Economics Made Easy

What is employment?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has different definitions for **employment**. Some **surveys** ask workers what types of jobs they worked. These surveys measure employment as the number of workers in the United States. Other surveys ask businesses to list how many people work for them. Some people may work for multiple companies and will be counted more than once in the survey. These surveys measure employment as the number of jobs in the United States.

Glossary

Employment — the number of workers or jobs.

Survey — asking questions and collecting data using a sample.

In the news

Every month, the news will talk about how many new jobs were added to the economy. The news reporters are talking about employment reported by BLS.

Word Jumble

Use the hint and unscramble the letters below.

Hint: Typically, this word means having a job. But at BLS, this is a count of the number of workers or jobs in the United States.

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DIY data

BLS has data on the number of jobs in different types of businesses where you live. You can explore the number of jobs in schools, hospitals, restaurants, and many other types of businesses in your state or county by visiting bls.gov/cew/.