Current Employment Statistics (CES) – Purposes

Change in number of jobs in U.S. across months

Change in numbers of hours worked by U.S. workers

Change in earnings of U.S. workers

CES – Key Design Features

Target population
   Organizations with one or more employees
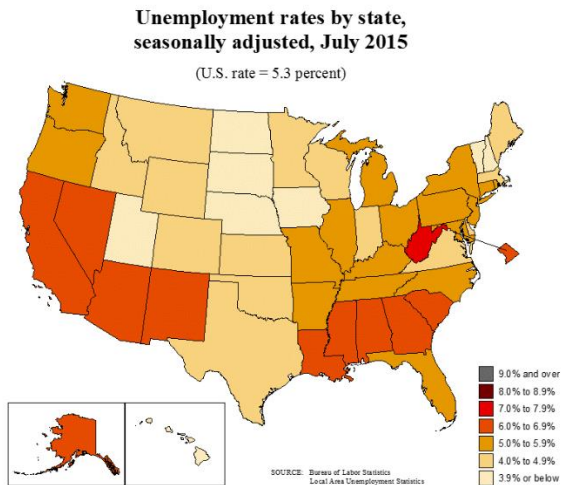
Stratified element sample
   Employers on state unemployment insurance lists (143,000 businesses and government agencies, representing approximately 588,000 individual worksites)

Rotating panel survey
   No fixed panel length

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), Web entry, CATI, fax, touchtone data entry (TDE), paper form, interactive voice recognition (IVR)

CES – Unemployment rates by state seasonally adjusted, 2015

Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, July 2015

(U.S. rate = 5.3 percent)

	9.0% and over
	8.0% to 8.9%
	7.0% to 7.9%
	6.0% to 6.9%
	5.0% to 5.9%
	4.0% to 4.9%
	3.9% or below

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Local Area Unemployment Statistics

http://www.bls.gov/ces/home.htm

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CES – Design Issues

Comparison to quarterly benchmarks from unemployment insurance census data

Including new "births" of employers

Nonresponse among newly recruited employers

Reporting errors for "supervisory" employers

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