

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 Bureau of Labor Statistics' Behavioral Science Research Laboratory (BSRL) conducts cognitive psychological research in design and execution of the data collection process in order to improve the quality of data collected by the Bureau. BSRL conducts research aimed at improving data collection quality by assessing questionnaire and form management and administration, as well as issues which relate to interviewer training and interaction with respondents in the interview process. BSRL staff work closely with the economists and/or program specialists responsible for defining the concepts to be measured by the Bureau's collection programs. Questionnaire and forms are used in the Bureau's surveys.

Questionnaires specify the preferred wording of the questions to be asked, whereas forms specify the data items to be collected. Each possesses distinctive problems, which in many cases can be related to respondent characteristics, survey content, or format of administration. Such problems impede the effectiveness of particular surveys and the mission of the Bureau in general.

II. Current Actions

The purpose of this request for clearance for cognitive and psychological research and development activities by the BSRL is to enhance the quality of the Bureau's data collection procedures and overall data management. The basic goal of the BSRL is to improve through interdisciplinary research the quality of the data collected and published by the BLS. BLS is committed to producing the most accurate and complete data within the highest quality assurance guidelines. With this in mind, the BSRL was created to aid in the effort of not only maintaining, but also improving the quality of the data collection process.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Cognitive and Psychological Research.

OMB Number: 1220-0141.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 3000.

Frequency: One-time.

Total Responses: 3000.

Average Time Per Response: 1 Hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3000 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 11th day of July, 1996.

Peter T. Spolarich,

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

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 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 collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the "Movers Survey" as a supplement to 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 September 17, 1996.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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 submissions of responses.

ADDRESS: 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 National Commission on Employment and Unemployment Statistics, better known as the Levitan Commission, recommended a variety of changes to the Current Population Survey (CPS) in its 1979 report. For the most part, these recommendations have been incorporated into the CPS, most notably in the complete revision to the survey implemented in January 1994.

In one area, a recommendation of the Levitan Commission has not been implemented. "Gross flows" data show the number of people making transitions from one labor force state (employed, unemployed, not in the labor force) to another from month to month. The Commission recommended that improvements be made to increase the usefulness of the CPS as a longitudinal data set, including improvements to the gross flows data so they can be published on a monthly basis. Because only a subset of CPS data was matchable from month to month, the month-to-month changes in the stocks of people in each labor force state did not match the sum of the flows into and out of each state. While the new survey's improved ability to match respondents between months reduced problems in the gross flows data, there are still problems which prevent monthly publication. In particular, respondents who move out of CPS housing units are not followed in CPS at present and are excluded from the gross flows estimates.

Because moving is often associated with a change in labor force status, movers may be an important source of discrepancies between the stock and the flows data. The proposed movers survey will improve the ability of BLS to understand and use CPS flows data.

II. Current Actions

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. The labor force information gathered through the survey is of paramount importance in keeping track of the economic health of the Nation. The CPS data are used monthly, in conjunction with data from other sources, to analyze the extent to which the various components of the United States population are participating in the economic life of the Nation and with what success. At present, CPS gross flows data are not included in these uses. Data from the movers survey will be tabulated to examine the labor force characteristics of movers and their impact on gross flows estimates. Results will be used to develop adjustment factors for the flows data. They also will improve understanding of seasonal variations in the gross flows data.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: CPS Movers Survey.

OMB Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 800.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 9600.

Average Time Per Response: 3.75 Minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 600 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, DC, this 15th day of July, 1995.

Peter T. Spolarich,

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

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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Training of Mine Rescue Teams; 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 collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the information collection related to the Training of Mine Rescue Teams. MSHA 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 submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the Addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 17, 1996..

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send

their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@mssha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or 703 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfsak@mssha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or 703 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Congress considered the ready availability of mine rescue in the event of an accident to be vital protection to miners. The concern was that, too often in the past, rescue efforts at a disaster site have had to await the delayed arrival of skilled mine rescue teams. In responding to the direction of Congress, MSHA promulgated 30 CFR 49, Mine Rescue Teams. The regulations covered the required availability of mine rescue teams; alternate mine rescue capability for small and remote mines and special mining conditions; inspection and maintenance records of mine rescue equipment and apparatus; physical requirements for team members and alternates; and experience and training requirements for team members and alternates.

II. Current Actions

Standard 49.8 requires that prior to serving on a mine rescue team, each member must complete an initial 20-hour course of instruction in the use, care, and maintenance of the type of breathing apparatus which will be used by the mine rescue team. In addition, all team members are required to receive 40 hours of refresher training annually. A record of the training received by each mine rescue team member is required to be on file at the mine rescue station for a period of one year.

The purpose of the regulation is to assure that mine rescue teams will be properly trained in all phases of mine rescue work, including all conditions that might be encountered in the event of an actual emergency.

Type of Review: Reinstatement (without change).

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Training of Mine Rescue Teams.

OMB Number: 1219-0077.

Recordkeeping: One year.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.