



Stakeholder Consultation

Bureau of Labor Statistics
Department of Labor (DOL)

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DOL Strategic Plan

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We Want to Hear From *You*

- Collect your feedback on proposed strategies and ideas on achieving our priorities.
- Consider your views and concerns while writing the plan.



Department of Labor's Strategic Goal Structure

Strategic Goal 1 – Prepare workers for better jobs and ensure fair compensation

Strategic Objectives:

- 1.1 Advance employment opportunities for U.S. workers
- 1.2 Provide marketable skills and knowledge to increase workers' income and help them overcome barriers to the middle class
- 1.3 Secure wages and overtime
- 1.4 Foster acceptable work conditions and respect for workers in the global economy to provide workers with a fair share of productivity and protect vulnerable people

Strategic Goal 2 – Ensure workplaces are safe and healthy

Strategic Objective:

- 2.1 Secure safe and healthy workplaces, particularly in high-risk industries

Strategic Goal 3 – Promote fair and high-quality work environments

Strategic Objectives:

- 3.1 Break down barriers to fair and diverse workplaces and narrow wage and income inequality
- 3.2 Protect workers' rights

Strategic Goal 4 – Secure retirement, health, and other employee benefits and, for those not working, provide income security

Strategic Objectives:

- 4.1 Provide income support when work is impossible or unavailable and facilitate return to work
- 4.2 Improve health benefits and retirement security for all workers

Strategic Goal 5 – Produce timely and accurate data on the economic conditions of workers and their families

Strategic Objective:

- 5.1 Provide sound and impartial information on labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy for decision making, including support for the formulation of economic and social policy affecting virtually all Americans



Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Overview

- **Mission:** Collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision-making.
- **Leadership: Commissioner Erica L. Groshen**

BLS supports the following Department of Labor Strategic Goals and Objectives:

- Strategic Goal 5 – Produce timely and accurate data on the economic conditions of workers and their families
 - Strategic Objective 5.1 – Provide sound and impartial information on labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy for decision making, including support for the formulation of economic and social policy affecting virtually all Americans



BLS Strategies

- **The strategies to achieve our goals and objectives include:**
 - Continue to produce objective data and analyses that are timely, accurate, and relevant.
 - Improve the timeliness, accuracy, and relevance of BLS products and processes, and develop new products that reflect economic changes and meet the needs of its broad customer base.
 - Inform current and potential customers about the availability and uses of BLS products; reach out to current and potential customers to understand their needs for economic information; and ensure that the content, presentation, and delivery of BLS products match its customers' needs.



BLS Strategies

- **The strategies to achieve our goals and objectives include:**
 - Improve BLS data collection processes, maintain high response rates, and optimize the balance between quality, cost, and respondent burden.
 - Make the data, products, and services on the BLS website easy to find, understand, and use.
 - Recruit, train, and retain a talented, innovative, and diverse group of individuals who are experts at the production and continuous improvement of BLS products and services, including employees who support those functions and who are well-prepared to represent the agency and become our future leaders.



BLS Strategies

- **Do these strategies make sense to you?**
- **Are there other strategies that we should consider to meet our objectives?**
- **If you would like to send comments to DOL or to learn more about the DOL strategic planning process, please visit [DOL's Strategic Plan Comment Page](#).**