Recent Developments in Current Employment Statistics

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Abstract

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) program produces some of the timeliest, most important monthly economic data, based on a large survey of businesses, reporting information on nonfarm payroll employment, hours, and earnings. In the 2020s, CES has faced lower response rates than before, while revisions have led to criticism from some data users. This paper presents a view of some of the challenges CES faces, how the program has adapted, and improvements CES is currently investigating and pursuing.

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