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Chamber of Commerce Small Business Paperwork Burden Survey

The following are the results of a non-scientific small business paperwork burden survey that was conducted over the Internet from 3/28/03 through 4/14/03.

273 qualified small businesses replied.

They were asked two question:

First, which agency, other than the IRS, provided you with the most paperwork burden?

Second, how many hours do you spend doing non IRS paperwork per week?

The average weekly non IRS paperwork burden for all of the respondents was 3.52 hours per week.

Assuming there are 23 million small business, our non-scientific paperwork survey would suggest that there would be a non IRS paperwork burden of over **4.2 billion hours per year for small businesses.**

For the small business respondents, the following agencies, excluding IRS, required the most paperwork in order of added burden:

Agency	Total average non IRS Paperwork (hour/week)
CMS	4.9
DOT	4.4
OSHA	4.2
EPA	3.3
INS	3.2
EEOC	3.2
USDA	3.0
HUD	2.2

The following are the list of agencies that are ranked in order frequency cited as the number one non IRS agency creating the paperwork burden:

Agency	Frequency Cited
OSHA	17.2%
CMS	15.4%
EEOC	12.0%
DOT	10.6%
INS	8.1%
HUD	7.7%
EPA	7.0%

USDA 5.5%