

## I. Background

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) collects data on job vacancies, labor hires, and labor separations. As the monthly JOLTS time series grow longer, their value in assessing the business cycle, the difficulty that employers have in hiring workers, and the extent of the mismatch between the unused supply of available workers and the unmet demand for labor by employers will increase. The study of the complex relationship between job openings and unemployment is of particular interest to researchers. While these two measures are expected to move in opposite directions over the course of the business cycle, their relative levels and movements depend on the efficiency of the labor market in matching workers and jobs.

Along with the job openings rate, trends in hires and separations may broadly identify which aggregate industries face the tightest labor markets. Quits rates, the number of persons who quit during an entire month as a percentage of total employment, may provide clues about workers' views of the labor market or their success in finding better jobs. In

addition, businesses will be able to compare their own turnover rates to the national, regional, and major industry division rates.

The BLS uses the JOLTS form to gather employment, job openings, hires, and total separations from business establishments. The information is collected once a month at the BLS Data Collection Center (DCC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The information is collected using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), Touch-tone Data Entry (TDE), FAX, and e-mail. An establishment is in the sample for 24 consecutive months.

## II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the JOLTS. The BLS is requesting an extension to the existing clearance for the JOLTS. There are no major changes being made to the forms, procedures, data collection methodology, or other aspects of the survey.

## III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
  - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
  - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.
- Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0170.  
*Affected Public:* Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal governments; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Small businesses and organizations.

Affected public	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Estimated total burden
Private .....	9,265	Monthly .....	111,180	10 min. ....	18,530
State, Local, & Tribal Gov't .....	1,422	Monthly .....	17,064	10 min. ....	2,844
Federal Gov't .....	401	Monthly .....	4,812	10 min. ....	802
Totals .....	11,088	Monthly .....	133,056	10 min. ....	22,176

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th day of October 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Cognitive and Psychological Research

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics published a notice in the **Federal Register**. Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Action: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Cognitive and Psychological Research. The Department is issuing a correction of the comment date, as this should have been published as a 60-day notice.

#### Correction

This is to correct the comment date in the **Federal Register** of September 22,

2008, Volume 73, Number 184 on page 54623, in section marked **DATES**, to read:

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before November 22, 2008.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th day of October 2008.

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