February 3, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: Reviewer of 1220-0050

FROM: ADAM SAFIR, Chief

Division of Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys

Bureau of Labor Statistics

SUBJECT: Non-substantive Change Request for the

Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CEX)

To conform to OMB policies and the January 20, 2025, executive order 14168 “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government,” CE will replace the word “gender” with the word “sex” in the following survey materials (See Attachment A for specific questions):

* In the CEQ CAPI, “Gender needed for ^Name” will be replaced with ”Sex needed for ^Name” on April 1, 2026.
* In the CED CAPI, “What is the gender and age range for whom this was purchased?” will be replaced with “What is the sex and age range for whom this was purchased?” on April 1, 2026.
* In the CED Online Diary User Guide, “Select the gender and age” will be replaced with “Select the sex and age.” New guides will be printed and available for use by June 2026.
* In the CED Online Diary, “Select the age range and gender” has been replaced with “Select the age range and sex” as of January 31, 2026.
* In the YouTube tutorial entitled, “What to Enter in the CE Diary,” “Gender and age of the person the item was bought for” will be replaced with “Sex and age of the person the item was bought for.” The video has been taken down temporarily until an update is available.

These changes will not result in any increase to respondent burden.

Current OMB approval of the CE surveys is scheduled to expire November 30, 2027.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Adam Safir at 202-691-5175 or e-mail at [Safir.Adam@bls.gov](mailto:Safir.Adam@bls.gov) or Peggy Murphy at 202-691-6186 or e-mail at [Murphy.Peggy@bls.gov](mailto:Suarez.Peggy@bls.gov).

Attachment A – Changes to Survey Materials

| ***CE Material*** | ***Variable/ Location*** | ***Change Detail*** | ***Current Wording/Specification (items to be changed noted in red)*** | ***Replacement Wording/Specification (changes marked in red)*** |
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| CEQ CAPI | CK\_SEX | Replace the word “gender” with “sex” | **Gender** needed for ^Name | **Sex** needed for ^Name |
| CED CAPI | AGE\_SEX | Replace the word “gender” with “sex” | What is the **gender** and age range for whom this was purchased? | What is the **sex** and age range for whom this was purchased? |
| CED Online Diary | Definitions screen in Help Menu | Replace the word “gender” with “sex” | **Was the item for:** (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories) – Select the age range and **gender** of the person for which clothing, shoes, jewelry, or accessories was purchased. For example: Under 2 years old, Boy 2 to 15 years old, Girl 2 to 15 years old, Man 16 year and over, or Woman 16 year and over. | **Was the item for:** (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories) – Select the age range and **sex** of the person for which clothing, shoes, jewelry, or accessories was purchased. For example: Under 2 years old, Boy 2 to 15 years old, Girl 2 to 15 years old, Man 16 year and over, or Woman 16 year and over. |
| CED Online Diary User Guide | Page 4, bottom left corner | Replace the word “gender” with “sex” | Select the **gender** and age | Select the **sex** and age |
| What to Enter in the CE Diary YouTube video | Timestamp 4:17 | Replace the word “gender” with “sex” | Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories  Each item is entered separately  Information to enter:   * Description of each item * Cost of the item without tax * **Gender** & Age of the person the item was bought for | Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories  Each item is entered separately  Information to enter:   * Description of each item * Cost of the item without tax * **Sex** & Age of the person the item was bought for |