

BLS Statement on the Federal Government Shutdown

Publication of September data was delayed by more than 6 weeks because of a lapse in federal appropriations. Collection of September data for the household survey, which provides the primary inputs to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, had been completed in accordance with our normal schedule prior to the federal government shutdown. The September LAUS data in this release will not be revised until annual processing. September estimates from the establishment survey include both data collected on our normal schedule prior to the shutdown and also September data that businesses self-reported electronically during the shutdown. As a result, the establishment survey collection rate (80.2 percent) for this initial release of September 2025 data is higher than usual.

BLS will not publish an October 2025 State Employment and Unemployment news release. Establishment survey data for October, as well as revised data for September, will be published with the November 2025 data. Household survey data were not collected for the October 2025 reference period due to a lapse in appropriations and will not be collected retroactively. For both surveys, the collection period for November 2025 data was extended, and extra processing time will be needed.