

[Related BLS programs](#) | [Related articles](#)

ABSTRACT

[May 2005, Vol. 128, No. 5](#)

Improving estimation and benchmarking of State labor force statistics

Sharon P. Brown

Chief, Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This article is an expanded version of her paper, "Benchmarking State Labor Force Estimates in the United States," presented at the June 2003 OECD Short-term Economic Statistics Expert Group meeting in Paris, France.

E-mail: brown.sharon@bls.gov

A new estimation procedure, including bivariate models with real-time benchmarking, was introduced into the BLS LAUS program with the January estimates; the new approach to estimation ensures monthly additivity of State and national estimates, thereby reflecting economic events in a timely manner and reducing the size of the annual revision to the State series.

▶ [Read excerpt](#) ▶ [Download full article in PDF](#) (48K)

Related BLS programs

[Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey](#)
[Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#)

Related *Monthly Labor Review* articles

[BLS regional offices and the Federal-State statistics program.](#)?a href="/opub/mlr/1992/12/contents.htm">Dec. 1992.

[Developing statistics to meet society's needs.](#)?a href="/opub/mlr/1989/10/contents.htm">Oct. 1989.

[Implementing recommendations to improve labor statistics.](#)?a href="/opub/mlr/1985/02/contents.htm">Feb. 1985.

Within *Monthly Labor Review Online*:

[Welcome](#) | [Current Issue](#) | [Index](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Archives](#)

Exit *Monthly Labor Review Online*:

[BLS Home](#) | [Publications & Research Papers](#)