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Improvements to the quarterly productivity measures

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The use of annually-weighted output measures for productivity calculations will eliminate a source of bias and reduce revisions. This article discusses methodological improvements to the quarterly productivity series published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that will improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data and reduce the size of revisions in the future.

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