

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 29, 1996.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley ({202} 219-5095). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call {202} 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ({202} 395-

7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Manual for Developing Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

OMB Number: 1220-0017.

Agency Number: BLS 3040, LAUS-2, LAUS-3.

Frequency: Monthly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 51.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1.62 hours for LAUS-2, .11 hours for LAUS-3.

Total Burden Hours: 120,755.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: Local area unemployment statistics are used as indicators of local economic conditions, as a mechanism to qualify areas for various economic conditions, and as an allocator for existing job training and economic assistance program funding.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Mass Layoff Statistics Program.

OMB Number: 1220-0090.

Frequency: On occasion; Monthly; Quarterly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Collection instrument	Respondents	Estimated time per respondent	Total burden
Employer Contact Burden	15,600	30 minutes (one-time)	7,800 hours.
State Burden	832	78.25 (annually)	65,520.
Response Analysis Survey (RAS)	500	30 minutes (one-time)	250 hours.

Total Burden House: 73,570.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: Section 462(E) of the Job Training Partnership Act states that the Secretary of Labor must develop and maintain data on permanent mass layoffs and plant closings and publish a report annually.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Compensation 2000, Phase I.

OMB Number: 122-0new.

Agency Number: COMP2000.

Frequency: Annually, with some quarterly testing.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 34,282.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 76.75 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 43,858.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: This collection is Phase I of the new COMP2000 program which will integrate three separate BLS programs, the Occupational Compensation Survey Program, Employment Cost Index, and Employee Benefits Survey. Data produced from this survey will be critical in determining pay increases for Federal workers, in determining monetary policy, and are widely used by compensation administrators and researchers outside the Federal sector.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wage Records Quality Project.

OMB Number: 122-0new.

Agency Number: BLS-3025.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 159.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: This information collection has been developed to determine current State Unemployment Insurance (UI) procedures involving wage records and to verify the accuracy of State UI wage recordkeeping. It has been established, in conjunction with State agencies, to ensure basic quality and standardization of maintenance of State wage record files for the development of a national wage record database as a labor market information tool.

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