

Response Rates for the 2017 Census of Governments: Employment

Revised tabulations for the 2017 Census of Governments: Employment were released on June 30, 2020. U.S. Census Bureau standards require a Unit Response Rate (URR) of 60 percent for all data by state. A URR of 60 percent means that of the units surveyed, at least 60 percent have responded. A Total Quantity Response Rate (TQRR) standard is also set at 70 percent. TQRR measures the portion of a variable representing survey responses. For key variables *Total March full-time and part-time employment* and *Total March payroll (in whole dollars)*, a TQRR of 70 percent indicates that 70 percent of the employee and pay estimates are from survey responses.

The 2017 revised data met URR and TQRR standards with some notable exceptions (See tables below). Additional non-response follow-up efforts will be undertaken prior to future publications in attempt to obtain data from previous non-respondents. Additional research will also be conducted on state and local governments to identify governmental units contributing to the low TQRRs in those non-compliant states.

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Unit Response Rate (URR) and Total Quantity Response Rates (TQRR) By State: Local Governments

* Indicates states where at least one of the TQRR is below the 70 percent acceptable range and/or the Unit Response Rate (URR) is below the 60 percent acceptable range. Additional information for TQRR's may be found within the technical documentation.

State		Employment		Payroll
		URR	TQRR	TQRR
United States Total		75.1%	74.0%	75.8%
Alabama	*	74.0%	68.6%	70.2%
Alaska		71.0%	82.9%	83.5%
Arizona		77.6%	71.3%	75.7%
Arkansas	*	72.4%	50.7%	50.0%
California		79.2%	76.3%	79.4%
Colorado	*	77.8%	57.5%	59.5%
Connecticut	*	71.8%	58.2%	60.4%
Delaware		94.4%	96.4%	96.9%
D.C.		75.0%	71.0%	70.5%
Florida		76.1%	89.4%	88.7%
Georgia		86.0%	76.2%	77.3%
Hawaii		81.0%	86.4%	84.1%
Idaho		77.9%	75.0%	74.6%
Illinois		76.9%	76.8%	77.2%
Indiana	*	73.6%	65.5%	65.5%
Iowa		83.2%	76.1%	76.6%
Kansas		68.4%	76.6%	77.9%
Kentucky		80.8%	76.7%	78.9%
Louisiana	*	71.6%	65.1%	62.4%
Maine		76.6%	72.5%	73.8%
Maryland		82.2%	73.4%	74.5%
Massachusetts	*	60.1%	55.2%	59.7%
Michigan	*	76.2%	65.5%	66.1%
Minnesota	*	71.6%	63.1%	60.2%
Mississippi	*	68.4%	57.5%	57.1%
Missouri	*	76.4%	66.4%	67.1%
Montana	*	70.9%	62.6%	63.5%
Nebraska		68.7%	70.0%	72.4%
Nevada		83.0%	90.4%	88.2%
New Hampshire	*	68.7%	63.5%	64.6%
New Jersey	*	71.3%	61.0%	62.5%
New Mexico	*	56.4%	60.3%	58.9%
New York		78.1%	81.9%	84.3%
North Carolina		86.2%	89.3%	89.9%
North Dakota		65.3%	87.0%	94.6%
Ohio	*	74.4%	68.8%	68.8%
Oklahoma		76.3%	72.6%	74.9%
Oregon		81.9%	80.1%	82.2%
Pennsylvania	*	75.0%	63.8%	64.7%
Rhode Island	*	59.8%	73.5%	76.4%
South Carolina	*	75.3%	66.8%	63.7%
South Dakota	*	65.5%	58.8%	57.0%
Tennessee		79.8%	74.2%	76.9%
Texas		71.5%	75.7%	78.6%
Utah		84.5%	81.6%	81.4%
Vermont	*	68.9%	61.2%	63.2%
Virginia		79.3%	75.4%	76.8%
Washington		83.7%	92.1%	92.3%
West Virginia		73.9%	77.2%	79.2%
Wisconsin		80.3%	71.5%	70.8%
Wyoming		85.5%	85.1%	87.2%

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Alabama	100.0%	83.5%	86.1%
Alaska *	100.0%	69.9%	76.1%
Arizona	100.0%	99.8%	99.8%
Arkansas	100.0%	80.3%	74.9%
California	100.0%	99.6%	99.8%
Colorado	100.0%	97.5%	97.2%
Connecticut	100.0%	89.9%	89.3%
Delaware *	100.0%	72.6%	66.3%
Florida	100.0%	85.3%	86.3%
Georgia	100.0%	76.7%	80.3%
Hawaii	100.0%	99.7%	99.9%
Idaho	100.0%	72.4%	80.4%
Illinois	100.0%	89.5%	86.6%
Indiana	100.0%	98.0%	97.3%
Iowa	100.0%	99.1%	98.9%
Kansas	100.0%	97.2%	80.6%
Kentucky	100.0%	83.0%	82.2%
Louisiana	100.0%	85.2%	86.6%
Maine	100.0%	91.8%	86.7%
Maryland *	100.0%	68.1%	65.0%
Massachusetts	100.0%	83.4%	83.2%
Michigan	100.0%	92.5%	92.6%
Minnesota *	100.0%	48.9%	55.1%
Mississippi	100.0%	93.3%	93.0%
Missouri	100.0%	97.6%	96.9%
Montana *	100.0%	66.4%	82.2%
Nebraska *	100.0%	20.5%	23.6%
Nevada *	100.0%	53.7%	63.5%
New Hampshire	100.0%	93.0%	93.8%
New Jersey	100.0%	75.5%	74.2%
New Mexico	100.0%	97.9%	97.8%
New York	100.0%	89.0%	90.5%
North Carolina	100.0%	96.3%	97.5%
North Dakota	100.0%	99.4%	99.6%
Ohio	100.0%	70.3%	73.0%
Oklahoma	100.0%	88.1%	88.0%
Oregon	100.0%	97.6%	98.8%
Pennsylvania	100.0%	86.5%	91.5%
Rhode Island	100.0%	84.6%	88.4%
South Carolina	100.0%	73.9%	72.6%
South Dakota	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Tennessee	100.0%	88.6%	91.5%
Texas *	100.0%	72.6%	65.7%
Utah	100.0%	99.5%	99.7%
Vermont	100.0%	75.5%	73.6%
Virginia *	100.0%	65.5%	63.8%
Washington	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
West Virginia	100.0%	95.0%	94.8%
Wisconsin	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Wyoming	100.0%	97.8%	96.6%

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Unit Response Rate (URR) and Total Quantity Response Rates (TQRR) By State: State and Local Governments Combined

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Maryland	82.2%	72.0%	71.9%
Massachusetts	*	64.2%	67.6%
Michigan	76.3%	75.0%	76.6%
Minnesota	*	59.1%	58.6%
Mississippi	*	68.6%	69.0%
Missouri	76.4%	75.1%	75.3%
Montana	*	64.2%	71.2%
Nebraska	*	56.3%	58.9%
Nevada	83.1%	80.6%	82.2%
New Hampshire	68.8%	72.1%	73.5%
New Jersey	*	65.2%	66.1%
New Mexico	*	74.6%	75.1%
New York	78.1%	83.3%	85.7%
North Carolina	86.2%	91.1%	92.1%
North Dakota	65.3%	91.8%	96.8%
Ohio	*	69.2%	69.9%
Oklahoma	76.3%	77.9%	79.6%
Oregon	81.9%	86.3%	88.5%
Pennsylvania	75.0%	70.4%	73.2%
Rhode Island	60.0%	78.1%	81.3%
South Carolina	*	69.1%	66.6%
South Dakota	65.5%	71.3%	72.5%
Tennessee	79.8%	77.9%	80.8%
Texas	71.5%	75.0%	75.4%
Utah	84.5%	88.5%	89.6%
Vermont	*	66.3%	67.9%
Virginia	79.3%	72.3%	72.7%
Washington	83.7%	94.9%	94.8%
West Virginia	74.0%	84.4%	85.7%
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