

November 19, 2013

Ms. Carol Rowan  
BLS Clearance Officer  
Division of Management Systems  
Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080  
2 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20212

RE: *Federal Register* notice of October 4, 2013, for the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey (OMB Number: 1220-0100)

Dear Ms. Rowan:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the Current Population Survey (CPS). The data collected on this survey are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

Data from this survey are used to prepare estimates of compensation, employment, and personal consumption expenditures (PCE) in the national income and product accounts. Within PCE, CPS data are used in the estimates for housing services (in years for which data from the Census Bureau's biennial American Housing Survey are unavailable), for household maintenance services, and for new motor vehicles. The attachment describes the items used from the CPS.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9618 or by e-mail at [Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov). Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Fixler  
Chief Statistician

Attachment

## ATTACHMENT

### Items from BLS Current Population Survey Used in BEA's NIPA Estimates

Item	Item Use
Self-employed persons  (and ratio of self-employed persons to households)	Number of self-employed persons  Used in PCE new motor vehicles to adjust the share of new auto sales to persons that are accounted for by “mixed-use” autos—that is, autos used both for business and personal use.
Number of hours worked	Number of full-time equivalent employees
For persons employed by households: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Number employed 16-years old and over</li><li>- Self-employed persons</li><li>- Average weekly hours</li><li>- Average hourly earnings</li></ul>	Compensation for the households industry
Number of full and part-time clergy	Religious component of membership organizations wages and employment
Housing unit stocks	Rental of tenant-occupied nonfarm housing and imputed rental of owner-occupied nonfarm housing for PCE housing services
Household workers	PCE household maintenance services