

Bureau of Labor Statistics

U.S. Business Response Survey to the Coronavirus Pandemic Questionnaire

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is looking to understand the situations your business and employees have encountered during the time of the Coronavirus pandemic. This information is critical as policymakers, government officials, and businesses like yours look to understand changes in business operations, employment, and workplace flexibilities and benefits.

We know your business is likely facing challenges, and we appreciate your response to this important survey. Please answer the short survey about this business location's experience beginning January 1, 2020.

Please answer the following questions for this business location only.

1. As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, which of the following did this business location experience?

Select all that apply

- Shortage of supplies or inputs
- Decrease in demand for products or services
- Increase in demand for products or services
- Difficulty in moving or shipping goods
- Government-mandated closure of this business location
- None
- Don't know
- Other, specify:

2. As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, what changes, if any, were made to employment or payroll at this business location?

Select all that apply

- Hired additional employees
- Told employees not to work, with or without pay (for example, laid off or furloughed)
- Increased employees' hours of work
- Reduced employees' hours of work, employees worked at least some hours
- Increased salaries and wages
- Reduced salaries and wages
- None
- Don't know
- Other, specify:

3. Did this business location continue to pay some or all employees who were told not to work as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic while they were not working?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable, no employees were told not to work
- Don't know

4. Did this business location continue to pay a portion of health insurance premiums for some or all employees who were told not to work as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable, no employees were told not to work
- Not applicable, this business location does not offer health insurance
- Don't know

5. Did this business location offer more opportunities for employees to telework (work remotely) as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic?

Select all that apply

- Yes, offered telework to employees who could not telework prior to the Coronavirus pandemic
- Yes, increased number of telework hours for employees already permitted to telework
- No change in existing telework arrangements
- No telework at this location both before and after the Coronavirus pandemic
- Don't know

6. As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, did this business location increase the amount of paid sick leave provided to employees?

Select all that apply

- Yes, provided paid sick leave to employees who did not have paid sick leave prior to the Coronavirus pandemic
- Yes, increased amount of paid sick leave for employees who already had sick leave prior to the Coronavirus pandemic
- No change to paid sick leave or no paid sick leave provided
- Don't know

Federal and state governments have created loans and grants to help businesses that have been hurt by the Coronavirus pandemic. Sources of these loans and grants, some of which were created under the CARES Act, include the Paycheck Protection Program, Main Street Lending Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan, and Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facility.

7. Did this business location receive a Coronavirus-related loan or grant tied to re-hiring or maintaining employees on the payroll?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

8. Would you like to provide any information about changes affecting employment that this business location made in response to the Coronavirus pandemic?

Time of completion is estimated to about 10 minutes. This estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing and reviewing this information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of the survey, please contact COVID-19Survey@bls.gov. The OMB control number for the survey is 1220-0197 and it expires on 01/31/2021. Without a currently valid OMB number, BLS would not be able to conduct this survey.

