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Earnings and benefits of contingent and noncontingent workers

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Contingent workers generally earn less income and are less likely to receive health insurance and pension benefits through their employers than are noncontingent workers; however, many have access to health insurance from other sources. Until the Contingent Worker/Alternative Work Arrangement Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS) was conducted in February 1995, only limited data were available to examine the compensation of contingent workers. This article takes a first look at the compensation data from that survey.

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