

# The Artificial Intelligence Data Authorization and Transparency (AI DATA) Act of 2026

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**Problem:** Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the U.S. economy, affecting how businesses operate, jobs are performed, and which skills are in demand. Workers, businesses, researchers, educators, and policymakers need reliable labor market data to understand these changes and respond effectively.

Several of the federal government's most important labor market surveys already collect data that can help track the impact of technological change. However, some of these surveys are not expressly authorized in statute, leaving critical labor market data infrastructure vulnerable despite its importance to economic policymaking.

At the same time, federal statistical systems were not designed to measure the workforce impacts of artificial intelligence. Policymakers currently lack a coordinated way to assess how AI adoption across industries affects hiring, wages, skills, and job mobility.

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The **AI DATA Act** strengthens and modernizes existing federal labor market data systems so that workers, businesses, educators, researchers, and policymakers can better understand how artificial intelligence is reshaping the workforce.

**Authorizes Key Labor Market Surveys:** The bill authorizes and modernizes several existing Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) surveys and ensures the data collected can help assess changes associated with technological change, including AI:

- **Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS):** Tracks job openings, hires, quits, layoffs, and other labor market turnover indicators to measure labor demand and workforce changes across industries and regions.
- **American Time Use Survey (ATUS):** Measures how Americans allocate their time across work, caregiving, education, and other activities, helping policymakers understand how work patterns and tasks change over time.
- **National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS):** Follows individuals over time to track employment outcomes, earnings growth, job mobility, education, and training.

**Authorizes AI Supplement to a Census Business Survey:** Requires the U.S. Census Bureau to incorporate questions on AI adoption and workforce impacts into the **Business Trends and Outlook Survey (BTOS)** on a quarterly basis for 10 years.

**Creates an Annual AI Workforce Report:** Directs the Departments of Labor and Commerce to publish an annual report analyzing the impact of AI on the workforce using integrated data from BLS surveys, Census data, and other federal datasets. The reporting requirement sunsets after 10 years.