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Internet collection at the Bureau of Labor Statistics: an option to report data

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BLS statistical programs often provide multiple modes through which employers may report data, such as employment, wages, or occupational injuries and illnesses. BLS has begun offering Internet data collection for some programs. This article looks at the Internet collection experience of two large surveys—the monthly Current Employment Statistics program and the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. Topics discussed include solicitation strategies, response issues, data quality, data security, and handling employer questions. While the Internet provides an added choice for employers, concerns over cost and response have not been fully addressed.

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