



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics Administration

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Ms. Diana Hynek
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer
Department of Commerce, Room 6616
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: *Federal Register* notice of July 29, 2011, for the U.S. Census Bureau's Government Employment Forms (OMB Number: 0607-0452)

Dear Ms. Hynek:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses data collected by the Census Bureau on forms:

- E-1 Survey of Government Employment: State Agencies
- E-2 Survey of Government Employment: State Institutions of Higher Education
- E-3 Survey of Government Employment: Special Districts and Local Agencies
- E-4 Survey of Government Employment: Municipalities, Counties, Townships
- E-5 Survey of Government Employment: Municipalities and Township
- E-6 Survey of Government Employment: School Systems
- E-7 Survey of Government Employment: Major Special Districts and Agencies
- E-9 Survey of Government Employment: Police Protection Agencies

BEA uses the information from these surveys to directly prepare the National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) and Regional Accounts. As part of our effort to maintain and improve the quality of the source data used to prepare these accounts, BEA reviewed the *Federal Register* notice of July 29, 2011, and has the following comments.

The data obtained from these forms are critical to BEA for maintaining reliable estimates. Specifically, BEA uses national, state, local, and type-of-government aggregate data by function for full-time and part-time employees, payroll, and number of part-time hours worked to prepare estimates of full-time equivalent employment and estimates for the public sector compensation, gross domestic income, and gross domestic product. In turn, these BEA estimates also are used to prepare estimates of state and local government compensation of employees in both the annual and benchmark input-output accounts.

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Please keep BEA informed of modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in modifications that are proposed during the forms' approval process that might substantially affect our use of the data collected through these forms. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on phone number 202-606-9653, or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Statistician

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Use of Annual Survey of Government Employment by BEA

Form E-1 – Annual Survey of Public employment & Payroll – State Agencies

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE(Full-time equivalent)	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III- Employees, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Calculation of FTE, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

Form E-2 – Annual Survey of Public employment & Payroll – State Institutions of Higher Education

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III – Employee, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Ratio calculation for functional compensation, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

**Form E-3 – Annual Survey of Public employment & Payroll --
Special Districts and Local Agencies**

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III- Employees, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Calculation of FTE, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

Form E-4 – Annual Survey of Public employment & Payroll – Municipalities, Counties, and Townships

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III – Employee, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Ratio calculation for functional compensation, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

Form E-5 – Annual Survey of Public employment & Payroll – Municipalities and Townships

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III – Employee, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Ratio calculation for functional compensation, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

Form E-6 – Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll – School Systems

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III – Employee, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Ratio calculation for functional compensation, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

Form E-7 – Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll – Major Special Districts and Agencies

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III – Employee, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Ratio calculation for functional compensation, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	

Form E-9 – Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll – Police Protection Agencies

Item	Use	BEA Program
Part I – Full-Time Standard Weekly Hours	Calculation of FTE	State and Local government compensation
Part II – Pay Interval	Indirectly used to relate full time to part time payroll	
Part III – Employee, Payroll, and Part-Time Hours	Ratio calculation for functional compensation, real government compensation, and Payroll split between general government/ enterprise	