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 Bureau of Labor Statistics
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April 18, 2026

Attn: Payroll Manager
 Con_Firm
 Con_Address
 Con_City, Con_State Con_Zipcode

Dear Payroll Manager:

A data collection specialist from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will soon telephone to ask your company's help with determining the nation's monthly counts of employment. The person whose name appears below will be the one who will be calling you. The focus of this call will be to gather information about your payroll that includes the 12th day of the month.

The Data Collection Specialist assigned to your business: **username**
 Telephone number: **userphone**

The call is to explain the reasons for including your company in the production of the nation's employment numbers and answer any questions you might have. We also want to:

- Confirm your business address and location.
- Confirm whether we have the correct state Unemployment Insurance account number (UI#) for your company.
- Ask how frequently employees of your company are paid and whether you have more than one payroll.

Your company was selected as a part of a scientific sample of businesses throughout the United States. The BLS will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will **hold the information in confidence** to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347), the information you provide to the BLS **will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Your assistance in producing this important information about our nation's economy is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

signature

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Data Collection Center Manager

► **Some Definitions For The Questions On The Next Page That May Be Helpful.**

Column 1 **EMPLOYEE COUNT**

Enter the total number of persons who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month.

Include:

- Elected or appointed officials
- Full-time or part-time employees
- Trainees
- Employees on paid vacation
- Employees on paid sick leave
- Employees on other paid leave
- Employees on active duty, if receiving pay from employer

Exclude:

- Institution inmates
- Outside contractors and their employees
- Pensioners
- Employees on active duty, if **not** receiving pay from employer
- Employees on leave without pay the entire pay period
- Employees on strike the entire pay period
- Employees of State and Local school systems

Column 2 **WOMEN EMPLOYEE COUNT**

Enter the number of employees in column 1 who are women.

► **Information We Have For Your Firm:**

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Contact: Attn: Payroll Manager2

Primary Name

address

city, state zipcode

Tel: **Ext:** con_ext

Fax: con_fax

Report Number: reptnum2

Location: location

UI Number:

Industry Code:

Email: email_addr

Your Report Number is: reptnum

► **When your payroll is reported for the pay period that includes the date of mon1 expl 12th we will only ask for answers to these two questions.**

	Column 1	Column 2
Month	EMPLOYEE COUNT	WOMEN EMPLOYEE COUNT
Pay period that includes mon1 12th year1		

► **Each following month, we will call for the pay period that includes the 12th of each month. You can keep a record of what's reported each month below:**

Month	EMPLOYEE COUNT	WOMEN EMPLOYEE COUNT
Pay period that includes mon2 12th year2		
mon3 12th year3		
mon4 12th year4		
mon5 12th year5		
mon6 12th year6		

We will send you another form for reporting after mon6_footer year6_footer.

Please keep this form to use when the Data Collection Specialist calls you to complete the survey. Thank You!



Thank you for your help! The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will use the information you provide in determining the nation's job count as part of the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program.

The CES is the nation's monthly indicator of employment trends. This monthly report of the nation's employment is depended on by the Federal Reserve, government agencies, banks, and others to assess the nation's economy and to help you make decisions about your operations.

On the first Friday of every month major media outlets across the country publish the nation's job count. BLS is responsible for compiling these statistics from information gathered from thousands of firms like yours. This statistic, along with other leading economic indicators produced by BLS provides businesses with information critical in planning for growth and success.

You can find data from the Current Employment Statistics program, along with information from other BLS programs, on our web site, <http://www.bls.gov/>.

If you have any questions about reporting or the CES program, please contact the Data Collection Specialist listed on page 1 of this form.

Our Frequently Asked Questions page is located at:

<http://www.bls.gov/respondents/ces/home.htm>.

Your assistance in maintaining the quality of our nation's economic data is greatly appreciated.

This report is authorized by law 29 U.S.C.2. We request your cooperation to make the results of this survey comprehensive, accurate, and timely. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

Please note this report is mandatory in Oregon, under the Oregon Revised Statute 657.660; in South Carolina, under Section 41-29-120 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (for firms employing more than twenty individuals); and in Puerto Rico, under State Law 15, Sections 5, 6 and 15, amended and approved on April 14, 1931.

We estimate that it will take an average of 10 minutes to complete this form each month including time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the necessary data, and complete and review this information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspects of this survey, send them to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Current Employment Statistics (1220-0011), 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20212. You are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Form Approved OMB No. 1220-0011.