



## **Census 2010 temporary and intermittent workers and Federal government employment**

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In Spring 2010, the U.S. Bureau of the Census will begin collecting demographic data for the decennial census as directed by the U.S. Constitution. Initial preparation begins up to a year and half prior to the actual Census Day (April 1, 2010) and involves thousands of temporary workers to conduct address canvassing and follow-up. Short-term field operations have very dynamic staffing levels that vary from day to day. During the various phases, the temporary and intermittent nature of the work can result in significant changes in monthly employment estimates as measured by the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey. Hiring for the census is reflected in data for Federal government. The following chart and tables detail the impact of the 2010 Census on CES Federal government employment estimates.

**Decennial temporary and intermittent workers  
Employment level and over-the-month change\*  
All employees, in thousands  
Not Seasonally Adjusted**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<b>1990</b>	4 +4	15 +11	68 +53	153 +85	335 +182	251 -84	179 -72	81 -98	44 -37	27 -16	19 -8	13 -7
<b>1998</b>				1 +1	3 +2	3 0	2 -1	14 +12	12 -3	29 +17	41 +12	20 -22
<b>1999</b>	23 +4	40 +17	38 -2	22 -16	8 -14	9 +1	11 +2	17 +6	18 +1	11 -7	13 +1	15 +2
<b>2000</b>	32 +17	59 +27	154 +95	181 +28	530 +348	305 -225	232 -73	146 -86	24 -122	11 -12	6 -6	1 -4
<b>2001</b>	2 +1	2 +0	1 -1									
<b>2008</b>											1 +1	3 +2
<b>2009</b>	5 +2	6 +2	12 +5	126 <sup>C</sup> +114	69 <sup>C</sup> -57	9 <sup>C</sup> -60	4 <sup>C</sup> -5	5 +1	8 +3	17 +9	13 -4	15 +2
<b>2010</b>	24 +9	39 +15	87 +48	154 +66	564 +411	339 -225	196 -143	82 -114	6 -77	1 -5	0 -1	0 0
<b>2011</b>	1 +1	3 +2	3 +0	0 -3	0 +0	0 +0						

Sources: Current Employment Statistics Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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**Federal government, excluding postal service and Census workers**  
**Employment level and over-the-month change\***  
**All employees, in thousands**  
**Seasonally adjusted**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<b>1990</b>	2269 +5	2264 -5	2296 +32	2277 -19	2272 -5	2253 -19	2269 +16	2267 -2	2269 +2	2264 -5	2267 +3	2286 +19
<b>1998</b>				1880 -13	1886 +6	1880 -6	1890 +11	1881 -10	1877 -4	1860 -16	1856 -4	1867 11
<b>1999</b>	1851 -16	1842 -8	1839 -4	1862 +23	1865 4	1867 +1	1863 -3	1869 +6	1863 -6	1872 +8	1870 -2	1866 -4
<b>2000</b>	1856 -10	1857 +1	1848 -9	1845 -3	1834 -11	1821 -13	1832 +11	1833 +1	1844 +12	1846 +2	1852 +6	1865 +12
<b>2001</b>	1872 +7	1870 -2	1876 +7									
<b>2008</b>	1979 +4	1986 +7	1991 +5	1996 +5	2002 +6	2010 +7	2015 +5	2024 +9	2032 +9	2038 +5	2045 +7	2050 +5
<b>2009</b>	2060 +10	2063 +3	2065 +2	2075 +9	2083 +9	2101 +18	2116 +16	2122 +6	2132 +10	2142 +10	2147 +5	2159 +12
<b>2010</b>	2166 +7	2166 -1	2174 +8	2170 -4	2189 +19	2189 +0	2192 +3	2193 +2	2195 +2	2199 +4	2200 +2	2210 +10
<b>2011</b>	2210 +0	2214 +4	2217 +4	2214 -3	2214 +0	+2204 -10						

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# Federal government employment, 1990-2011, seasonally adjusted, in thousands

