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CES Preliminary Benchmark Announcement

In accordance with usual practice, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is announcing the preliminary estimate of the upcoming annual benchmark revision to establishment survey employment. The final CES benchmark revision will be published on February 2, 2007, with the publication of the January 2007 Employment Situation news release.

Each year, the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey data are benchmarked to comprehensive counts of employment for the month of March derived from state unemployment insurance (UI) tax records that nearly all employers are required to file. For national CES series, the annual benchmark revisions over the last 10 years have averaged plus or minus two-tenths of one percent. The preliminary estimate of the benchmark revision for March 2006 is +810,000 (0.6 percent). (See table 1).

BLS currently is researching possible sources for this larger-than-normal expected benchmark revision. On initial review, the difference between the CES sample-based estimates and the UI employment counts does not appear to be concentrated in any one industry or geographic region.

Table 1. CES national total nonfarm benchmark revisions, March 1996-2006

Year	Benchmark revision (in thousands)	Percent benchmark revision
1996	57	(1)
1997	431	0.4
1998	44	(1)
1999	258	.2
2000	468	.4
2001	-123	-.1
2002	-313	-.2
2003	-122	-.1
2004	203	.2
2005	-158	-.1
2006p	810	.6
1/ Less than 0.05 percent. p = preliminary		

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