

Submitting a *Monthly Labor Review* Article

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Monthly Labor Review

Flagship publication of the Bureau of
Labor Statistics since 1915



Monthly Labor Review

- Publishes research, analysis, and data related to the Bureau's major program areas
 - ▶ Employment and unemployment
 - ▶ Compensation and working conditions
 - ▶ Productivity and technology
 - ▶ Occupational safety and health
 - ▶ Industry, occupational, and employment projections
 - ▶ Prices and living conditions



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3. aimed at generalists with the assumption that specialists will understand.



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MLR articles typically

- describe, explain, update, and inform the *Review's* audience about analyses and findings relevant to the major BLS program areas, and
- average 20 double-spaced pages.



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In addition,

- *MLR* articles may focus on regional trends or on international labor topics, and
- all data should be fact checked before being submitted.



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Submission specifications and formatting style

- The author's title, affiliation, and email address should be included on the first page of the paper.
- Separate files should be provided for (1) the text, (2) the figures, and (3) the tables.
- Text -> Microsoft Word.
- Tables and figures -> Excel.



Monthly Labor Review referee process

- Submissions from outside BLS are subjected to a two-track review process.
 - ▶ Submissions are screened by the executive editor.
 - ▶ Those that are of a topic and style that are appropriate to the *MLR* are assigned to a staff editor for a detailed editorial review.
 - ▶ At the same time, the *MLR* solicits comments from one or more subject-matter experts in BLS.



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- With the two reports in hand, the senior editorial staff select the submissions that will be considered further. This process takes about 8 weeks. Authors are notified whether their paper has been accepted, in need of revision for further consideration, or rejected.



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 7. Article is posted online at www.bls.gov/opub/mlr.



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- Where to submit papers:

- ▶ Email: opubss_submit@bls.gov

- ▶ Regular mail: Executive Editor

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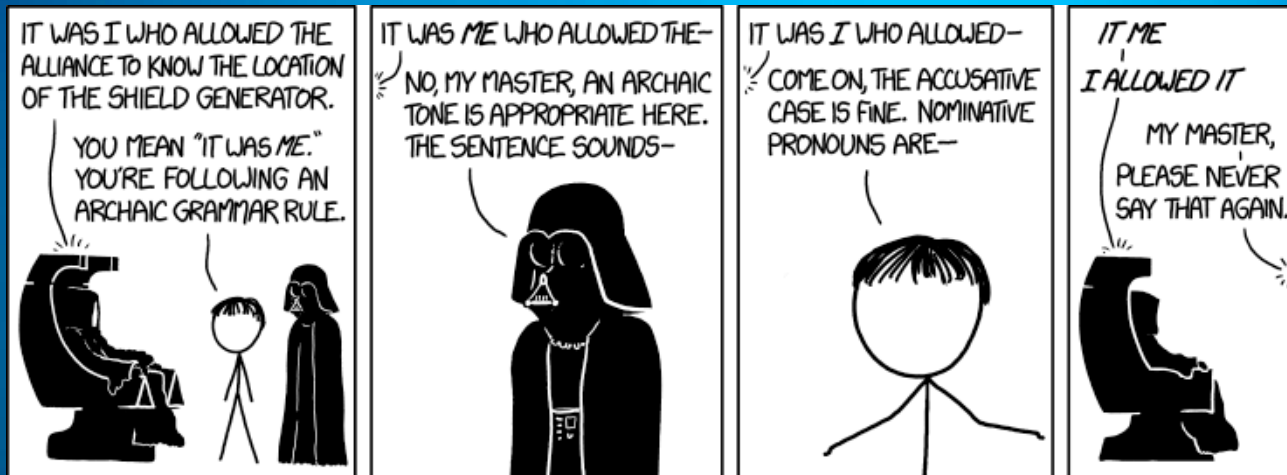
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