

Executive Summary

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is working with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to develop a survey that will accurately and reliably capture data that are relevant to the SSA's disability program. The proposed new Occupational Requirements Survey (ORS) is envisioned to be an establishment survey that collects information on the vocational preparation and physical requirements of occupations in the U.S. economy, as well as the environmental conditions in which those occupations are performed.

These three areas give a broad overview of the types of information on which BLS plans to collect data. Data on the vocational preparation for the occupation is collected through information on the position's level of education, prior work experience, and amount of on-the-job training. Some physical demands are collected as the number of hours spent performing activities such as reaching, pushing, pulling, walking, or sitting. Other physical demands may include the weight a worker lifts, or the postural positions one assumes. Environmental conditions measure an employee's length of work time spent exposed to elements such as weather, noise, and extreme heat or cold.

For further information on the ORS project, you can visit www.bls.gov/ORS.

Private Industry sample Establishments:

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.	<i>This report is authorized by law, 29 U.S.C. 2. Your voluntary cooperation is needed to make the results of this survey comprehensive, accurate and timely.</i>	O.M.B. # 1220-0164 Expires 4/30/15
We estimate that it will take an average of 60 minutes to complete this interview, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing this information. If you have any comments regarding this estimate or any other aspect of this survey; including suggestions for reducing this burden, please send them to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Compensation and Working Conditions (1220-0164), 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. You are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.		

State and Local Government sample Establishments:

The BLS publishes statistical tabulations from this survey that may reveal the information reported by individual State and local governments. Upon your request, however, the BLS will hold the information provided on this survey form in confidence.	<i>This report is authorized by law, 29 U.S.C. 2. Your voluntary cooperation is needed to make the results of this survey comprehensive, accurate and timely.</i>	O.M.B. # 1220-0164 Expires 4/30/15
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