



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; National Compensation Survey

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202-693-0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the National Compensation Survey (NCS), BLS currently uses the Employment Cost Index (ECI) and Occupational Employment Statistics to provide grade and local wage data required by the President's Pay Agent to comply with the requirements of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990. The President's Pay Agent uses these data to recommend pay increases for Federal General Schedule workers; NCS data produces the Employment Cost Index which is designated a Principal Federal Economic Indicator under OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 3. NCS data is used to produce the ECI, the Employer Cost for Employee Compensation, employee benefit provision publications, Modeled Wage Estimates, and data for the President's Pay Agent. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on November 9, 2023 (88 FR 77363).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Agency: DOL-BLS.

Title of Collection: National Compensation Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1220-0164.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,567.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 53,896.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 41,465 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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