

LOW-WAGE JOBS IN A RESTRUCTURED ECONOMY

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Research question:

How do policy and supply -- demand changes affect low-wage labor markets in which employers raise concerns about worker shortages?

Research focus:

Mixed-method studies of occupations said to be experiencing **labor shortages** that will elucidate:

- trends in supply and demand
- full range of policies affecting occupations
- development of policy responses

Case studies (state and federal):

- direct-care paraprofessionals
- agricultural workers

Data sources:

- public use datasets
- government, think tank, interest group reports and documents
- in-depth interviews