

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit, Other: individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local or Tribal Government.

All firms and individuals who distribute or dispense controlled substances must register with the DEA under the Controlled Substances Act. Registration is needed for control measures over legal handlers of controlled substances and is used to monitor their activities.

These revisions of the forms will not add any burden to the affected public. The subject forms are being revised to provide the ability to use an Optical Character Reader (OCR) for form processing and to provide for registrants Social Security Number and/or Tax Identification Number. The OCR will enable DEA to increase efficiency and accelerate processing of registrant applications. Social Security Number and/or Tax Identification Numbers are requested to correctly identify registrants, to expedite application processing, database integration and telephone system upgrades.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amounts of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 355,000 respondents at 1 response per year at 12 minutes per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 71,000 annual burden hours.

Public comments on this proposed information collection are strongly encouraged.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

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Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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Reports Midyear Population Counts and Advance Year-end Population Counts—National Prisoner Statistics 1997.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days from the date listed at the top of this page in the **Federal Register**. This process is in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 submission of responses.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or additional information, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, please write to Dr. Jan M. Chaiken, Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20531. If you need a copy of the collection instruments with instructions, or have additional information, please contact James Stephan at (202) 616-3289, or via facsimile at 202-307-1463.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of information collection. Revision of currently approved collection.

(2) The title of the Form/Collection: Prison Population Reports Midyear Counts; and Prison Population Report Advance Year-end Counts—National Prisoner Statistics 1997.

(3) The agency form number and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: NPS-1A; and NPS-1B. Corrections Unit, Bureau of Justice

Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State Departments of Corrections. Others: The Federal Bureau of Prisons. For the NPS-1A form, 52 central reporters (one from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates will be asked to provide information for the following categories:

(a) As of June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates; and

(b) As of June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997, the number of male and female inmates in their custody with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates.

For the NPS-1B form, 52 central reporters (one from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates will be asked to provide information for the following categories:

(a) As of December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1997, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates;

(b) The number of inmates housed in county or other local authority correctional facilities, or in other state or Federal facilities on December 31, 1997 solely to ease prison crowding;

(c) As of the direct result of state prison crowding during 1997, the number of inmates released via court order, administrative procedure or statute, accelerated release, sentence reduction, emergency release, or other expedited release; and

(d) The aggregate rated, operational, and design capacities, by sex, of each State's correctional facilities at year-end 1997.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics uses this information in published reports and for the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, practitioners, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice statistics.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time needed for an average respondent to respond: 52 respondents each taking an average 2.5 hours to respond.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 130 annual burden hours.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Prison Population

If additional information is required, contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 19, 1997.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Todd R. Owen (202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to Owen-Todd@dol.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), on or before January 23, 1998.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Bureau Labor Statistics.

Title: Construction Industry Benefits Test.

OMB Number: 1220-New.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Fiscal year average	Number of respondents per year	Responses per year	Total response per year	Average minutes per response	Total burden hours
BLS 3038A	550	1	468	75	585
BLS 3038B	550	1	468	35	273
BLS 3038D	550	1	468	180	1,404
Quality Assurance	117	1	117	10	20
Average Annual Burden	550	1	468	293	2,282

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: The Employment Standard Administration (ESA) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Office of Compensation and Working Conditions intend to test the availability and feasibility of collection and publication of benefit incidence and cost for specific construction occupations in local areas. The purpose is to provide ESA with an alternative method for arriving at determinations as stipulated by the Davis-Bacon Act.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Lead in General Industry (29 CFR Part 1910.1025).

OMB Number: 1218-0092 (extension).

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50,031.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to

maintain records to 2 hours for employees to have medical exams.

Total Burden Hours: 1,623,945.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$4,699,000.

Description: The purpose of this standard and its information collection is designed to provide protection from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to lead. The standard requires employers to monitor employee health and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of injuries.

Todd R. Owen,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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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 with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1998 (PRA98) [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 the proposed revision of the