

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION—Continued
[PY 1999 State Allotments]

State	JTPA II-A Adult training	JTPA II-B Summer youth	JTPA II-C Youth training	JTPA III Dislocated work- ers (Formula)	Wagner-Peyser Act*
New Hampshire	2,381,171	2,134,275	324,051	1,583,448	2,996,307
New Jersey	25,982,597	22,873,274	3,473,025	36,304,389	21,606,939
New Mexico	9,044,618	8,188,970	1,243,375	14,447,813	6,177,271
New York	87,772,524	75,689,765	11,492,384	141,469,827	48,004,407
North Carolina	14,997,078	13,161,957	1,998,451	14,354,831	17,779,938
North Dakota	2,381,171	2,134,275	324,051	791,223	5,605,458
Ohio	38,240,941	34,106,605	5,178,589	28,150,483	28,144,557
Oklahoma	7,934,062	6,900,120	1,047,682	6,881,200	8,446,581
Oregon	12,070,623	10,688,488	1,622,891	17,668,368	9,245,584
Pennsylvania	38,242,301	33,102,886	5,026,189	36,555,932	30,462,091
Puerto Rico	53,146,634	47,284,899	7,179,520	82,314,462	10,717,138
Rhode Island	2,768,365	2,403,932	364,874	3,851,636	2,672,845
South Carolina	13,026,517	11,670,016	1,771,949	8,163,435	9,455,919
South Dakota	2,381,171	2,134,275	324,051	986,630	5,180,731
Tennessee	20,234,920	17,821,862	2,705,989	14,120,459	13,847,114
Texas	78,467,213	73,027,703	11,088,188	74,819,227	50,915,224
Utah	2,381,171	2,382,939	361,814	3,229,390	10,783,901
Vermont	2,381,171	2,134,275	324,051	1,391,491	2,426,951
Virginia	14,509,964	12,919,251	1,961,629	13,872,204	16,323,997
Washington	18,909,263	17,075,621	2,592,723	13,905,356	15,291,651
West Virginia	9,738,640	8,612,849	1,307,735	16,082,147	5,929,859
Wisconsin	8,186,644	7,268,443	1,103,607	9,944,587	13,326,797
Wyoming	2,381,171	2,134,275	324,051	1,204,056	4,019,463
American Samoa	169,022	66,121	23,002	199,534	0
Guam	475,405	806,424	64,697	561,225	348,011
Marshal Islands	358,998	23,765	48,856	423,804	0
Micronesia	535,238	56,317	72,840	631,859	0
Northern Marianas	143,413	30,931	19,517	169,302	0
Palau	109,422	9,326	14,891	129,175	0
Virgin Islands	740,113	457,253	100,721	873,718	1,464,957
Native Americans	0	15,839,842	0	0	0
National Reserve	0	0	0	278,113,383	0
Postage/Other	0	0	0	0	18,000,000

*Preliminary

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

**Employment and Training
Administration**

**Revised Schedule of Renumeration for
the UCX Program**

Under section 8521(a)(2) of title 5 of the United States Code, the Secretary of Labor is required to issue from time to time a Schedule of Renumeration specifying the pay and allowances for each pay grade of members of the military services. The schedules are used to calculate the base period wages and benefits payable under the program of Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX Program).

The revised schedule published with this Notice reflects increases in military pay and allowances which were effective in January 1999.

Accordingly, the following new schedule of Renumeration, issued

pursuant to 20 CFR 614.12, applies to "First Claims" for UCX which are effective beginning with the first day of the first week which begins after April 3, 1999.

Pay grade	Monthly rate
(1) Commissioned Officers	
0-10	\$11,446
0-9	11,439
0-8	10,820
0-7	9,773
0-6	8,356
0-5	6,675
0-4	5,679
0-3	4,625
0-2	3,636
0-1	2,766
(2) Commissioned Officers With Over 4 Years Active Duty As An Enlisted Mem- ber Or Warrant Officer.	
0-3E	5,314
0-2E	4,421
0-1E	3,670

Pay grade	Monthly rate
(3) Warrant Officers	
W-5	6,144
W-4	5,280
W-3	4,420
W-2	3,780
W-1	3,241
(4) Enlisted Personnel	
E-9	4,832
E-8	4,074
E-7	3,563
E-6	3,055
E-5	2,666
E-4	2,221
E-3	1,961
E-2	1,860
E-1	1,655

The publication of this new Schedule of Renumeration does not revoke any prior schedule or change the period of time any prior schedule was in effect.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 9, 1999.

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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. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Hours at Work Survey."

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before April 19, 1999.

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

- 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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

It has been long recognized by experts in the field of productivity measurement and analysis that the appropriate measure of labor input for productivity statistics is hours worked rather than hours paid. The importance of this distinction was further emphasized by recommendations of the Panel to Review Productivity Statistics of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. In the mid-1970s, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) established a task force to review existing programs and surveys and to determine the most efficient procedure for measuring hours worked. Based on the findings and recommendations of that task force, BLS developed the Hours at Work Survey (HWS) that has provided a unique data series for assessing productivity since 1982.

The HWS collects data for production and non-supervisory worker for each of the major industrial sectors of the nonagricultural economy on a yearly basis. Data are collected for the number of hours worked and hours paid in order to construct ratios of hours worked and hours paid, which then are used to convert hours paid data from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program to hours at work, for use in the development of productivity statistics. Hours at work exclude paid leave (holidays, vacations, sick and personal or administrative leave such as personal

business, funeral leave, and jury duty) while hours paid do not. Productivity is better measured as the ratio of output to hours spent in production. The collection of information on hours at work must be done annually because of the cyclical sensitivity of productivity measures.

II. Current Actions

Ratios of hours at work to hours paid are needed to measure labor input for productivity statistics. The ratios of hours at work to hours paid provided by this survey are used to convert hours paid, which are based on data from the CES Program, to hours at work. The resulting hours at work measures then are incorporated into the BLS labor and multifactor productivity statistics published annually and quarterly.

Based on results of a 1992 Response Analysis Survey (RAS), BLS identified some areas of concern that led to changes in wording, content, and format of instructions, and a new HWS questionnaire layout. The redesigned HWS is intended to improve the quality of the data in the survey by reducing errors due to questionnaires or from respondents and interviewers; to increase the proportion of responses obtained by mail; and to improve Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) follow-up data collection so that CATI data are more consistent with data obtained by mail.

The redesigned HWS questionnaire has undergone some changes to reduce the survey's response burden. HWS data now are requested only annually. The questionnaire is respondent-friendly with instructions close to the questions, an uncluttered appearance, questions that better fit respondent data sources, and questions that result in higher-quality data.

BLS is adding a RAS to the HWS to evaluate the quality of the data obtained from the survey, including the accuracy of the responses provided and the extent to which respondents have the requested information readily available.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Hours at Work Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-0076.

Affected Public: Business and other for profit.

Form	Total number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Average minutes per response	Estimated total annual burden hours
BLS 2000N	2,500	Annually	2,500	1 Hour	2,500
BLS 2000P	3,500	Annually	3,500	1 Hour	3,500
RAS	1000	One Time	1,000	15 min.	250