

PPI Data User Survey

Thank you for participating in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Index (PPI) User Survey. The goal of this survey is to gather information to ensure that the PPI program and its products continue to meet the Bureau's gold-standard in economic and statistical information. Your feedback is essential for improving the PPI to better suit your needs. The survey will take approximately 6 minutes to complete.

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1. How did you first learn about the Producer Price Index (PPI) program?

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website
- Colleague or coworker
- Conference
- Educational coursework
- Industry or trade association
- Media or press
- Participation in PPI monthly price survey
- Social media (Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, etc.)
- Search Engine (Google, Yahoo, etc.)
- Statistical or economic publications
- Not familiar with it
- Other (please specify)

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2. Price indexes measure changes in prices over time. Have you ever used Producer Price Indexes (PPIs)?

Examples of producer price index data include PPI Industry indexes, PPI Commodity indexes, PPI Final Demand-Intermediate Demand indexes, and PPI Input to Industry indexes. Additional information can be found at <https://www.bls.gov/ppi/data-retrieval-guide/>.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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3. How frequently do you use PPI data?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Quarterly

Semiannually

Annually

Infrequently (i.e., less than annually)

Never

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4. How frequently do you use the PPI website to search for information other than index data (e.g. methodological information, publications, classroom resource, contact information, etc.)?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Semiannually
- Annually
- Infrequently (i.e., less than annually)
- Never

5. How do you access PPI data? (Check all that apply).

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website
- Department of Labor website
- BLS News Service email subscription
- Federal statistics website (i.e., Data.gov; FEDSTATS; St. Louis FRED)
- PPI information email: ppi-info@bls.gov or phone: (202)691-7705
- Private subscription-based provider
- Social media (Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, etc.)
- Industry or trade association
- Public data application programming interface (API)
- Other (please specify)

6. Which BLS publications have you accessed in the past three months? (Check all that apply).

PPI News Release

PPI Detailed Report

Beyond the Numbers

Monthly Labor Review

Commissioner's Corner

Spotlight on Statistics

The Economics Daily

Other (please specify)

None of the above

7. What tools on the BLS website have you used to find data you are not already familiar with? (Check all that apply).

One-Screen or Multi-Screen search features

Data Retrieval Guide

Detailed Report tables

BLS Series Report Function

BLS Data Finder

Other (please specify)

None of the above

8. How easy or difficult is it to find the information you are looking for on the PPI website?

Very difficult

Difficult

Neither difficult nor easy

Easy

Very easy

9. How do you use PPI data? (Check all that apply)

- Academic research
- Classroom instruction
- General indicator of inflation
- Comparison to my input costs
- Comparison to prices charged by my company for goods/services
- Inventory valuation
- Price trend analysis/forecasting
- Other (please specify)

10. Have you used PPI data for Contract price adjustment (nominal price deflator)?

Yes

No

Don't know

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11. How did you learn to use the PPI for contract price adjustment purposes? (Check all that apply)

- PPI Guide for Price Adjustment
- On the job training
- Training provided at a conference
- Educational coursework
- Self-taught
- PPI information phoneline (202) 691-7705
- Emailing ppi-info@bls.gov
- Other (please specify)

12. What is the approximate total dollar value of your current contracts adjusted using PPI data? (Enter whole numbers only. If you don't know or do not wish to provide this information, leave the box blank.)

The whole dollar amount (without commas) is:

13. How likely would you be to use each of the following additional contract adjustment resources?

	Not at all likely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
Instructions on how to select specific indexes for contract adjustment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informational videos about using PPI data for contract adjustment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seminars or webinars about the PPI and contract adjustment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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14. How familiar are you with the classification systems used by the PPI?

	Not at all familiar	Somewhat familiar	Moderately familiar	Very familiar	Extremely familiar
Industry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commodity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Final Demand- Intermediate Demand	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Input to Industries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Please indicate below whether you have used a PPI index from one of the following classification systems within the past two years.

Industry

Commodity

Final demand-intermediate demand

Inputs to industries

Other (please specify)

None of the above

16. For which of the following economic areas do you use PPI data? (Check all that apply).

Agriculture (including Forestry and Fishing)

Broadcasting

Construction

Finance

Health Care

Manufacturing

Mining

Professional services

Publishing

Real Estate

Telecommunication

Trade (Wholesale or Retail)

Transportation and warehousing

Utilities

Other (please specify)

17. Do you use seasonally adjusted PPI data (i.e. data that is adjusted to remove seasonal patterns)?

Yes

No

Don't know

18. For what purpose(s) do you use seasonal data? (Check all that apply).

Short-to-medium-term price trend analysis

Consistent comparison of data across different periods

Other (please specify)

19. PPI indexes are subject to revision each month for four months after the date of initial publication. At what point in the revision process do you use PPI data? (Check all that apply).

When data are initially published (first published)

After initial publication but still within the four-month revision period (subject to revision)

Final data (data that are outside of the four-month revision period from the date of initial publication)

Don't know

20. Would you like to see additional indexes published by the PPI for economic areas not currently included?

Yes

No

Don't know

21. Please rate your interest in possible PPI coverage for the economic areas listed below.

	Not at all interested	Somewhat interested	Moderately interested	Very interested	Extremely interested
Education (elementary/secondary, colleges/universities/professional, technical/trade schools, and educational support services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional, scientific, and technical services (interior/graphic/industrial design, computer systems design, and scientific research and development services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information (motion picture and sound recording, computing infrastructure, and web search portals/libraries/archives)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accommodation and food services (restaurants/bars, food service contractors, and recreational camps)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Construction (residential building and highway/street/bridge construction)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental and leasing (residential buildings, consumer goods, industrial machinery, and patents/trademarks/franchises)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and entertainment (performing arts, spectator sports, and museums)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. Have you attempted to contact PPI staff by email or phone within the last two years?

Yes

No

Not sure

23. How satisfied are you with the assistance you've received from PPI staff?

	Not at all satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Very satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Ease of contact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timeliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Please indicate below whether you have used the following resources on the PPI website within the past 2 years. (Check all that apply).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page

PPI Handbook of Methods

PPI Technical Notes

PPI Guide for Price Adjustment page

None of the above

27. Please share any recommendations for additional resources or products you would like to see the PPI produce.

28. What other BLS data have you used in the past two years? (Check all that apply).

- Consumer Price Index
- Employment Cost Index
- Unemployment Rate
- Productivity and Costs
- Real Earnings
- U.S. Import and Export Price Index
- Other (please specify)

29. Which category best describes your organization?

- Academia
- Business
- Federal government
- State government
- Local government
- Tribal government
- Foreign government
- Individual/Private citizen
- Industry/Trade association
- Media
- Nonprofit organization
- Union
- Other (please specify)

30. Which best describes your role/occupation in your organization?

- Accountant
- Business owner
- Controller/Finance officer
- Economist
- Lawyer
- Manager
- Purchasing agent
- Researcher
- Sales staff
- Statistician
- Student
- Teacher/Professor
- Other (please specify)