

Comparing Definitions of Independent Work

		BLS Contingent Worker Supplement	Katz and Krueger's RAND ASL	General Social Survey	IRS Tax Data	Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking	Freelancing in America	JPMorgan Chase Institute	McKinsey Global Institute
Type of data		Self-reported	Self-reported	Self-reported	Administrative	Self-reported	Self-reported	Administrative	Self-reported
Reference period		Past week	Past week	Past week	Past year	Past month	Past year	Past 36 months	Past year
How independent workers are identified	Relies on work arrangements	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
	Relies on tax status				✓				
	Relies on nature of work								✓
	Identifies specific employers							✓	
Arrangements and activities included	Includes primary work only	✓	✓	✓					
	Includes supplementary work				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Includes temp agency work	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
	Includes on-call work	✓	✓	✓					
	Includes contract-company work	✓	✓	✓					
	Includes independent contractors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Includes some traditional arrangements								✓
	Includes platform-mediated work	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Includes platform-mediated work ONLY							✓	
	Includes informal work					✓			
Includes some capital activities					✓		✓	✓	
Sampling population		Population	Population	Population	Tax filers	Population	Workforce	Account holders	Work-age population
Sampling method		Probability sample	Rewighted online panel, random digit dialing, and snowball	Probability sample	Random sample of filings	Probability-based online sample	Rewighted online panel	Saturation	Targeted electronic sampling
Collected by		BLS	RAND	NORC	Treasury Dpt	Federal Reserve	Edelman Intelligence	JPMorgan Chase Institute	McKinsey Global Institute
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