

*Responding to the Bureau of Labor Statistics is secure. Your answers are protected by law and are not shared with anyone.*

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics is bound by a strict criminal law and solemn commitment to protect the confidential information we collect. ***We have never had a breach of our data collection systems, and all transmitted data are protected by state-of-the-art encryption methods.***
- We take the utmost measures to protect the identity of individuals and businesses, starting from the point at which the data are collected. All BLS data collection systems are 100 percent encrypted. Keeping your responses secure is our top priority. The safeguarding of your information continues long after we publish the aggregate statistics to which they contribute.



*Responding to the Bureau of Labor Statistics is important. Your answers ensure we produce data that accurately measure the nation's economic health.*

- For more than a century, businesses large and small have safely entrusted key information with BLS. In turn, BLS delivers back the gold-standard data businesses need to make more informed decisions.
- Without voluntary participation of businesses and households, BLS surveys will not accurately reflect economic conditions. Every time a business or household responds to a BLS survey, it performs an essential public service that benefits everyone.
- Knowing that the data we produce depends so crucially on the support and trust of the American people, we do not take lightly our responsibilities to protect respondent confidentiality and to produce statistics using transparent methods that adhere to the highest professional standards.

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