

2015 LAUS Program Revisions

In 2015, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program will see a major scheduled redesign. Research continues into the components of the redesign and the details of its implementation, but the plan for the redesign will follow the pattern of the previous 2005 redesign and others in the decades before. By implementing these major revisions together in 2015, the program best economizes on staff time and costs and also avoids the confusion of publishing multiple major historical data revisions.

Revised estimates will reflect updated definitions of geographic areas, including Office of Management and Budget-designated federal statistical areas. Additionally, new fourth-generation time-series models will be used for modeled estimates and an overall review of LAUS methodology will incorporate data from the American Community Survey (replacing current inputs relying on the 2000 Census and the Census Long Form) along with other improvements currently being investigated.