



September 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM J. WIATROWSKI
Acting Commissioner
Bureau of Labor Statistics

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FROM: LAURA B. NICOLOSI
Assistant Inspector General
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SUBJECT: BLS Challenges in Collecting and
Reporting Economic Data
Project No. 17-P25-002-11-001

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating a review of the challenges that Bureau of Labor Statistics encounters collecting and reporting closely watched economic data. The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced data collection activities would be reduced for two closely watched inflation measures which play a vital role in the U.S. Economy, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI). Furthermore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently issued a large downward revision of its estimate of new jobs in the monthly Employment Situation Report. Our focus will be on the challenges and related mitigating strategies for (1) collecting PPI and CPI data, and (2) collecting and reporting, including revising, monthly employment data.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the objective and scope of the project. We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Katz, Audit Director, at (202) 210-0769, or katz.tracy@oig.dol.gov.

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