

United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Housing Survey



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Important Reminder!

You should have recently received a letter telling you about an important housing survey sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

If you have already completed this brief survey, please accept our sincere thanks. There is nothing else you need to do. *However*, *if you have not responded yet*, *we'd like to urge you to take a moment to do so now*.

The Survey is Short, But Important

The survey will take less than a minute or two to complete. The information you provide is used to help develop the Consumer Price Index, or CPI, which is the leading measure of inflation in the United States.

Your Response Will Be Kept Confidential

We guarantee the confidentiality of your response. Your answers are used only for statistical purposes.

In the event that your questionnaire has been misplaced, a replacement is enclosed along with a postage paid return envelope.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-341-3660, and say you are calling about the "BLS Housing Survey."

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Keith Hall Commissioner Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Please Tell Us A Few Facts About Housing At This Address

1. Is this address for a home (residence) or business?

- Home or residence
- Business or non-residence \rightarrow You are done. But please mail this form back.

- **2.** Do the people who live at this address own or rent their home? (Check 'own' if you have a mortgage)
 - Own
 - Rent
 - Own and Rent
 - Neither → Some arrangement exists other than owning or renting. Please describe here:

Thank you for your help!

Please fold this page and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Respond Using the Web? If you prefer, you can answer the questions on the Web by visiting <u>www.websrg.com/BLS2009</u>, and entering the following passcode:

Your participation is voluntary and confidential

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

The time needed to complete this survey is estimated to be less than 2 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making the survey simpler, you can write to: Office of Prices and Living Conditions, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Rm. 3655, Washington, DC 20212. The OMB control number for this voluntary survey is 1220-0163 and it expires November 30, 2012. Without a currently valid number BLS would not be able to conduct this survey.

Thank you!