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All-employee hours and earnings for States and metropolitan areas

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EXCERPT

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is a monthly survey of more than 400,000 business establishments.¹ The CES program provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings, by industry detail, for the Nation, States, and metropolitan areas. CES data are widely considered one of the most timely and accurate economic indicators published by the Federal Government.

The BLS has published estimates of hours and earnings of production workers since 1909. Because these workers are about 80 percent of all employees (as measured by the CES survey), their hours and earnings data are by no means complete information about the total private economy. Accordingly, the BLS began publishing all-employee hours and earnings data on an experimental basis on March 11, 2008, in order to provide a more complete picture of employee hours and earnings than what is available with the production worker data. The all-employee payroll data provide comprehensive information suitable for analyzing economic trends.

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Footnotes

¹ This is the second of two reports in this issue of the *Review* that discusses all-employee hours and earnings from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey. The first report, "Hours and earnings for all employees," by Angie Clinton (pp. 34-40) provides additional background on these data and discusses them in the national context.

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