

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**

July 26, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public 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 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), 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.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0050.

*Frequency:* Quarterly and weekly.

*Type of Response:* Reporting and recordkeeping.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 18,700.

Collection of information	Annual responses	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
Quarterly Interview Survey:			
Interview .....	44,096	1.17	51,445
Re-interview .....	3,528	0.25	882
Diary Survey (CE-801):			
Interview .....	23,028	0.42	9,595
Re-interview .....	921	0.25	230
Weekly Diary .....	15,352	1.75	26,866
Total .....	86,925	.....	89,018

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys collect data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) For CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal government agencies.

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*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.