

ECO 735 Homework #2

Assigned January 17, 2012

Due January 19, 2012

1. Using the Current Population Survey data and table software from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website (<http://www.bls.gov/>), produce graphs of the quarterly, seasonally-adjusted employment-to-population ratios from 1970 to the present for 25-54 year-old women and men (separate graphs). At the top of the BLS web-page, select the tab for **Subject Areas**, and within that drop-down menu for that tab, select **National Unemployment Rate**; these steps will take you to the “Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey” page. Go to the “CPS Databases” section on that page, and use the “One Screen” button to access the table software. The quarterly seasonally-adjusted employment-to-population ratios for all 25-54 year-olds (men and women combined) from 1970-2011 are shown below.

