

ASU Checklist

General

- The ASU unemployment rate rounds to at least 6.5% (6.451% does, 6.449% does not).
- The Census 2000 household-only data were used for census-sharing all employment and unemployment estimates for subareas.

Designation of Potential ASU Form

- A Designation Form was created for each whole ASU and each ASU part that is derived via the census-share method. A Designation Form is not needed if the ASU part is a LAUS area.
- A balance-of-county code was used for the derivation area when census-sharing a part from a county that contains population- and claims-based disaggregated cities or atypically census-shared cities.
- LAUS area codes were used in the addition or subtraction of ASU parts.
- Population data were reported for the whole ASU, and the reference period was noted.
- The MT, MC, and DV codes were used for single-county labor market areas.
- For census-shared ASU parts and whole ASUs, the Census 2000 employment and unemployment data, ratios, and derivation areas (names and codes) were reported on the Designation Form.
- The correct rounding rule was used.

ASU Data Collection Form

- A Data Collection Form was used for each whole ASU.
- The 12-month average listed on the form is the precise average of the monthly data on the form.
- The sum of employment and unemployment equals the corresponding labor force total for individual months and the 12-month average.