

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](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL requests clearance from OMB for a new collection associated with the Evaluating Registered Apprenticeship Initiative. The Chief Evaluation Office of the U.S. DOL commissioned the Evaluating Registered Apprenticeship Initiative study to design and conduct analyses that add to the evidence base on apprenticeship strategies and models through an evaluation of the Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) grants. ABA awarded grants in four categories: state apprenticeship building and modernization (category 1), youth apprenticeships (category 2), pre-apprenticeships (category 3), and registered apprenticeship hubs (category 4). For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 4, 2022 (88 FR 28614).

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.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

*Agency:* DOL-CEO.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluating Registered Apprenticeship Initiative Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 1290-0NEW.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,104.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,104.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 1,236 hours.

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

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

**Nicole Bouchet,**

*Certifying Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the “*Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program*”. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before March 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room G225, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to [BLS\\_PRA\\_Public@bls.gov](mailto:BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The BLS has been charged by Congress (29 U.S.C. 1 and 2) with the responsibility of collecting and publishing monthly information on employment, the average wage received, and the hours worked by area and industry. The process for developing residency-based employment and unemployment estimates is a cooperative Federal-State program which uses employment and unemployment inputs available in State Workforce Agencies.

The labor force estimates developed and issued in this program are used for economic analysis and as a tool in the implementation of Federal economic policy in such areas as employment and economic development under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (that supplanted the Workforce Investment Act of 1998) and the Public Works and Economic Development Act, among others.

The estimates are also used in economic analysis by public agencies and private industry, and for State and area funding allocations and eligibility determinations according to legal and administrative requirements. Implementation of current policy and legislative authorities could not be accomplished without collection of the data.

The reports and manual covered by this request are integral parts of the LAUS program insofar as they ensure and measure the timeliness, quality, consistency, and adherence to program directions of the LAUS estimates and related research.

##### **II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for an extension of the information collection request that makes up the LAUS program. All aspects of the information collection are conducted electronically. All data are entered directly into BLS-provided systems.

The BLS, as part of its responsibility to develop concepts and methods by which States prepare estimates under the LAUS program, developed a manual for use by the States. The manual explains the conceptual framework for the State and area estimates of employment and unemployment, specifies the procedures to be used, provides input information, and discusses the theoretical and empirical

basis for each procedure. This manual is updated on a regular schedule.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information continues to 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.
- 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 submissions of responses.

*Title of Collection:* Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program.

*OMB Number:* 1220–0017.

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

*Affected Public:* State governments.

	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
LAUS 8 .....	52 .....	11	572	1	572
LAUS 15 .....	6 .....	1	6	2	12
LAUS 16 .....	52 .....	1	52	1	52
LAUS 3040 .....	52 respondents (with 7,608 reporting units) .....	13	98,904	1.5	148,356
Totals .....	.....	.....	99,543	.....	148,992

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 10, 2024.

**Eric Molina,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems, Branch of Policy Analysis.*

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**Office of National Drug Control Policy**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Office of National Drug Control Policy.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), proposes to establish a new system of records entitled “Correspondence Management systems (CMS) for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)”, ONDCP/001. The system will include correspondence referred to, received by or sent by the ONDCP along with other materials such as log sheets and tracking datasets associated with the ONDCP correspondence processes.

**DATES:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this system of

records notice is effective upon publication, with the exception of the routine uses that are subject to a 30-day period in which to comment, described below. Therefore, please submit any comments by February 20, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments in writing within 30 days to Anthony Jones, Deputy General Counsel. Email is the most reliable means of communication. Mr. Jones may be contacted by email at *OGC@ondcp.eop.gov*. Mailing address is: Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) Bldg./410 Door 23, 250 Murray Lane SW, Washington, DC 20509.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anthony Jones, Deputy General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) Bldg./410 Door 23, 250 Murray Lane SW, Washington, DC 20509, or by telephone at (202) 395–3493.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ONDCP leads and coordinates the nation’s drug policy so that it improves the health and lives of the American people. ONDCP is responsible for the development and implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy and Budget. ONDCP coordinates across 19 Federal agencies as part of a whole-of-government approach to addressing addiction and the overdose epidemic.

The system of records covered by this notice is necessary for the ONDCP to communicate with its partners and stakeholders in the performance of its mission essential functions.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C.552a(r), the Commission has provided a report to OMB and the Congress on the new system of records

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:**

Correspondence Management systems (CMS) for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), ONDCP/001.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Offices of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) Bldg./410 Door 23, 250 Murray Lane SW, Washington, DC 20509 and Washington National Records Center, 4205 Suitland Road, Washington, DC 20409.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S):**

Anthony Jones, Deputy General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) Bldg./410 Door 23, 250 Murray Lane SW, Washington, DC 20509. Telephone: (202) 395–3493. Email *OGC@ondcp.eop.gov*.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 301 and 44 U.S.C. 3101.

**PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:**

The System controls and tracks correspondence received or originated by the ONDCP or referred to the ONDCP, and action taken by the ONDCP in response to correspondence received, as well as some internal memoranda, action items, email correspondence, and logs/notes of official telephone calls. It also serves as a reference source for inquiries and response thereto.