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- ✓ *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, the nation's premier source for career information
- ✓ Budget projections in the public and private sector
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