

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

**ABSTRACT**

[June 2009, Vol. 132, No. 6](#)

## BLS at 125: using historic principles to track the 21st-century economy

*William J. Wiatrowski*

Associate Commissioner, Office of Compensation and Working Conditions, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

---

Relying on its core principles of objectivity, confidentiality, relevance, accuracy, and transparency, as well as a core set of disciplines—economics, statistics, information technology, and behavioral science—the Bureau of Labor Statistics at 125 has incorporated new labor phenomena arising over the past quarter century into its repertoire of programs and services.

▶ [Read excerpt](#) ▶ [Download full article in PDF](#) (1,567K)

---

Related BLS programs

[BLS Programs and Surveys](#)

---

Related *Monthly Labor Review* articles

[Century of wage statistics: the BLS contribution, A.—Nov. 1984.](#)  
[BLS and the economy: a centennial timetable.—Nov. 1984.](#)

---

Within *Monthly Labor Review Online*:

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

Exit *Monthly Labor Review Online*:

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