



## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program**

**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](http://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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202-693-0213, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BLS has been charged by Congress with the responsibility of collecting and publishing monthly information on employment, the average wage received, and the hours worked by area and industry. The Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program develops residency-based employment and unemployment statistics through a cooperative Federal-State program that uses employment and unemployment inputs available in State agencies. Estimates are prepared monthly in the State agencies and transmitted to the BLS for validation and

publication. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on January 18, 2024 (89 FRN 3432).

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.

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:* Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1220-0017.

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 52.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 630.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 636 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

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

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