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*This document provides a brief summary of the size
of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.*

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Purpose

This document presents an overview of the size of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, providing the public and analysts access to commonly requested information about the size of the Federal Workforce.

This document presents basic data, in the form of tables and graphs, on the current and historical size of Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

Coverage

Often, OPM coverage is equated to the Federal Executive civilian workforce. The coverage is in fact exclusively Federal and exclusively civilian, but the data exclude a few major components of the Executive Branch (most notably the Postal Service and many intelligence agencies) and include some pieces of the Legislative Branch. For specific exclusions and inclusions, visit FedData on the OPM's website: <http://www.opm.gov/feddata/html/sdminfo.asp>. OPM data also do not include contractors and contract employees.

Types of Employment

Each Federal employee has a particular work schedule, type of appointment, tenure, and appointment authority, among other variables, which dictate the "type" of his or her employment. These variables have many levels and definitions. Collectively, however, they lead to six types of employment.¹ This paper examines two types of employment: Non-Seasonal Full-Time Permanent (NSFTP) Employees, and all other employees.

Non-Seasonal Full-Time Permanent (NSFTP): this category includes all employees working a 40-hour work week year round with no absolute end date. Non-seasonal Full-Time Permanent (NSFTP) employees make up the majority of the Federal workforce, over 87%.

The Other employment category rolls up the other five employment types, and makes up about 12% of the Federal workforce. This category includes part time, seasonal, and non-permanent employees.

¹ Data are always filtered to employees in pay status, meaning only employees currently receiving a paycheck are included.

Size of the Executive branch of the Federal Government

This section presents basic data, in the form of tables and graphs, on the current and historical size of Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

Figure 1: Federal Executive Branch Employment by Fiscal Year

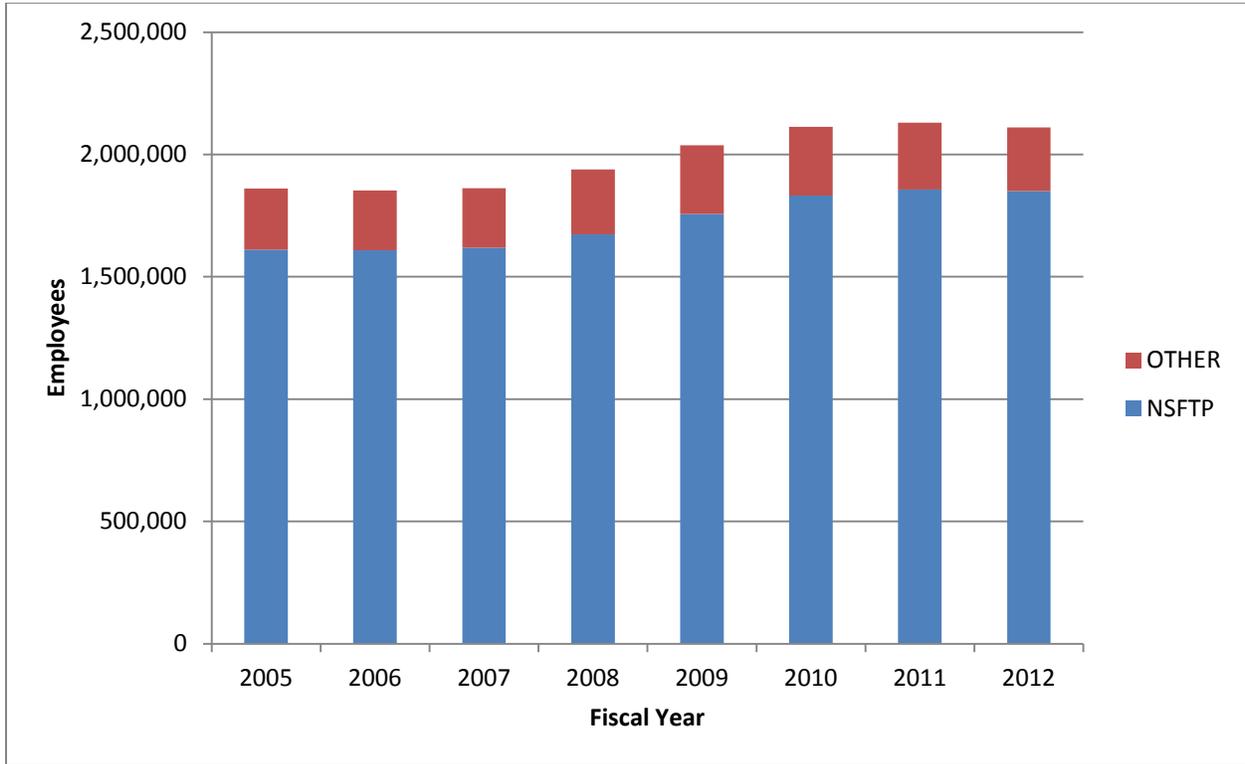


Figure 1 shows the size of the Executive Branch of the Federal workforce over the last eight fiscal years. Again NSFTP employees in 2012 make up over 87% of the employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal workforce.

Table 1. Federal Executive Branch Employment by Fiscal Year

YEAR	NSFTP	OTHER	TOTAL
2005	1,611,400	249,549	1,860,949
2006	1,608,157	244,668	1,852,825
2007	1,618,159	244,245	1,862,404
2008	1,673,249	265,572	1,938,821
2009	1,757,105	281,078	2,038,183
2010	1,831,719	281,491	2,113,210
2011	1,856,580	273,709	2,130,289
2012	1,850,311	259,910	2,110,221

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Figure 2: Federal Executive Branch Employment for the Past Year by Month

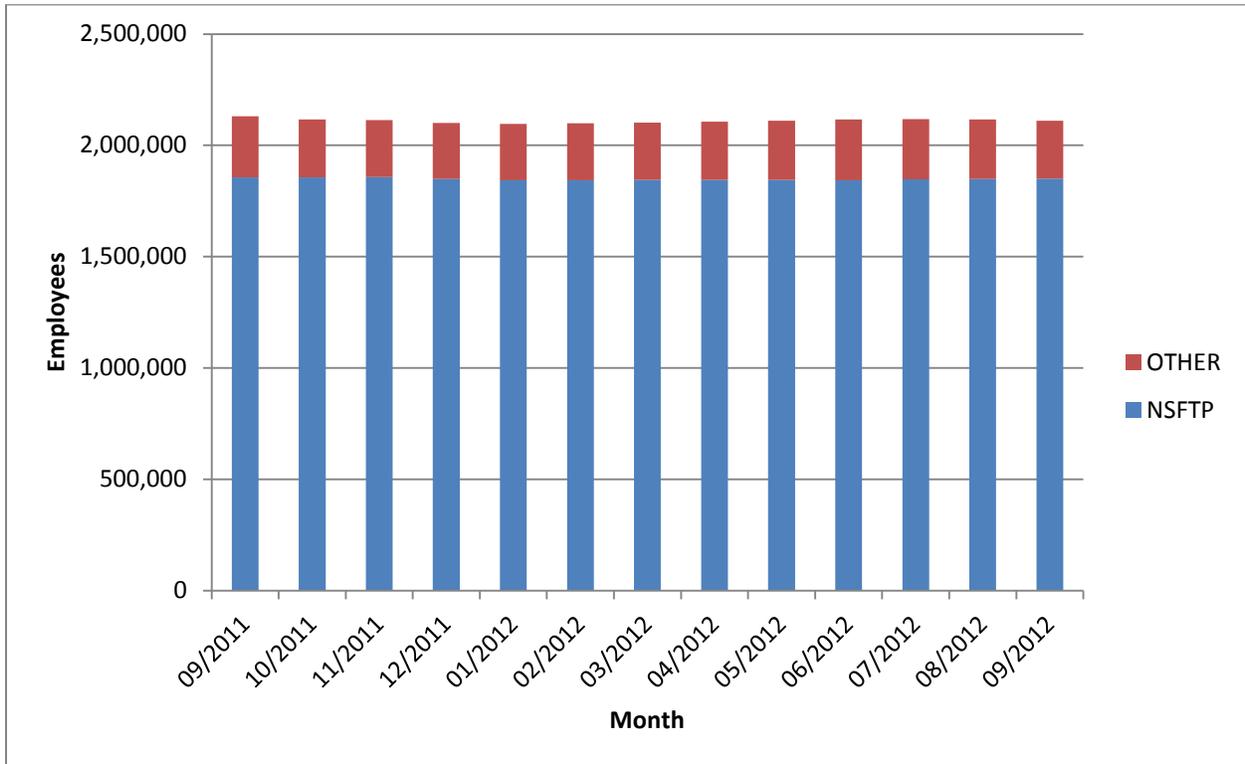


Figure 2 shows the size of the Executive Branch of the Federal workforce over the last thirteen months.

Table 2: Federal Executive Branch Employment for the Past Year by Month:

DATE	NSFTP	OTHER	TOTAL
09/2011	1,856,580	273,709	2,130,289
10/2011	1,856,085	260,234	2,116,319
11/2011	1,857,422	256,563	2,113,985
12/2011	1,849,768	251,137	2,100,905
01/2012	1,843,076	253,664	2,096,740
02/2012	1,843,306	256,174	2,099,480
03/2012	1,844,485	257,784	2,102,269
04/2012	1,844,624	261,774	2,106,398
05/2012	1,844,336	267,006	2,111,342
06/2012	1,844,059	271,648	2,115,707
07/2012	1,847,149	270,411	2,117,560
08/2012	1,848,657	267,227	2,115,884
09/2012	1,850,311	259,910	2,110,221

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Table 3 NSFTP Federal Executive Branch Employment by Cabinet level Agency

AGENCY	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	82,407	80,643	78,993	78,369	78,962	80,510	79,899	76,785
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	30,631	31,502	32,177	32,924	33,642	33,711	34,501	35,013
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	69,758	69,946	70,111	72,133	76,622	81,179	85,818	86,135
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	3,952	3,803	3,789	3,825	3,769	4,010	4,066	3,899
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	14,463	14,333	14,286	14,803	15,134	15,757	15,548	15,041
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	51,486	52,797	52,842	53,325	56,124	58,946	60,303	61,168
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	127,784	128,646	134,850	147,533	157,573	161,273	166,210	169,116
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	9,622	9,415	9,237	9,445	9,147	9,397	9,269	8,982
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	100,441	102,250	102,716	104,282	108,349	112,688	112,867	113,358
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	14,519	14,323	14,406	14,322	14,762	15,387	15,190	15,705
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	18,457	7,473	8,009	8,428	8,622	8,959	9,443	9,761
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE	146,425	148,912	145,987	142,957	148,133	158,039	166,338	161,574
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	212,464	215,344	216,076	225,881	241,329	257,947	255,487	251,257
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	54,664	53,152	51,953	51,828	52,796	53,460	53,393	53,156
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	167,358	166,729	166,714	172,392	180,913	189,389	191,975	192,500
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	95,228	96,028	94,603	93,961	98,361	99,868	96,232	92,397
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	52,280	52,208	52,530	53,549	55,433	56,151	56,092	55,614
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	201,135	205,291	215,336	236,761	255,012	268,187	277,461	285,436
TOTAL	1,453,074	1,452,795	1,464,615	1,516,718	1,594,683	1,664,858	1,690,092	1,686,897

Table 3 shows the NSFTP size of Federal Executive Branch employment by cabinet level agencies over the last eight fiscal years. The Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of the Air Force, Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, and the Department of Veterans Affairs have each grown by more than 10,000 employees over the past eight fiscal years. Over the last eight fiscal years those seven agencies have grown by over 230,000 employees.

Table 4. Comparing the Federal Executive Branch Workforce to U.S. Population:

POPULATION	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL U.S. POPULATION ²	295,753,151	298,593,212	301,579,895	304,374,846	307,006,550	309,326,225	311,587,816	313,914,040
NSFTP FEDERAL EMPLOYEES	1,611,400	1,608,157	1,618,159	1,673,249	1,757,105	1,831,719	1,856,580	1,850,311
NSFTP FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PER 1,000 AMERICANS	5.448	5.386	5.366	5.497	5.723	5.922	5.958	5.894

Table 4 compares the size of the Executive Branch of the Federal workforce to the United States population over the past eight years. The U.S. population data comes from the Census Bureau website ²(the source of some information in Table 4 below) at <http://www.census.gov/> It is important to note that this table considers the entire U.S. population, not simply the labor force or workforce. Census data is in no way linked to OPM data.

Additional Details

For any data requests, the OPM produces an online data tool, FedScope, which is updated Monthly: <http://www.fedscope.opm.gov/>. All of the tables and figures above can be replicated in FedScope, with the option for much more detail. The tool is best operated in Internet Explorer. For all other inquiries, contact Data Analysis Group through FedStats at FedStats@opm.gov.

² The U.S. population estimates came from the Census Bureau's July release: http://www.census.gov/popest/data/historical/2000s/vintage_2009/index.html and <http://www.census.gov/popest/data/national/totals/2012/index.html>



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