

March 15, 2024

Seth Renkema  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade  
90 K Street NE., 10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20229-1177

RE: Federal Register notice of February 26, 2024 for the Customs and Border Protection, Arrival/Departure Record (OMB Number: 1651-0111)

Dear Mr. Renkema:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of the CBP Arrival/Departure Record. The data collected are critical to key components of BEA's economic statistics. BEA also supports the new capabilities within CBP One to increase the accuracy of exit records for nonimmigrants and as a step to fully automate the I-94 information collection. The changes will improve the accuracy of the data and result in improved statistics on trade in travel services, an important part of the international transactions accounts.

These collected data are critical for counts of foreigners visiting the United States by country of residence or citizenship and by class of admission for which there is no substitute. Information on these forms is paired with information on average expenditures (by country of residence), which BEA obtains from the Department of Commerce's Survey of International Air Travelers, to estimate travel expenditures by foreign visitors in the United States (by country of residence). Estimates based on these data are crucial components of BEA's monthly estimates of U.S. international trade in goods and services, monthly and quarterly estimates of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), and quarterly estimates of the U.S. international transactions accounts (ITAs).

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 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at [tiffany.burrell@bea.gov](mailto:tiffany.burrell@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,

Dennis Fixler  
Chief Economist

Attachment

## Attachment

Data Used by BEA from the Customs and Border Protection's  
Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record & Form I-94W Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver  
Arrival/Departure Record

Items used:	Items used for:
Total count of visitors, by country of birth and residence, of foreigners visiting the United States	<p>Contributes to the calculations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITA Table 1.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Line 15 exports of transport services</li> <li>○ Line 16 exports of travel services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ITA Table 3.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Line 4 exports of transport services</li> <li>○ Line 8 exports of air transport services</li> <li>○ Line 9 exports of air passenger transport services</li> <li>○ Line 13 exports of travel services</li> <li>○ Line 14 exports of business travel services</li> <li>○ Line 16 exports of other business travel</li> <li>○ Line 17 exports of personal travel services</li> <li>○ Line 20 exports of other personal travel services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>