

BLS Statement on the Federal Government Shutdown

Publication of November 2025 data was delayed by more than a week because of a lapse in federal appropriations (from October 1 through November 12). Both the household and establishment surveys required additional data collection and processing time in November. BLS did not publish an October 2025 Employment Situation news release.

Household Survey Estimates and the Federal Government Shutdown

There are no household survey estimates for October 2025. Household survey data were not collected for October 2025 due to the lapse in federal appropriations and were not collected retroactively. The November reference period was the week that contained the 12th of the month, a typical reference week. Collection of November data began a day late due to the shutdown and was extended to provide more time for contacting households around the Thanksgiving holiday. The November response rate was lower than usual at 64.0 percent.

Additional information about the impact of the shutdown on the household survey is available online at www.bls.gov/cps/methods/2025-federal-government-shutdown-impact-cps.htm.

Establishment Survey Estimates and the Federal Government Shutdown

This release includes the initial establishment survey estimates for both October and November; therefore, there are no revisions to report for October establishment estimates. The collection periods for October and November estimates were extended. Due to the extended data collection period, October data are available at a detailed industry level that typically is only available with the second publication of data. October estimates include data that businesses self-reported electronically during the shutdown and data collected after the resumption of government operations in November. The collection rates for October (73.9 percent) and November (73.8 percent) are higher than usual as a result of the extended collection periods.

It is not possible to precisely quantify the total impact of the federal government shutdown on payroll employment estimates for October and November.