

development. Moreover, Congress used these data in conjunction with the findings from a supplemental study of layoff actions in the development of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act that was enacted in August 1988. Furthermore, ETA uses MLS micro data in the evaluation of dislocated worker programs to assess the effectiveness of those activities and services.

A congressionally mandated use of mass layoff data is the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act of 1988 (EDWAA), which amended Title III of JTPA. Section 302 of EDWAA provides for allocation of Title III funds to States on the basis of MLS data and encourages the use of MLS data in substate allocations.

State agencies use the MLS data in various ways, including the identification of: geographic areas in need of special manpower services; ailing or troubled industries; specific employers needing assistance; outreach activities for the unemployed; and workers in need of temporary health care services.

There is no other comprehensive source of statistics on either establishments or workers affected by mass layoffs and plant closings; therefore, none of the aforementioned data requirements could be fulfilled if this data collection did not occur.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Mass Layoff Statistics Program.

OMB Number: 1220-0090.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 15,652.

Frequency: State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) will report quarterly and monthly. Affected employers will report on occasion.

Total Responses: 16,432.

Average Time Per Response: 60 Minutes for SESAs. 30 Minutes for employers.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 73,320 Hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

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, D.C., this 22nd day of April, 1996.

Peter T. Spolarich,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Current Population Survey (CPS)."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before June 25, 1996.

BLS is particularly interested in comments which help to:

- 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 submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment for 50 years. BLS and the Census Bureau share the responsibility for this survey and are submitting two separate clearance requests that reflect the joint funding provided by the two agencies for this survey and the way in which the Census Bureau and BLS divide the responsibilities for the analysis and dissemination of the data from the survey. The Census Bureau is submitting a request for clearance of the collection of the basic demographic information on the population being sampled, and BLS is requesting clearance for the collection of the labor force information which it analyzes and publishes monthly. The labor force information gathered through the survey is of paramount importance in keeping track of the economic health of the Nation. The survey is the only source of data on total employment and unemployment, with the monthly unemployment rate obtained through this survey being regarded as one of the most important economic indicators. Moreover, the survey also yields data on the basic status and characteristics of the persons not in the labor force. The CPS data are used monthly, in conjunction with data from other sources, to analyze the extent to which the various components of the American population are participating in the economic life of the Nation and with what success.

The labor force data gathered through the CPS are provided to users in the greatest detail possible, consistent with the demographic information obtained in the survey. In brief, the labor force data can be broken down by sex, age, race and ethnic origin, marital status, family composition, educational level, and various other characteristics. Through such breakdowns, one can focus on the employment situation of specific population groups as well as on the general trends in employment and unemployment. Information of this type can be obtained only through

demographically-oriented surveys such as the CPS.

The basic CPS also are used as an important platform on which to base the data derived from the various supplemental questions which are administered in conjunction with the survey. By coupling the basic data from the monthly survey with the special data from the supplements, one can get valuable insights on the behavior of American workers and on the social and economic health of their families.

II. Current Actions

There is wide interest in the monthly CPS data among Government policymakers, legislators, outside economists, the media, and the general public. While the data from the CPS are used in conjunction with data from other surveys in assessing the economic health of the Nation, they are unique in various ways. They provide a measurement of total employment, including self-employment and unpaid family work, while the other surveys are generally restricted to the nonagricultural sector. The CPS provides data on all jobseekers, and on all persons outside the labor force, while payroll-based surveys cannot, by definition, cover these sectors of the population. Finally, the CPS data on employment, unemployment, and on persons not in the labor force can be linked to the demographic characteristics of the many groups which make up the Nation's population, while the data from other surveys are usually devoid of demographic information.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Current Population Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-0100.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 48,000 per month.

Frequency: Reporting Monthly.

Total Responses: 576,000.

Average Time Per Response: 7 Minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 67,200 Hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

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, D.C., this 22nd day of April, 1996.

Peter T. Spolarich,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health; Full Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH), established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656) to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act, will meet on May 23, 1996, in Room N3437 A-D of the Department of Labor Building located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9:00 a.m. lasting until approximately 4:00 p.m.

Agenda items will include an overview of current activities, including a legislative update, of both the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institute for Safety and Health (NIOSH). Other subjects will include the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), an update on OSHA's regulatory and enforcement activities, and workgroup reports. The committee will also discuss the members interests and develop plans for future meetings, under the direction of the recently appointed Chair, Dr. Kathleen M. Rest, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, who has joined the committee as a Public Representative.

Written data, views or comments for consideration by the committee may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to Joanne Goodell at the address provided below. Any such submissions received prior to the meeting will be provided to the members of the Committee and will be included in the record of the meeting. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation should notify Ms. Goodell before the meeting. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Persons who request the opportunity to address the Advisory Committee may be allowed to speak to the extent time permits, at the discretion of the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Tom Hall one week before the meeting at the address indicated below.

An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection in the OSHA Technical Data Center (TDC) located in Room N2625 of the Department of Labor Building (202-219-7500).

For additional information contact: Joanne Goodell, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202)219-8021, ext. 107.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 19th day of April, 1996.

Joseph A. Dear,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Records schedules identify records of sufficient value to warrant preservation in the National Archives of the United States. Schedules also authorize agencies after a specified period to dispose of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules that (1) propose the destruction of records not previously authorized for disposal, or (2) reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Request for copies must be received in writing on or before June 10, 1996. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. The requester will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: Address requests for single copies of schedules identified in this notice to the Records Appraisal and Disposition Division (NIR), National