

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 or Peggy Murphy at 202-691-6186 or e-mail at Murphy.Peggy@bls.gov.

Attachment A – Changes to Survey Materials

<i>CE Material</i>	<i>Variable/ Location</i>	<i>Change Detail</i>	<i>Current Wording/Specification (items to be changed noted in red)</i>	<i>Replacement Wording/Specification (changes marked in red)</i>
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

