

What makes CES and LAUS Different?

Current Employment Statistics (CES)	Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
CES employment data is published by Industry	LAUS Employment Data is published by County
CES is a count of Jobs	LAUS is a count of People
CES Utilizes an Establishment Survey	The Current Population Survey (CPS) that is used to calculate LAUS is a Household Survey
The CES Survey is based on Place of Work	The Current Population Survey is based on Place of Residence
CES surveys approximately 2,400 Iowa business establishments monthly	The Current Population Survey is based on an interview of approximately 1,288 Iowa Households
The CES Reference week is the Pay Period that includes the 12 th of the month.	The LAUS Reference Week is the Calendar Week that includes the 12 th of the Month.
A job held by a person on unpaid leave during the reference week Is Not Counted in CES since they are not receiving Pay	A person on unpaid leave Is Counted as employed in LAUS because they will return to their job
CES Does Not Count self-employed workers	LAUS Does Count self-employed workers
CES Does Not Include agricultural workers	LAUS Includes both agricultural and non agricultural workers
CES Does Not Count unpaid family workers	LAUS Counts unpaid family workers if they worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business or family farm during the reference week
Workers on strike during the entire reference period Are Not Counted in CES	Workers on strike during the Reference week Are Counted as employed in LAUS

CES TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IS NOT COMPARABLE WITH LAUS EMPLOYMENT

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