

III. Current Actions

The information will be collected once a month using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and Touch-tone Data Entry (TDE). An establishment will be included in the sample for 18 consecutive months.

During the first six months of data collection, the interviewer will call the respondent and conduct the interviews over the telephone using CATI. During these interviews, the interviewer will prepare the respondent for transition to TDE. The data for the establishment's final twelve months in the sample will be collected via TDE.

The following data elements will be collected:

Total Employment;
Total Number of Job Openings;
Total Hires;
Quits;
Layoffs and Discharges; and
Other Separations.

The reference period for the data are the pay period including the 12th of the month for Total Employment, the last business day of the month for Job Openings, and the entire month for Hires and Separations.

The information will be published monthly by combined North American Industry Classification System sector, at the National level and total non-agriculture level, by Census region. The data will be made public via press release and on the BLS Web site.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.

OMB Number: BLS-1411.

Affected Public: Federal Government; State or local governments; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Small businesses or organizations.

Total Respondents: 16,000.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 111,440 (annual average).

Average Time Per Response: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 11,144 (annual average).

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 ICR; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of August 1999.

Karen A. Krein,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

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 pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before October 26, 1999. 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.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts

Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Proposed Collection

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of the 2000 School Survey component of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contracting the individual listed in the **Addresses** section of this notice.

II. Background

Part of the mission of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to promote the development of the U.S. labor force and the efficiency of the U.S. labor market. The BLS contributes to this mission by gathering information about the labor force and labor market, and disseminating it to policy makers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed and, thus, more efficient choices.

The 2000 School Survey represents the second wave of data collection from the schools attended by and located within the primary sampling units (PSUs) of the youths surveyed in the NLSY97. (The first wave of the NLSY97 was cleared under OMB number 1220-0157.) The DOL has been interviewing these youths on a yearly basis to study how young people make the transition from full-time schooling to the establishment of their families and careers. The longitudinal focus of the NLSY97 requires collection of information about the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, family formation, income, and program participation in programs such as apprenticeships, co-ops, internships, and so forth. Recognizing the crucial role of schools and training the next generation of our labor force, the BLS will administer a school survey to measure the characteristics of the schools the youths attend so that these characteristics can be related to the cognitive development of the respondents in the NLSY97.

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The 2000 School Survey will provide important contextual data for better understanding the antecedents of youth's critical employment decisions and the employment paths, entrances, and exits that they take over their life

course. In addition to providing data relating to the student, the study also will provide school-level data that can be used, for example, to estimate changes in the incidence and profiles of school-to-work programs in the panel of schools.

The major purposes of this data collection are to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the process for guiding the nation's youths from school-to-work. The study will relate the characteristics of these youths' educational experiences to their success in finding a job and establishing a career. Accordingly, these data will help researchers and policy makers identify the antecedents and causes for youths experiencing difficulties in making the school-to-work transition. By comparing these data to comparable data from previous and future cohorts, researchers and policy makers will be able to identify and understand more about the dynamics of the labor market and whether and how the school experiences of this cohort differ from those of other cohorts.

The National School-to-Work Office, a joint office of the Department of Labor and the Department of Education, will use these data to assess the extent to which schools provide activities to prepare young people for work. Combined with information collected from the teenagers attending these institutions, BLS staff, researchers, and federal and state policy makers will use the data from this survey to address the roles of schools, families, individuals, peers, neighborhoods, and work in influencing today's youth as they move from school-to-work and, more generally, from adolescence to adulthood. The School-to-Work Office used data from the first wave to document the proportion of schools with school-to-work programs and the characteristics of those schools.

This request covers the 2000 NLSY97 School Survey data collection. The BLS believes that collecting high school-level information once every four years provides a sufficiently clear picture of the changes that occur in schools—such as advancement in technology, transformations in the size and characteristics of student populations, elimination of programs, and the evolution of funding mechanisms, without overburdening the school administrators who respond to the survey. Although a significant change can occur in any year for a school, most changes occur or evolve slowly. The questionnaire will capture these off-year changes by including retrospective questions about when programs began.

The four-year frequency further ensures that the changing high school experiences of students who move from one high school to another (approximately 8 percent) because of family relocation, changes in school boundaries, openings and closings of schools, family choices about educational opportunities, or other reasons, are captured.

If these data are not collected, the ability of researchers and policy makers to assess the school-to-work transition for the nation's youth will be severely compromised. Likewise, researchers and policy makers will be unable to assess the impact of schooling and other environmental factors on the quality of the newest entrants to the labor force and how those qualitative aspects relate to education, training, work experience, family formation, income, and program participation.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: 2000 School Survey component of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97).

OMB Number: 1220—New.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions (secondary schools).

Total Respondents: 7,981.

Frequency: Every 4 years.

Total Responses: 7,981.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,991 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 24th day of August 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-99-20]

Telecommunications, Training Certification; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement

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

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed increase in, and extension of, the information collection requirements (training certification records) contained in the Telecommunications Standard, 29 CFR 1910.268(c).

Request for Comment

The Agency seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated, electronic, mechanical, and other technological information and transmission collection techniques.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-99-20, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 2000 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information