

Employment in Health Care During the Recession

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Current Employment Statistics Survey

- The Current Employment Statistics program produces industry data on employment, hours, and earnings
- CES is a Federal-State cooperative program that administers a monthly survey of payroll records
- Each month CES surveys about 140,000 businesses and government agencies, representing approximately 410,000 individual worksites

Scope of Survey

- Reference period: pay period including the 12th of the month
- Payroll data for nonagricultural industries in the United States
 - All employees
 - Production and nonsupervisory workers
 - Women workers
- Private sector hours and earnings for production or nonsupervisory workers as well as for all employees

Release

- National estimates are released on the third Friday after the survey reference period
- Data is available in the Employment Situation, Real Earnings, and on the BLS website
- “Many economists say the employment report is the most important report the government releases each month.” - CNBC

Uses

- The first economic indicator of current economic trends each month, together with the unemployment rate
- Input into other major economic indicators
- Public policy
- Wage negotiations
- Economic research and planning
- Industry studies

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