

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Users Advisory Committee

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>                           | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| Department of Labor                                      | 2025                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>                      | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Users Advisory Committee | 33450                        |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>5. Current Charter</b> | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b> | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |
| No                                 | 09/27/2024                | 09/27/2026                      | 02/20/2025                   |

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b> | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b> |
| Yes   | Agency Authority Per EO 14217             | 02/20/2025                  |

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|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b> | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |
| Terminate  | Not Applicable                            | Not Applicable                   |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>11. Establishment Authority</b>          | Agency Authority          |                           |                           |
| <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b> | <b>13. Effective Date</b> | <b>14. Committee Type</b> | <b>14c. Presidential?</b> |
| Agency Authority                            | 10/04/2007                | Continuing                | No                        |

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

## Meetings and Dates

|         |       |     |
|---------|-------|-----|
| Purpose | Start | End |
|---------|-------|-----|

The DUAC met to discuss and advise on ways to help BLS meet its overall goals concerning data usage/dissemination and website redesign. Agenda items included were: Next Generation News Releases, Building a Trust Center on the BLS Website, Rebranding, Redesigning, and Reimaging the BLS Classroom, and Response rates and beyond: How to describe the quality of BLS data. 11/06/2024 - 11/06/2024

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

|  | <b>Current<br/>FY</b> | <b>Next<br/>FY</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>   | \$60,000.00           | \$0.00             |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>                                      | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>                                   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b> | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>                    | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18e. Total Costs</b>  | \$60,000.00           | \$0.00             |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>   | 0.25                  | 0.00               |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Data Users Advisory Committee (DUAC) functioned as an advisory body to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Committee provided advice on technical matters related to the analysis and use of the Bureau's statistics from the points of view of data users from various sectors of the U.S. economy, including the labor, business, research, academic and government communities. It gives particular attention to data dissemination and product innovations. The specific topics examined were selected by the agency in consultation with the Committee chairperson. The Committee provided advice in response to presentations from agency staff regarding current issues being addressed by the agency. The DUAC provided this advice during meetings.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Committee members were persons with demonstrated professional and personal qualifications, whose experience as BLS data users covered the major program areas of the Bureau: employment, unemployment, wages, working conditions, prices, and productivity.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Typically, the DUAC met twice yearly, in the spring and the fall, to discuss technical issues related to the analysis and use of BLS data. The topics addressed during the meetings were selected by senior BLS staff in consultation with the committee chairperson. The substantial involvement of senior agency executives in the formulation of meeting agendas was evidence of the relevance of the

meetings.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The DUAC provided advice on the statistical analysis and use of BLS data from a customer perspective. BLS data must satisfy a number of criteria, including consistently high statistical quality, accuracy, relevance to current social and economic issues, timeliness in reflecting today's rapidly changing economic conditions, and impartiality in subject matter and presentation. BLS products must ultimately be judged by their usefulness to the end user community. The DUAC was a significant source of advice on BLS priorities from a broad range of data users, such as suggestions concerning the addition of new programs, changes in the emphasis of existing programs or cessation of obsolete programs, and advice on innovations in data dissemination and presentation.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A.

**21. Remarks**

None.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Joseph (Jay) Meisenheimer Deputy Assoc. Commissioner

| Committee Members | Start      | End        | Occupation                                | Member Designation    |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Aliff, Michelle   | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Vocational                                | Representative        |
|                   |            |            | Consultant, Aliff Vocational Consulting   | Member                |
| Banas, Michael    | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Director, Global Inflation, Aramark Corp. | Representative Member |

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|--------------------|------------|------------|---|--|
| Bunker, Nick       | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Director, North American Research, Indeed   | Representative Member                    |
| Farren, Michael    | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Research Fellow, Equity Initiative, Mercatus Center at George Mason University                    | Representative Member                    |
| Francis, Jeffrey   | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Director of Data and Integrations for ThinkWhy  | Representative Member                    |
| Goss, Michael      | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Director, Academic Human Resources, Western University of Health Sciences                         | Representative Member                    |
| Hamermesh, Daniel  | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Editor in Chief, IZA World of Labor   | Representative Member                    |
| Hyde, Hannah       | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Associate Director, Data Operations, Hire Heroes USA  | Representative Member                    |
| Madowitz, Michael  | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Senior Economist, Joint Economic Committee of the United States Congress                          | Representative Member                    |
| Niemira, Michael   | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Adjunct Instructor of Economics, Glendale Community College                                       | Representative Member                    |
| Palagashvili, Liya | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Assistant Professor of Economics at State University of NY/Research Fellow at New York University | Representative Member                    |
| Ries, Christine    | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Professor of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology   | Representative Member                    |
| Robertson, John    | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Senior Policy Advisor and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta                              | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |

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|---------------------|------------|------------|---|--|
| Romitti, Martin     | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Senior Vice President, Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness (CREC)  | Representative Member                    |
| Schwabish, Jonathan | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Senior Fellow, the Urban Institute  | Representative Member                    |
| Scott, Katie        | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Staff Economist, Legislative Research Commission  | Representative Member                    |
| Tanzi, Alexandre    | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Senior Editor, Bloomberg News   | Representative Member                    |
| Wascher, William    | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 | Senior Associate, Director of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System   | Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member |
| Wong, Anna          | 05/02/2023 | 02/20/2025 | Chief US Economist, Bloomberg LP<br>Epidemiologist at the Safety and Health Assessment and Research for Prevention, part of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries | Representative Member                    |
| Wuellner, Sara      | 05/01/2020 | 02/20/2025 |   | Representative Member                    |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 20**

**Narrative Description**

The Data User Advisory Committee supported the mission and strategic plan of the Bureau of Labor Statistics by providing advice on the statistical analysis and use of BLS data from a customer perspective. BLS data must satisfy a number of criteria, including consistently high statistical quality, accuracy, relevance to current social and economic issues, timeliness in reflecting today's rapidly changing economic conditions, and impartiality in subject matter and presentation. BLS products must ultimately be judged by their usefulness to the end user community. The DUAC membership represented a balance of expertise across the broad range of BLS

program areas including employment and unemployment statistics, occupational safety and health statistics, compensation measures, price indexes, and productivity measures.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

|   | Checked if Applies                  |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

N/A.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

|                            | Checked if Applies                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

The DUAC provided advice to BLS from the points of view of data users. The benefits were difficult to quantify because they accrued to BLS customers in the form of better data products.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

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**Number of Recommendations Comments**

N/A.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

N/A.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Ongoing feedback was scheduled as an agenda item at upcoming meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

N/A.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Access Comments**

Contact the DFO.