set of work activities. These occupations appear as the last occupation in the group with a code ending in “9” and are identified in their title by having “All Other” appear at the end.
9. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau are charged with collecting and reporting data on total U.S. employment across the full spectrum of SOC Major Groups. Thus, for a detailed occupation to be included in the SOC, either the Bureau of Labor Statistics or the Census Bureau must be able to collect and report data on that occupation.
10. To maximize the comparability of data, time series continuity is maintained to the extent possible.

**2018 SOC Coding Guidelines**

1. A worker should be assigned to an SOC occupation code based on work performed.
2. When workers in a single job could be coded in more than one occupation, they should be coded in the occupation that requires the highest level of skill. If there is no measurable difference in skill requirements, workers should be coded in the occupation in which they spend the most time. Workers whose job is to teach at different levels (e.g., elementary, middle, or secondary) should be coded in the occupation corresponding to the highest educational level they teach.
3. Data collection and reporting agencies should assign workers to the most detailed occupation possible. Different agencies may use different levels of aggregation, depending on their ability to collect data.
4. Workers who perform activities not described in any distinct detailed occupation in the SOC structure should be coded in an appropriate “All Other” occupation. These occupations appear as the last occupation in a group with a code ending in “9” and are identified by having the words “All Other” appear at the end of the title.
5. Workers in Major Groups 33–0000 through 53–0000 who spend 80 percent or more of their time performing supervisory activities are coded in the appropriate first-line supervisor category in the SOC. In these same Major Groups (33–0000 through 53– 0000), persons with supervisory duties who spend less than 80 percent of their time supervising are coded with the workers they supervise.
6. Licensed and non-licensed workers performing the same work should be coded together in the same detailed occupation, except where specified otherwise in the SOC definition.

The responses to public comments in the first table below are sorted by docket number. Similar comments were grouped together and the response is listed under a single docket. The response provides the related 2010 SOC code(s), the subject, a brief summary of the request, and the SOCP response and rationale. Codes referenced in the table are 2010 SOC codes unless otherwise specified. Dockets not listed separately in the first table have been grouped with similar dockets for response. The second table shows how they were grouped and where to find the response.

Docket Number	Related 2010 SOC code(s)	Subject	Response and rationale
2-0013	45-2090	Agricultural Workers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (15) dockets requested revising the definitions of agricultural workers and related occupations, saying they are too narrow and do not accurately portray career opportunities in the agriculture industry. Commenters quoted language from the <i>Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> profile on Agricultural Workers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The <i>Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> is a product of the BLS Employment Projections (EP) program. The EP program develops occupational employment projections using SOC-based data from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey as its primary input. Because the SOC is a separate product from the <i>Handbook</i>, some comments were outside the scope of the SOC revision process and were forwarded to BLS EP staff. Comments related to the agricultural worker definitions and industry were not accepted because the SOC groups occupations according to similarities across occupations, rather than by industry. Many of the jobs suggested currently exist in occupations outside of the minor group 45-2000 Agricultural Workers. Examples include 17-2021 Agricultural Engineers, the new detailed 2018 SOC occupation 19-4012 Agricultural Technicians, and 25-1041 Agricultural Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary. The SOCP also noted that industry-specific data for other SOC occupations in agriculture can be extracted from many datasets.</p>

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2-0014	29-1199	Denturists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (19) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Denturists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-0034	29-2055	Surgical Assistants	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (39) dockets expressed support for the proposed new detailed occupation, 29-9093 Surgical Assistants.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC appreciates this feedback.</p>
2-0117	49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians, Avionics Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0117 requested deleting 49-2091 Avionics Technicians and disaggregating 49-3011 Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians into three occupations to be defined based on certification.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The definition for 49-2091 Avionics Technicians reflects a unique occupation. Avionics Technicians work on electronic equipment (avionics), while Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians work on engines and assemblies. Furthermore, the recommended breakouts for 49-3011 Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians were not accepted based on classification principles 2, 6, and 9.</p>
2-0118	29-1199	Acupuncturists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0118 requested several changes to refine the definition for the proposed new detailed 2018 SOC occupation, 29-1291 Acupuncturists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Revise definition for 2018 SOC occupation 29-1291.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC modified the proposed definition, incorporating some of the recommended changes.</p>

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2-0120.01	21-1099	Peer Service Providers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (3) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Peer Service Providers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. The work of peer service providers is captured under other occupations including detailed occupations within the broad occupation 21-1020 Social Workers, depending on actual work performed.</p>
2-0120.02	N/A	Care Managers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0120.02 requested a new detailed occupation for Care Managers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. Care managers are captured under other occupational codes including 21-1093 Social and Human Service Assistants, depending on actual work performed.</p>
2-0120.03	31-1011	Direct Support Professionals	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0120.03 requested a new detailed occupation for Direct Support Professionals.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. Direct support professionals are captured under other occupational codes including 31-1011 Home Health Aides and 39-9021 Personal Care Aides, depending on actual work performed.</p>

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2-0123	21-1091	Health Educators	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested changing the title for 21-1091 Health Educators to Health Education Specialists and adding a new sentence to its definition.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Change title to Health Education Specialists and modify definition.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC accepted the recommendation to change the title and made some of the requested changes to the definition to clarify who is included.</p>
2-0124.01	49-9093	Fabric Menders, Except Garment	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.01 requested combining 49-9093 Fabric Menders, Except Garment with either 49-9099 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other or 51-6099 Textile, Apparel, and Furnishings Workers, All Other.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Combine 49-9093 and 49-9099.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-0124.02	49-9064	Watch Repairers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.02 requested combining 49-9064 Watch Repairers with 51-9071 Jewelers and Precious Stone and Metal Workers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Change title of 49-9064.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept the recommendation to combine 49-9064 and 51-9071 based on classification principle 2. However, the SOCPC recommended changing the title of 49-9064 to Watch and Clock Repairers to clarify that the occupation includes workers who repair clocks.</p>
2-0124.03	47-2142	Paperhangers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.03 requested combining 47-2142 Paperhangers with 47-2141 Painters, construction and maintenance.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2; the occupations have distinct job duties.</p>

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2-0124.04	41-9091	Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.04 requested deleting “Door-to-Door Sales Workers” from the title for 41-9091 and adding “Includes Door-to-Door Sales Workers” to the definition.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> “Door-to-Door Sales Worker” is a job title that is observed by both BLS and Census in federal statistical surveys.</p>
2-0124.05	39-5093	Shampooers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.05 requested combining 39-5093 Shampooers with 39-5012 Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. Hairdressers generally perform a wider set of job duties than shampooers and require training or certification. However, to help clarify the difference between these occupations, the SOCPC removed “shampooing” from the first sentence of 39-5012 and added this work function as a “May...” statement.</p>
2-0124.06	39-3021	Motion Picture Projectionists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.06 requested combining 39-3021 Motion Picture Projectionists with 27-4011 Audio and Video Equipment Technicians.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2; the occupations have distinct job duties.</p>



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2-0124.07	15-2091	Mathematical Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.07 requested combining 15-2091 Mathematical Technicians with 43-9111 Statistical Assistants.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Combine 15-2091 with 15-2099.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept the request to combine 15-2091 and 43-9111 based on classification principle 2. However, the SOCPC is combining 15-2091 with 15-2099 Mathematical Science Occupations, All Other, based on classification principle 9. The title, "Mathematical Technician" will be used as an illustrative example for 15-2099.</p>
2-0124.09	29-1067	Surgeons	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.09 requested that the proposed 2018 SOC occupation 29-1249 Surgeons, All Other be considered a detailed occupation rather than a residual and that it be titled "General Surgeons."</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-0124.11	15-1100	Database Integration Architects	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.11 requested changing the title for the proposed new detailed occupation 15-1243 Database Integration Architects to Database Architects.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Change title.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Database Architects is a more common occupational title.</p>

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2-0124.12	15-1100	Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0124.12 requested changing the title for the proposed new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 15-1253 Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers to Software Quality Assurance Engineers and Testers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. Changing the title as recommended may cause confusion with occupations included in minor group 17-2000 Engineers.</p>
2-0127	21-0000	Substance Use Disorder Peer Professionals	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Substance Use Disorder Peer Professionals.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. Substance Use Disorder Peer Professionals are captured under other occupational codes including 21-1023 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers, 21-1093 Social and Human Service Assistants, and 21-1099 Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other, depending on actual work activities performed.</p>
2-0129	29-1041	Optometrists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0129 requested changing the title of 29-1041 Optometrists to Doctors of Optometry and classifying Doctors of Optometry with Physicians.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. The term "Optometrists" is more common than Doctors of Optometry. In addition, although Optometrists receive a degree titled "Doctor of Optometry," they are not Physicians (medical doctors). The physician specialty, Ophthalmologist, represents the medical doctors who are educationally prepared and board certified to assess and treat eye illnesses and perform surgical procedures on the eye.</p>

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2-0130	19-3030	Psychologists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0130 requested disaggregating the broad occupation 19-3030 Psychologists into a subset of health service psychologist occupations in major group 29-0000 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations and a subset of research and applied psychologist occupations in major group 19-0000 Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 9. While there may be differences among associated psychology degree programs or those with degrees in psychology, the SOCPC found no evidence that the work activities of the proposed subsets are distinct. Note that the 19-3030 Psychologists occupations definitions were extensively revised after the May 22, 2014 <i>Federal Register</i> notice. Research psychologists cannot be collected separately; they are instead classified in 19-3039 Psychologists, All Other. The occupation was not moved to keep all psychologists together.</p>
2-0133.01	27-3043	Writers, Authors, and Journalists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0133.01 requested that the proposed 2018 SOC detailed occupation 27-3044 Writers, Authors, and Journalists, not include Journalists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Do not combine Journalists with 27-3043.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Because comments in response to the July 22, 2016 <i>Federal Register</i> did not support including Journalists with creative writing workers, the SOCPC will not combine Journalists with 27-3043 Writers and Authors based on classification principle 2. Within the 2018 SOC, Journalists will be captured under the new detailed occupation 27-3023 News Analysts, Reporters, and Journalists.</p>

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2-0133.02	25-1120	Arts, Communications, and Humanities Teachers, Postsecondary	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0133.02 requested that “Arts” remain in the broad occupation title for 25-1120, as in: “Arts, Communications, History, and Humanities Teachers, Postsecondary” to reduce any ambiguity about its inclusion.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Change title for 25-1120 to Arts, Communications, History, and Humanities Teachers, Postsecondary.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> To reduce any ambiguity about whether history or arts are included in the broad occupation, both terms are included in the title.</p>
2-0134.02	15-1100	Web Administrators	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.02 requested a new detailed occupation for Web Administrators.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. The work of Web Administrators is not sufficiently distinct from other occupations proposed for the 2018 SOC such as 15-1211 Computer Systems Analysts, 15-1212 Information Security Analysts, 15-1253 Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers, 15-1254 Web Developers, and 15-1255 Web and Digital Interface Designers. Also, the title “Web Administrator” varies in how it is used, and does not necessarily describe a distinct group of job duties.</p>
2-0134.03	13-0000	Sustainability Analysts	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets expressed concern that the proposed new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 13-1191 Sustainability Analysts may be too broad. The dockets suggested that the occupation only include those individuals who are involved with assessing, tracking, and reporting on environmental factors such as energy, water, and air. The dockets also requested changing the title for 13-1191 to Sustainability Specialists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Do not add proposed 2018 SOC occupation 13-1191 Sustainability Analysts.</p>

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			<p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1, 2, 9, and 10, sustainability analysts will not be added to the 2018 SOC. Many of the work activities included in the proposed definition overlap with other occupations, including 17-3025 Environmental Engineering Technicians, 19-2041 Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health, and 19-4091 Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health.</p>
2-0134.04	13-2054	Financial Risk Specialists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.04 expressed concern that the proposed new 2018 SOC detailed occupation Financial Risk Specialists does not address occupations focused on risk assessment outside the realm of financial issues. The docket requested adding new occupations for risk management specialists working outside of the financial industry.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 1, 2, and 9 a new occupation was not added because risk management specialists may be found in other occupations, including 2018 SOC occupation 15-1212 Information Security Analysts. Language regarding assessing risk was added to 2018 SOC occupation 15-1212 Information Security Analysts to help capture workers in that field.</p>
2-0134.05	29-1069	Hospitalists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.05 requested a new detailed occupation for Hospitalists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 1. The SOCPC is aware that Hospitalists are physicians who possess specific skills and knowledge required to treat and care for patients in a hospital setting. However, hospitalists can be coded to more than one existing SOC occupation.</p>

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2-0134.06	11-3031	Treasurers and Controllers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.06 requested a new detailed occupation for Treasurers and Controllers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. Treasurer and Controller/Comptroller are job titles that, in most cases, do not indicate unique work activities.</p>

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2-0134.07	17-2000	Engineers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.07 requested creating new detailed occupations for Biochemical Engineers, Manufacturing Engineers, and Mechatronics Engineers. The commenter also mentions that the SOCPC accepted a previous recommendation to add Mechatronics Engineers as a new detailed occupation in the 2018 SOC. In addition, the commenter disagrees with the 2010 SOC that Biochemical Engineers are a direct match to 17-2031 Biomedical Engineers and that Manufacturing Engineers are a direct match to 17-2112 Industrial Engineers. The commenter also requested that the SOCPC work with ETA on job zone changes for several occupations.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Change title and definition of 17-2031.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept the recommendation to add a new detailed occupation for Manufacturing Engineers based on classification principles 1 and 9. Manufacturing Engineers are captured under 17-2112 Industrial Engineers and are not separately collectable for BLS and Census. The commenter mistakenly mentions that Mechatronics Engineers would be added as a new detailed occupation; however, it will not. Instead, it will be added as a direct match title for 17-2199 Engineers, All Other. The SOCPC did not accept the request to add a new detailed occupation for Biochemical Engineers. However, the title for 17-2031 Biomedical Engineers was changed to Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers, and the definition was modified to clarify inclusion of Biochemical Engineers. Changes to the Employment and Training Administration’s Occupational Information Network (O*NET) are outside the scope of the SOC revision. According to SOC Classification Principle 2, occupations are primarily classified according to the work performed, and only in some special cases based on skills, education or training.</p>
2-0134.08	11-3021	Computer and Information Systems Managers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.08 requested that the definition for 11-3021 Computer and Information Systems Managers state that the occupation may involve management of 2018 SOC occupations 15-1252 Software Developers, 15-1251 Computer Programmers, 15-1211 Computer Systems Analysts, and other technology professionals.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p>

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			<p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept this recommendation based on classification principle 3.</p>
2-0134.09	11-1021	General and Operations Managers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.09 requested (1) adding illustrative examples to 11-1021 General and Operations Managers to clarify its distinction from 11-9199 Managers, All Other and other managerial occupations, and (2) modifying the definition to limit the occupation to senior-level managerial positions and avoid implying that managers performing a combination of duties should default to this occupation, rather than be coded to the occupation that describes the duties that are primarily performed.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add illustrative examples to 11-1021.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) The SOCPC added Department Store Manager and Operational Risk Manager as illustrative examples to 11-1021. However, the recommended illustrative examples were not added because the job titles could be coded to other occupations. (2) The definition was not changed based on classification principles 3 and 10.</p>
2-0134.10	13-1161	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.10 requested modifying the definition of 13-1161 Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists to include “manage or supervise marketing projects and staff” in order to improve coding within the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC).</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 3 and 4 and the fact that no changes are made to the SOC for nonstatistical purposes.</p>
2-0134.11	15-1100	Software Developers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.11 requested that “May supervise Computer Programmers” be added to the 2010 SOC definition 15-1133 Software Developers, Systems Software. In addition, the commenter would like the SOCPC to work with ETA on educational requirements for particular occupations.</p>



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			<p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 4. 15-1132 and 15-1133 have been replaced by the new detailed 2018 SOC occupations 15-1252 Software Developers and 15-1253 Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers. Principle 4 indicates that workers in these groups may be supervisors of workers doing similar work. Other requests were outside the scope of the SOC.</p>
2-0134.12	N/A	General/Non-Specific	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.12 was a comment on ETA job zones.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Changes to the Employment and Training Administration’s Occupational Information Network (O*NET) are outside the scope of the SOC revision.</p>
2-0134.13	27-2041	Music Directors and Composers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-1034.13 requested that 27-2041 Music Directors and Composers be disaggregated into two separate detailed occupations.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition for 27-2041.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Music Directors and Composers will not be disaggregated based on classification principles 9 and 10. However, the definition for 27-2041 was modified to include the duties of Composers.</p>
2-0134.14	25-1000	Postsecondary Staff	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested (1) adding occupations for workers who provide student and academic services that are not instructional in nature, and (2) modifying definitions and illustrative examples for Education Administrators in 11-9031, 11-9032, and 11-9033 to limit the occupations to senior-level positions. The request refers to the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) and the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA).</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p>

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			<p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) Based on classification principle 2 and the fact that no changes are made to the SOC for nonstatistical purposes. Staff in postsecondary schools who are not teachers are found in occupations outside of major group 25-1000. However, the title of major group 25-0000 was changed from Educational, Instruction, and Library Occupations to Educational Instruction and Library Occupations to clarify that the group does not include non-instructional education occupations. (2) Not accepted based on classification principles 3 and 10.</p>
2-0134.15	19-4021	Biological Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.15 requested that the SOCPC work with ETA on job zone changes.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Changes to the Employment and Training Administration’s Occupational Information Network (O*NET) are outside the scope of the SOC revision.</p>
2-0134.16	N/A	Academic Clinical Physicians; Medical Residents and Fellows	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.16 requested new detailed occupations for (1) Academic Clinical Physicians and (2) Medical Residents and Fellows.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) Based on coding guideline 2. (2) Based on classification principle 7.</p>
2-0134.17	13-0000	Product Managers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.17 requested a new detailed occupation for Product Managers or modifying the definition for new detailed 2018 SOC occupation 13-1082 Project Management Specialists to include Product Managers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1 and 2. Product Managers could be classified in many existing occupations depending on the work performed. In many cases a product manager would <i>not</i> be included in 2018 SOC occupation 13-1082 Project Management Specialists.</p>

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2-0134.18	11-3011	Department Managers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.18 requested a new detailed occupation for Department Managers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 1. Department Managers could be classified in several different occupations.</p>
2-0134.19	23-2011	Foreign Legal Specialists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.19 requested a new detailed occupation for Foreign Legal Specialists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 9. Foreign Legal Specialists does not identify a unique set of job duties and may be found in other occupations, including, but not limited to 23-1011 Lawyers or 23-2011 Paralegals and Legal Assistants.</p>
2-0134.20	41-4011	Sales Professionals	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0134.20 requested (1) removing the education requirement from the definition of 41-4011 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products, (2) expanding this occupation to cover technical sales positions from all sectors of the economy, including sales of services, and (3) including illustrative examples to clarify that the occupation covers all sales professional occupations.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) Based on classification principle 2. In this case, keeping the education level associated with certain sales representatives helps define the level of skill and technical knowledge intended for the occupation and to differentiate it from other occupations. (2) Workers selling services are included within minor group 41-3000 Sales Representatives, Services. (3) The term “professional” in the job title does not indicate the work being performed or the skills or education needed.</p>

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2-0136	49-2097	Commercial Audiovisual Systems Installers and Designers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0136 requested a new detailed occupation for Commercial Audiovisual Systems Installers and Designers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify title and definition for 49-2097.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 9. The work is the same regardless of location. In addition, the proposed new occupation is not separately collectable from 49-2097 Electronic Home Entertainment Equipment Installers and Repairers, which had been modified. The new title for 49-2097 will be Audiovisual Equipment Installers and Repairers and the definition will be modified to clarify that it includes all Audiovisual Systems Installers.</p>
2-0138	15-1100	Computer Occupations	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0138 requested (1) a new detailed occupation for Mobile Developers, and (2) modifying the definition for 2018 SOC occupation 15-1231 Computer Network Support Specialists to include cloud and server troubleshooting.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add illustrative example and modify definition for 15-1231.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) Insufficient information was provided to add Mobile Developers as a new detailed occupation. Mobile Applications Developer will be added as an illustrative example for 2018 SOC occupation 15-1252 Software Developers. (2) The definition for 2018 SOC occupation 15-1231 Computer Network Support Specialists was changed to incorporate the second recommendation.</p>
2-0141	19-3090	Education Researchers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (537) dockets requested (1) adding a new detailed occupation for Education Researchers within minor group 19-3000 Social Scientists and Related Workers, (2) disaggregating 25-1080 Education and Library Science Teachers, Postsecondary into separate broad occupations and (3) revising the definition for 25-1081 Education Teachers, Postsecondary.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p>

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			<p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) Based on classification principle 2. Researchers are classified based on work performed, not subject matter. (2) Based on classification principle 10. (3) Based on classification principle 10.</p>
2-0142	29-9091	Athletic Trainers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested (1) modifying the definition for 29-9091 Athletic Trainers, (2) modifying the direct match titles associated with the occupation, and (3) moving the occupation to broad occupation 29-1120 Therapists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition and direct match titles for 29-9091.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The definition was changed and some of the recommended changes were made to the direct match titles. The SOCPC did not accept the third recommendation based on classification principle 10.</p>
2-0143	33-2011	Firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0143 requested adding Emergency Medical Services credentialing to the work performed by 33-2011 Firefighters by disaggregating the occupation into Firefighters-EMTs, Firefighters-Paramedics, and Firefighters, All Other.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 1, 2, 8, and 9.</p>
2-0147	37-3013	Tree Trimmers and Pruners	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0147 requested modifying the title of 37-3013 Tree Trimmers and Pruners to Arborists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add Utility Arborists as an illustrative example to 37-3013.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept this recommendation because not all Tree Trimmers and Pruners are Arborists. Some arborists belong in major group 19-0000, depending on the specific job duties. However, Utility Arborists—workers who trim trees for a utility company—will be added as an illustrative example for 37-3013.</p>

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2-0149	17-3000	Metrologists and Calibration Technologists and Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0149 requested (1) modifying the definition for the new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 17-3028 Calibration Technologists and Technicians and (2) adding a new detailed occupation for Metrologist and Calibration Engineers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition for 17-3028.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) The SOCPC incorporated some of the recommended changes to the definition for 17-3028. (2) No change based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-0150	41-9099	Auction Professionals	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0150 requested a new detailed occupation for Auction Professionals.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 8 and 9.</p>
2-0151	29-2099	Neurodiagnostic Technologists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0151 requested a new detailed occupation for Neurodiagnostic Technologists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 8 and 9.</p>
2-0152	43-5031	Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0152 requested that the SOCPC “keep the funding the same for the 911 Dispatchers.”</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> This request is outside the scope of the SOC revision.</p>
2-0154	29-1141	Public Health Nurses	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0154 provided three options for adding a new occupation for Public Health Nurses, in order of preference: (1) a new major group for public health</p>

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			<p>occupations that would include Public Health Nurses, (2) a new broad and detailed occupation within minor group 29-1000, or (3) a breakout of broad occupation of 29-1140.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. Public health nurses can be coded to more than one occupation depending on actual work activities performed.</p>
2-0155	29-2021	Dental Hygienists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0155 requested modifying the 2018 SOC definition for 29-1292 Dental Hygienists and expressed support for its new placement in the structure.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition of 29-1292.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC made some of the suggested changes to the definition, and appreciates the feedback on the new placement in the structure.</p>
2-0159	N/A	Marine Industries	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0159 requested adding more than 70 titles to the Direct Match Title File (DMTF).</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add two titles to the DMTF.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC noted that many of the titles were already in the DMTF. Two titles, Boat Club Manager and Marina Club Manager, were added to the new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 11-9072 Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling.</p>
2-0177	21-1094	Community Health Workers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (68) dockets requested modifying the definition for 21-1094 Community Health Workers, to more accurately reflect the work performed.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition for 21-1094.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC made some of the recommended changes to the definition.</p>

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2-0250.02	11-9031	Education and Childcare Administrators	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0250.02 requested removing the term “daycare” from the proposed new title for 11-9031 Education and Childcare Administrators, Preschool and Daycare.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The term ‘daycare’ is used to describe individuals who belong in this occupation.</p>
2-0250.03	25-9041	Special Education Teaching Assistants	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 0250.03 requested a new detailed occupation, Special Education Teaching Assistants.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add new detailed 2018 SOC occupation 25-9043 Teaching Assistants, Special Education</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC accepted this recommendation and added a detailed occupation for 25-9043 Teaching Assistants, Special Education. Distinct work activities include helping teach social or life skills to students who have learning, emotional, or physical disabilities.</p>
2-0250.04	19-3031	School Psychologists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0250.04 requested modifying the definition for the proposed new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 19-3034 School Psychologists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify the definition for the new 2018 SOC occupation 19-3034 School Psychologists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC made some of the recommended changes to the definition.</p>
2-0250.05	21-1021	School Social Workers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0250.05 requested a new detailed occupation for School Social Workers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. The work performed is included in 21-1021 Child, Family, and School Social Workers and is similar regardless of location or employer.</p>



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2-0250.06	25-1191	Teaching Assistants, Postsecondary	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0250.06 requested modifying the definition of 2018 SOC occupation 25-9044 Teaching Assistants, Postsecondary.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify the definition for 25-9044 Teaching Assistants, Postsecondary.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC made some of the recommended changes to the definition.</p>
2-0334	39-9011	Childcare Workers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (37) dockets supported maintaining the placement of 39-9011 Childcare Workers in major group 39-0000, as well as keeping them separate from 25-2011 Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 10.</p>
2-0336	39-9011	Childcare Workers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (297) dockets requested changes to 39-9011 Childcare Workers. Specifically, the requests were to (1) update the Childcare Workers definition to include teaching, (2) move 39-9011 Childcare Workers to 2018 SOC major group 25-0000 Educational Instruction and Library Occupations, and (3) separate school-age care workers from the early childhood workers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 10.</p> <p>(1) While some duties may overlap, teachers have additional duties that are distinct from Childcare Workers. Childcare Workers attend to children, performing a variety of tasks, such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play. Preschool Teachers instruct preschool-age students, following curricula or lesson plans, in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth. Based on coding guideline 2, if a childcare worker is also teaching, they are classified as a teacher.</p>

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			<p>(2) Given that the primary job duties of Childcare Workers involve providing a personal service, it is appropriate to keep them in major group 39-0000 Personal Care and Service Occupations.</p> <p>(3) Regarding separating the Childcare Workers by age group, the SOCPC does not accept this recommendation based on classification principle 9, in addition to principles 2 and 10. Childcare Workers often care for children of different ages and have similar work activities. The BLS and Census cannot collect data on Childcare Workers according to the age of the child.</p>
2-0651	29-1129	Art Therapists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (235) dockets were in support of the SOCPC recommendation to clarify coding of Art Therapists by adding the occupation as an illustrative example for 29-1129 Therapists, All Other.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC appreciates these comments.</p>
2-0867	43-5031	Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (4,466) dockets requested changes to 43-5031 Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers. Specifically, the requests were to (1) change the title of 43-5031 to Public Safety Telecommunicators, (2) move 43-5031 to major group 33-0000 Protective Service Occupations, (3) modify the definition to more accurately reflect the job duties and the evolution of the occupation, and (4) provide 911 Dispatchers with recognition, respect, and acknowledgment of their importance.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add Public Safety Telecommunicator as an illustrative example for 43-5031 Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers. Modify definition of 43-5031.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i></p> <p>(1) The job title “Public Safety Telecommunicator” was added as an illustrative example for 43-5031 based on input from the commenter and SOCPC research. However, based on the research of the SOCPC, and another comment (docket 2-0892), the occupation title will not change. The SOCPC workgroup searched for evidence that the title “Public Safety Telecommunicator” was in use. The workgroup canvassed employment recruiting sites that had vacancies for this occupation. Using several key word searches (such as public safety,</p>

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			<p>telecommunicator, dispatcher, 911, emergency, ambulance, etc.) the workgroup found that most jurisdictions refer to workers in the occupation as “Dispatchers” or some variant of dispatcher. The workgroup also researched position descriptions from multiple jurisdictions across the country including jurisdictions of different sizes. The title “Dispatchers” was used in 93 percent of the job postings and position descriptions, while the word “public” was used in 15 percent, and the word “telecommunicator” (and its variants) was used in 4 percent. In addition, over 1,000 job titles in the occupation, as reported to the Occupational Employment Statistics and American Community Surveys, were reviewed. Only 17 percent used a variation of telecommunicator, including 9 percent that used the title “Public Safety Telecommunicator.” Dispatcher was the most commonly reported title; 43 percent of the entries use this term in the job title. Because the term Dispatcher is more common than Telecommunicator the occupation title will continue to use the term Dispatcher. Because of the request and the finding that the term Telecommunicator is sometimes used, the term “Public Safety Telecommunicator” will be added as an illustrative example.</p> <p>(2) The occupation will not be moved to major group 33-0000 Protective Service Occupations based on classification principles 2 and 10 and coding guideline 2. The SOC is not organized by industry or by common purpose, but by type of work. When work is performed by some, but not all workers to be classified in the occupation, that work is often included in a “May” statement to facilitate consistent classification. The most frequently reported work performed by Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers is taking calls from the public and entering the information into a system. Most, but not all of the workers coordinate and provide information to law enforcement and emergency response personnel. In some jurisdictions, these duties are performed by more experienced staff. In rarer circumstances, position descriptions have more advanced duties. These cases may indicate a different occupation—one that belongs in a different major group, or in a supervisory occupation, in accordance with coding guideline 2 which states that when workers meet the definition of more than one occupation, they should be included in the occupation with the higher skill.</p> <p>The SOCPC recognizes the intent of the call-taking and dispatching performed by Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers is to protect the public. However, the SOC is classified according to the work performed by those in this occupation. The work performed by workers classified in 43-5031 includes speaking with callers, listening, and collecting and entering information. The</p>

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			<p>job duties of workers in the major group 33-0000 Protective Service Occupations often require some physical component or direct physical contact; i.e., apprehending, guarding, inspecting, patrolling, extinguishing, etc. The primary tasks of taking calls and entering information into a system are more consistent with the work performed by other occupations in major group 43-0000 Office and Administrative Support Occupations than the work performed by occupations in major group 33-0000 Protective Service Occupations. Dispatching is a task that is found in another detailed occupation in major group 43-0000. Research on the hundreds of position descriptions from jurisdictions across the country showed that many Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers (60%) also have clerical duties such as filing paperwork, maintaining lost and found items, filling out paperwork and logs, and ordering office supplies. Despite the additional duties, dispatchers should be classified in the dispatcher occupations because of coding guideline 2. Other BLS sources consulted include the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) survey. The most commonly reported injuries for Dispatchers are overexertion, including repetitive motion (40%), and slips, falls, and trips (39%). For Protective Service Workers (those currently classified in major group 33-0000), injuries are more likely to involve another person or violence.</p> <p>In addition, moving the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers would hinder agencies that include this occupation in higher level aggregations from conducting time series comparisons and conflicts with classification principle 10.</p> <p>(3) The definition was updated using some of the wording suggested by commenters. However, work activities such as analyzing call patterns, using advanced tools and media to transmit information, and utilizing information coming in from field surveillance were not included in the revised definition because these tasks may describe workers who are classified in different occupations.</p> <p>(4) The value of work performed as a justification for assignments made using the SOC is out of scope for this review. The SOC system is organized on work performed, and placement in the SOC is not based on and does not indicate importance or respect. The comments received and SOCPC research indicate that stress and responsibility are often associated with the job. However, the SOC is designed for statistical purposes only. Although there are entities that use the SOC for non-statistical purposes (e.g., for administrative, regulatory, or taxation functions),</p>

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			such considerations play no role in the design of the SOC system. Consequently, the SOCPC does not recommend OMB modify the classification to meet the requirements of any non-statistical program or purpose.
2-0892	43-5031	Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-0892 requested that 43-5031 Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers retain its 2010 SOC title and placement in the structure.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC accepted this recommendation.</p>
2-5181	29-1141	Clinical Nurse Specialists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (62) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Clinical Nurse Specialists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 9. The work performed by Clinical Nurse Specialists is similar to work performed by other occupations, including 29-1141 Registered Nurses.</p>
2-5193	13-0000	Project Management Specialists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (3) dockets requested (1) a new detailed occupation for Information Technology Project Managers because it was not clear if they were included with 2018 SOC occupation 13-1082 Project Management Specialists and (2) clarifying the distinction between 13-1082 and 43-5061 Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify the definition for 2018 SOC occupation 13-1082 Project Management Specialists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) Based on classification principle 2. The definition for Project Management Specialists was modified to clarify that it can include workers who are IT Project Management Specialists. IT Project Managers could be coded to many existing occupations, including 13-1082 Project Management Specialists. (2) The SOCPC accepted the second recommendation and modified the definition for 43-5061 by adding an “Excludes” statement.</p>

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2-5238	29-1199	Advanced Practice Dental Therapists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-5238 requested a new detailed occupation for Advanced Practice Dental Therapists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-5310	21-1013	Marriage and Family Therapists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested (1) separating 21-1013 Marriage and Family Therapists from 21-1010 Counselors and creating a new broad and detailed occupation (2) modifying the title of minor group 21-1000 to Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, and other Community and Social Service Specialists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 10, and the fact that no changes are made to the SOC for nonstatistical purposes. The work activities of the occupation are not distinct from other occupations in 21-1010 Counselors.</p>
2-5396	21-1093	Human Service Professionals	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (133) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Human Service Professionals.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify the definition for 21-1093.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept the recommendation to add a new detailed occupation based on classification principles 1 and 2. However, the definition for 21-1093 Social and Human Service Assistants was modified for clarity.</p>

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2-5483	29-9000	Health Information Technology and Medical Registrars	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (5) dockets requested (1) a new detailed occupation for Medical Registrars under the proposed 2018 SOC broad group 29-9020 Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars, since they deal with information and technology, (2) new detailed occupations within 29-9020 for Health Informatics, Health Information Management, and Health Information Technology, and (3) reducing overlap between 2018 SOC occupation 29-2072 Medical Records Specialists and 43-4111 Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify title and definition for 2018 SOC occupation 29-9021.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The title for 29-9021 changed to Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars, and the definition was modified for clarity and consistency. No additional occupations were added, based on classification principle 9. The definitions for 2018 SOC occupations 29-2072 Medical Records Specialists, 29-9021 Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars, and 43-4111 Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan are sufficiently distinct.</p>
2-5506	N/A	General/Non-Specific	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-5506 did not request any specific change but offered a positive comment regarding the mission and the purpose of the SOC.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC appreciates the feedback.</p>
2-5633	11-9111	Medical Services Professionals	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-5633 requested a new detailed occupation for Medical Services Professionals.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 1. Medical Services Professionals can be coded to multiple SOC occupations depending on work activities performed.</p>

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2-5635	29-9099	Health and Wellness Coaches	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-5635 requested a new detailed occupation for Health and Wellness Coaches.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 1. The occupational description provided overlaps with 21-1094 Community Health Workers, among other occupations.</p>
2-5749	29-2071	Patient Access Managers and Patient Access Specialists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-5749 requested new detailed occupations for Patient Access Managers and Patient Access Specialists or, as an alternative, including the titles as illustrative examples for 11-9111 Medical and Health Services Managers and 2018 SOC occupation 29-2072 Medical Records Specialists, respectively.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC did not accept this recommendation during the first 2018 SOC <i>Federal Register</i> notice comment period, based on classification principles 2 and 9. No new information provided would merit changing the initial recommendation. Within the SOC, workers are classified based on work activities rather than job titles. Patient Access Managers and Patient Access Specialists could be classified in multiple occupations depending on specific work activities.</p>
2-5789	29-1120	Music Therapists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-5789 requested adding a new detailed occupation for Music Therapists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9. The job title is an illustrative example for 29-1129 Therapists, All Other.</p>



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2-6102	25-2000	STEM Teachers, Grade 1–8 and Grade 9–12	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (4) dockets requested new detailed occupations for STEM Teachers in Grades 1–12.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-6130	19-3090	Educational Psychologists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6130 requested a new detailed occupation for Educational Psychologists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The commenter did not provide any supporting documentation.</p>
2-6140	25-2000	Grade 1–12 Teachers, including Math, Science, and Statistics	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (285) dockets requested (1) not classifying teachers by Grades 1–8 and Grades 9–12, as proposed, and (2) breaking out Middle School and Secondary School Teachers by broad subject area.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Define Teachers as they were in the 2010 SOC.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> (1) The SOCPC accepted the first recommendation and will continue using “Elementary School,” “Middle School,” and “Secondary School” to classify teachers. Definitions and direct match titles were edited for clarity and consistency. (2) The SOCPC did not accept the recommendation to break out Middle and Secondary School Teachers by broad subject area based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-6212	25-9099	Educational Evaluators	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6212 requested a new detailed occupation for Educational Evaluators.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>

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2-6354	43-9021	Braille Transcribers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Braille Transcribers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-6360	41-0000	Auto Service Writers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (2) dockets requested clarification on coding Auto Service Writers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add Auto Service Writers as an illustrative example for 41-2021 Counter and Rental Clerks.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2.</p>
2-6368	29-2030	Diagnostic Related Technologists and Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6368 requested modifying the definitions for the detailed occupations within broad occupation 29-2030 Diagnostic Related Technologists and Technicians and 29-1124 Radiation Therapists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definitions of 29-2031, 29-2032, 29-2034, and 29-1124.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Some of the proposed changes were made to the definitions.</p>
2-6370.01	53-3033	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6370.01 requested clarification regarding Parts Drivers and other modifications to the 2018 SOC definition for 53-3033 Light Truck Drivers, which was retitled from “Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers” in the 2010 SOC.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Delivery services that include customer interaction or other sales activities, such as setting up displays, are included in 53-3031 Driver/Sales Workers. The 2018 SOC definition for 53-3033 states that merchandise or packages are picked up “primarily” from a</p>

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			distribution center. Delivery Services Drivers were removed from the SOC title and Direct Match Title File entries for 53-3033 to avoid potential confusion with 53-3031 Driver/Sales Workers, which includes pizza delivery and newspaper delivery. Parts Drivers could be coded to either 53-3031 or 53-3033 depending on actual work activities.
2-6370.02	47-2031	Carpenters	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6370.02 requested changes to the definition for 47-2031 Carpenters to include working with vinyl or aluminum siding or window frames.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> In response to the first 2018 SOC <i>Federal Register</i> notice the SOCPC changed “wood” to “wood and comparable materials.”</p>
2-6370.03	53-6021	Parking Lot Attendants	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6370.03 requested changes to the definition of the proposed 2018 SOC occupation 53-6021 Parking Attendants to exclude those who work at car dealerships.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The 2018 SOC revised title and definition are intended to capture people parking cars in all types of parking lots, including workers who move vehicles at dealerships.</p>
2-6370.04	29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6370.04 requested changing the definition for the new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 29-2042 Emergency Medical Technicians to specify three levels of EMT training including EMT-B (Basic Life Support), EMT-I (Basic Life Support Intermediate), and EMT-P (Paramedic Advanced Life Support).</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. The three types of EMTs described reflect various levels of certification. All types of EMTs fall within the proposed 2018 SOC 29-2042 Emergency Medical Technicians definition. The Direct Match Title File includes EMT-B (Basic Life Support) and EMT-I (Basic Life Support Intermediate).</p>

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2-6370.05	29-2041	Paramedics	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6370.05 requested changing the definition for the new detailed 2018 SOC occupation 29-2043 Paramedics because Paramedics are the only ones who can administer medication.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition for 2018 SOC occupation 29-2043.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Administering medicine is already part of the definition for 29-2043. However, the definition was modified to read “May administer medicine intravenously.”</p>
2-6373	11-9199	Floodplain Managers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6373 requested a new detailed occupation for Floodplain Managers.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 9.</p>
2-6379	29-2050	Orthopedic Technologists	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6379 requested a new detailed occupation for Orthopedic Technologists.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition and direct match titles for 51-9082.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Manufacturing Orthopedic Technologists are classified in 51-9082 Medical Appliance Technicians, based on the work they do. These technicians are primarily involved with the production work and do not work with patients. The definition and direct match titles for 51-9082 were modified for clarity. Individuals who work directly with patients should be included in 29-2099 Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other.</p>
2-6387	25-9021	Family Life Educators	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Multiple (3) dockets requested a new detailed occupation for Family Life Educators or adding the title as an illustrative example for multiple occupations.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p>

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			<p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 2. Family Life Educator is a job title that can apply to workers who have a variety of different duties. These workers should be coded into existing SOC occupations based on the work they perform. Illustrative examples are reserved for job titles that have unique placements.</p>
2-6397.02	25-2000	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Grade 1–8	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6397.02 requested deleting the proposed 2018 SOC occupation 25-2025 Career/Technical Education Teachers, Grade 1–8 because most elementary schools do not have these classes.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Career/Technical Teachers will apply to middle school and above only.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOC will not have an occupation for Career/Technical Teachers, Elementary School, but it will retain 25-2023 Career/Technical Education Teachers, Middle School.</p>
2-6399	49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6399 requested clarification on where helicopter mechanics are classified.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add Helicopter Engine Mechanic as an illustrative example for 49-3011 Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principle 1, clarification.</p>
2-6400	49-9071	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6400 requested deleting “HVAC maintenance” from the definition for 49-9071 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add HVAC to the definition for 49-9021.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Workers in 49-9071 must perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations, whereas those in 49-9021 Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers are limited only to HVAC. The term “HVAC” will be added to the definition for 49-9021 so that users looking for the term will find it in this occupation.</p>

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2-6401	53-1000	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation Passenger Attendants	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6401 requested clarification on the distinction between the new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 53-1044 First-Line Supervisors of Transportation Passenger Attendants and 53-2031 Flight Attendants; i.e., whether supervisors of 53-2031 should be included in 53-1044 along with supervisors of Passenger Attendants in 53-6060.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition of 53-1044.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC clarified that supervisors of 53-2031 Flight Attendants should be coded in the new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 53-1044 First-Line Supervisors of Transportation Passenger Attendants.</p>
2-6403	49-9092	Commercial Divers	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6403 requested modifying the definition for 49-9092 Commercial Divers to include more than one type of equipment.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Modify definition for 49-9092.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> The SOCPC accepted this recommendation and broadened the definition for 49-9092 Commercial Divers.</p>
2-6408	N/A	Out of Scope	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6408 requested changes to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Changes to the BLS/OES program are outside the scope of the SOC revision.</p>
2-6416	N/A	Out of Scope	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6416 requested changes to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p>

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			<i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Changes to the BLS/OES program are outside the scope of the SOC revision.
2-6417	11-9199	Personal Service Managers, All Other	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6417 requested a modification to the title or definition of the new 2018 SOC detailed occupation 11-9179 Personal Service Managers, All Other for clarification.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> Add Day Spa Director, Nail Salon Manager, and Travel Agency Manager as illustrative examples for 11-9179.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 3, 4, and 9. SOC code 39-1022 covers First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers.</p>
2-6420	53-6031	Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6420 requested moving 53-6031 Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants to major group 49-0000 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair occupations.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 10. Primary work activities are service oriented rather than installation or repair.</p>
2-6426	51-9081	Dental Laboratory Technicians	<p><i>Summary of request:</i> Docket 2-6426 requested splitting 51-9081 Dental Laboratory Technicians into two new detailed occupations and moving them to minor group 29-2000 Health Technologists and Technicians.</p> <p><i>SOCPC recommendation:</i> No change.</p> <p><i>SOCPC rationale:</i> Based on classification principles 2 and 9. The work activities are not sufficiently distinct and are related to production rather than healthcare.</p>

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Childcare Workers	See <a href="#">Comments received in response to July 22, 2016 <i>Federal Register</i> notice</a>	297	2-0336
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Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	See <a href="#">Comments received in response to July 22, 2016 <i>Federal Register</i> notice</a>	4,466	2-0867
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Human Service Professionals	See <a href="#">Comments received in response to July 22, 2016 <i>Federal Register</i> notice</a>	133	2-5396
Medical Registrar and Records Specialists	2-0135, 2-0148, 2-5483, 2-6418, and 2-6424	5	2-5483
STEM Teachers, Grade 1–8 and Grade 9–12	2-6063, 2-6102, 2-6362, and 2-6383	4	2-6102
Grade 1–12 Teachers, including Math, Science, and Statistics	See <a href="#">Comments received in response to July 22, 2016 <i>Federal Register</i> notice</a>	285	2-6140
Braille Transcribers	2-0116 and 2-6354	2	2-6354
Auto Service Writers	2-6360 and 2-6407	2	2-6360
Family Life Educators	2-0157, 2-0158, and 2-6387	3	2-6387