Bureau of Labor Statistics, by email to *BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202–691–7628 (this is not a toll free number.) (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary of Labor has delegated to the BLS the authority to collect, compile, and analyze statistical data on work-related injuries and illnesses, as authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91–596). The Cooperative Agreement is designed to allow the BLS to ensure conformance with program objectives. The BLS has full authority over the financial operations of the statistical program. The existing collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the State Grant Agencies (SGAs) and monitor their financial and programmatic performance and adherence to administrative requirements imposed by the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR 200) and other grant related regulations. The information collected also is used for planning and budgeting at the Federal level and in meeting Federal reporting requirements. The BLS requires financial reporting that will produce the information that is needed to monitor the financial activities of the BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics grantees.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the OSHS Cooperative Agreement application package. The extension of this collection of information will allow the BLS to incorporate routine annual updates to the Cooperative Agreement and work statements which define SGA deliverables and requirements and allow the BLS to carry out its responsibilities to monitor financial and programmatic performance.

The Cooperative Agreement application package being submitted for approval is representative of the package sent every year to state agencies. The work statements included in the Cooperative Agreement application also are representative of what is included in the whole OSHS Cooperative Agreement package. The final Cooperative Agreement, including the work statements, will be submitted separately to the Office of Management and Budget for review of any minor year-to-year information collection burden changes they may contain.

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 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.
- 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: BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) Cooperative Agreement Application Package.

OMB Number: 1220–0149.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Work Statements	55	1	55	2	110
OSHS Budget Information Form	55	1	55	1.5	82.5
BLS–OSHS2	55	4	220	1	220
BLS–OSHS TCF	55	1	55	8/60	7.3
OSHS Budget Variance Request Form	20	1	20	15/60	5
BLS–OSHS FRW–A: Base Programs	55	1	55	25/60	22.9
BLS–OSHS FRW–B: AAMC	5	1	5	25/60	2.1
BLS–OSHS Property Listing	28	1	28	25/60	11.7
Total	55	.....	493	.....	462

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 on this 27th day of October 2026.

Lizabeth McLean,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Revision of Information Collection; Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

ACTION: 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 revision of the ''Local Area Unemployment Statistics

(LAUS) Program.'' A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 January 19, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Morgan Scheinin, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, by email to *BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morgan Scheinin, 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 the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) 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 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 to continue 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. There have been no substantive changes to the data collection forms since the prior OMB approval. The instructions for the ASU data collection exercise were updated from Technical memorandum LAUSS2312 to LAUSS2614.

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 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.
- 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: Revision.

Affected Public: State Governments.

Annual Number of Respondents: 52.

Frequency: Annually for LAUS 16 and LAUS 8 (with additional submissions usually needed), LAUS 15 as needed.

Form	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average annual burden (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
Totals	.....	.....	630	.....	636

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 on November 4, 2026.

Lizabeth McLean

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2009–0014]

The Hazard Communication Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning the proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Hazard Communication Standard.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by January 19, 2027.

ADDRESSES: