

The June Review

At the Bureau, most of the data collected from businesses is done so at the establishment or worksite level of detail. Oftentimes, aggregating these data to the firm (or company) level can give further insight into the economy. In the first article, “High-employment-growth firms: defining and counting them,” Richard L. Clayton, Akbar Sadeghi, James R. Spletzer, and David M. Talan use Business Employment Dynamics data to identify firms that rapidly expand their payrolls. The authors find that these high-growth firms are heavily concentrated among smaller firms, but large firms still add a substantial portion to net job growth.

In our second article, Elizabeth Weber Handwerker and Lowell G. Mason discuss the challenges of linking establishment-based information to firm-based measures in “Linking firms with establishments in BLS microdata.” Handwerker and Mason review the complex relationship between firms and their establishments and discuss the efforts that have been undertaken to link these data.

Readers may notice that the June issue is a bit shorter than most issues. This is because the Review staff is

getting things ready for a grand relaunch of the *Monthly Labor Review*. Next month we will be premiering a new look for the *MLR*. For more information and to view mockups of our new look, please visit http://www.bls.gov/bls/mlr_prototype.htm. Under the new design of the *MLR*, we will be discontinuing the Labor Month in Review department.

Labor force characteristics of people with disabilities

The unemployment rate among people with disabilities was 13.4 percent in 2012, compared with 7.9 percent among people who do not have a disability, according to Current Population Survey (CPS) figures released this month by BLS. The data indicate that the share of adults with disabilities who were employed last year was 17.8 percent, compared with 63.9 percent of adults without disabilities. The data also indicate that workers with a disability were much more likely to usually work part time (33.1 percent) compared with those with no disability (18.9 percent). The news release regarding these data is available online at http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/disabl_06122013.htm. Additional information is available at <http://www.bls.gov/cps>.

Commissioner's Corner

In a recent post on the Commissioner's Corner, BLS Commissioner Erica L. Groshen highlights a C-SPAN appearance of John Wohlford, BLS branch chief for the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey. Appearing on the “America by the Numbers” segment, Mr. Wohlford spoke about what drives employment growth in the United States and focused in particular on the latest measures of hires, job openings, and separations. Watch the video here: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/Woh>.

Mr. Wohlford's June 21st appearance on C-SPAN isn't the Bureau's first foray into the television broadcast world. In fact, BLS staff have appeared on the show several times in the last year. Additional information can be found online at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/search/>. □

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