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New all-employee hours and earnings from the CES survey

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The Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey, also known as the establishment survey, has long been regarded as a primary source of average hourly earnings and hours paid for private-sector workers in the United States. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) first produced estimates of hours and earnings for production workers in 1909. The early data focused on earnings in manufacturing industries, but hours and employment data also were produced.

By 1947, industry coverage for hours and earnings was expanded to include all goods-producing industries; however, it remained impossible to compute estimates for the entire private nonagricultural economy. In 1964, collection was expanded to include hours and earnings data for nonsupervisory workers in private service-providing industries; then, in 1967, BLS began publishing hours and earnings data for all nonagricultural industries in the private sector. While the scope of the data on production and nonsupervisory employees has grown to cover more industries, the data still represent only about 80 percent of workers in the private sector. (See table 1.)

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