

CPI Selected Users Survey

Thank you for helping the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) collect critical feedback regarding the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program. The CPI program produces monthly data on changes in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services. Your responses to this survey will be used to get feedback on the CPI program and to make improvements in the future.

Any feedback you can provide about the CPI program would be appreciated. Your participation in this survey is voluntary. We estimate that it will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. We are collecting this information under OMB Number 1225-0059. Without this currently approved number, BLS could not conduct this survey (Expiration date: 1/31/2016).

The survey questions are based on broad user experience and responses will be aggregated for analysis.

If you have any questions about this survey, please e-mail Steve Reed at Reed.Steve@bls.gov, or call (202) 691-5378.

This survey is being administered by SurveyMonkey.com and resides on a server outside of the BLS domain. BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses and advises against the inclusion of sensitive personal information in any response.

Select *Next* below to begin the survey.

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1. Which category best describes the organization at which you work or study?

- Industry or trade association
- Federal government
- State government
- Local government
- School/University
- Research organization
- Financial institution
- News media
- Nongovernmental organization
- Consulting institution
- Blog
- Private citizen
- Other (please specify):

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2. For what purposes do you access CPI products?

General Research

Escalate or increase a payment (for example, rent, salary, or contractual amount)

Compute projections or forecasts

Find out about price change for specific items or categories

Deflate or adjust other economic time series

Other (please specify):

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3. Please indicate what best expresses your opinions on the following statements about the CPI:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
CPI data are of high quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CPI data are timely enough to meet my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that the CPI methodology measures price change as accurately as possible.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Please share any comments you have about the quality or timeliness of CPI data, or the CPI methodology.

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6. Which type of CPI data do you use more frequently: the CPI seasonally adjusted data or not seasonally adjusted data? (Select one)

- Seasonally adjusted
- Not seasonally adjusted
- Use both equally
- Neither/not sure

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7. Which of the following CPI data do you use most frequently? (Select one)

- National CPI data (for example, U.S. City average)
- Regional or local data (for example, South Urban or Chicago-Gary-Kenosha)
- Use both equally
- Neither/not sure

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8. What regional or local CPI data do you use?

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9. Which of the following CPI data do you use most frequently? (Select one)

- All items CPI
- CPI for specific goods or services (for example, housing or new vehicles)
- Use both equally
- Neither/not sure

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10. What CPI for specific goods or services do you use?

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11. When you use CPI data, which of the following do you primarily use?

- Index values
- 12 month percent changes
- 1 month percent changes
- None of these/Not sure

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12. If you use average price data, what specific series (such as milk or gasoline) do you use? If you don't use this, select "I don't use average price data."

I don't use average price data

Please specify what specific series you use:

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13. How do you access CPI data? (Select all that apply)

News Release

Detailed Report Tables

CPI Databases

Text files/Flat files

Third party sites

Other (please specify)

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14. How satisfied or dissatisfied you are with your access to CPI data online?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied not dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Have not accessed CPI data online

Please explain your responses (optional)

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15. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your interactions with CPI staff?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied not dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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16. Please share any comments you have, positive or negative, about your interactions with CPI staff.

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17. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the variety of formats that CPI data are available in?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied not dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- No opinion

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18. Should CPI data be made available in additional formats?

Yes

No

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19. What additional formats should be added? (Please describe).

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20. Please share any suggestions you have for improving access to CPI data.

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21. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the procedure in which CPI data are released to users each month?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied not dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- No opinion

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22. Please share any suggestions you have for improving the procedures of the monthly release of CPI data.

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23. How helpful would the following potential changes in the CPI be to you?

	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not at all helpful	Don't know/no opinion
Earlier release of data (for example, July data might be released in early August rather than mid-August)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Release of preliminary data before release of final data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CPI for specific demographic groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More detailed CPI categories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. Please describe any other changes or improvements to the CPI you would like to suggest.

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25. What other BLS data do you use? (Select all that apply).

Producer Prices (PPI)

Consumer Expenditure Data (CEX)

International Price Data (IPP)

Employment/Unemployment Data

Compensation Data

Productivity Data

Other (please specify):

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26. What other inflation data do you use? (Select all that apply).

Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Implicit Price Deflator

Producer Price Index (PPI)

Import and Export Prices (IPP)

Employment Cost Index (ECI)

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27. We are interested in any other comments, positive or negative, that you would like to share about the CPI. If you don't have any additional comments, select "No additional comments."

No additional comments

Please write your comments here: