

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations, and non-profit organizations, and publicly held corporations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.3 million.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 460,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$11,546,000.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, and 224.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 17, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2008 Coverage Followup Telephone Operation

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Frank Vitrano, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3H174, Washington, DC 20233-9200, 301-763-3961 (or via e-mail at frank.a.vitrano@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal is the final step in the decennial cycle of research and testing leading up to the implementation of the 2010 Census. The 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal will provide an opportunity to see how well the Census Bureau integrates the various operations and procedures planned for the 2010 Census under as close to census-like conditions as possible.

In order to meet our constitutional and legislative mandates, we must implement a re-engineered 2010 Census that is cost-effective, improves coverage, and reduces operational risk. Achieving these strategic goals requires an iterative series of tests to provide an opportunity to evaluate new or improved question wording, methodology, technology, and questionnaire design.

The Census Bureau previously completed three related studies designed to evaluate the efficacy of modified procedures for improving coverage (how well the Census Bureau counts people and housing units in the census) of the population and housing: (1) The 2004 Census Test Coverage Research Followup (OMB Approval Number 0607-0910); (2) the 2005 National Census Test Coverage Followup (OMB Approval Number 0607-0916 and (3) the 2006 Census Test Coverage Followup (OMB Approval Number 0607-0923.)

In support of the Census Bureau's goals, the 2008 Coverage Followup (CFU) telephone operation will serve to clarify initial enumeration responses in an effort to improve within household coverage by identifying erroneous enumerations and omissions. Historically, the decennial census has been affected by undercounts that affect certain demographic groups (e.g. babies and minorities), and people in certain living situations, such as renters who

move often and people whose residence is complicated or ambiguous.

Coverage interviews in the decennial censuses traditionally involve a second interview with the respondent to determine if changes should be made to their household roster as reported on their initial census return. The questions in the CFU interview attempt to determine if people were missed, and/or counted incorrectly. The corrections to the roster are made, if necessary, based on the 2008 Dress Rehearsal Residence Rules.

The 2008 CFU telephone operation will be conducted May 1, 2008 through July 25, 2008.

II. Method of Collection

The CFU telephone operation will be administered using computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI).

Approximately 66,000 households will be included in the 2008 CFU telephone universe. This universe is selected based on the following criteria:

- Initial census housing unit returns that responded "yes" to either coverage question;
- Initial census returns that have a count discrepancy between the reported household population count and the actual number of persons recorded on the census form;
- Initial census returns containing more than six persons;
- Initial returns that are matched against an administrative records database to identify potential undercount; and
- Initial census returns that are computer matched to determine possible duplicate person links.

The 2008 CFU telephone operation will be conducted in the two 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal sites: San Joaquin County, California and South Central North Carolina, including Fayetteville and nine surrounding counties (Chatham, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Scotland).

The CFU interview includes probes about:

- Types of missing people,
- Where college students live,
- Where children in custody arrangements spend most of their time,
- Where those who vacation spend most of their time,
- If anyone else in the household stays anywhere else any part of the time, and
- If anyone stayed in a facility where groups of people stay.

When anyone is identified as potentially counted or omitted in error, we then ask questions to establish the appropriate census residence of that

person according to the residence rules in effect for the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal.

We will contact respondents using telephone numbers provided by respondents on the initial census questionnaire. These interviews will be conducted at a commercial call center using CATI. The CATI instrument will be in English only. We will not conduct field interviews during this test, so when telephone interviews are unsuccessful, the case will be classified as a non-interview.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 66,000 housing units.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of the United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 17, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number: 070404074-7075-01]

American Indian and Alaska Native Policy Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In preparation for the 2010 Census, the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) has drafted an American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) policy statement and is requesting public comment on it. This proposed policy outlines the principles to be followed in all Census Bureau interactions with federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. The policy reaffirms the unique government-to-government relationship that exists between American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and the Census Bureau and is consistent with the AIAN policy statement adopted by the Department of Commerce (DOC) on March 30, 1995. The Census Bureau believes that the adoption of the proposed AIAN policy would satisfy a long-standing request from AIAN populations and would encourage and facilitate greater cooperation from these populations during decennial censuses and help us to better communicate with and enumerate these difficult-to-count populations.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dee Alexander, Program Analyst, Decennial Management Division, Outreach and Promotions Branch, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3H166, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Stop 7100, Washington, DC 20233-7100. Written comments may also be submitted via fax at (301) 763-8327, or e-mail to: dee.a.alexander@census.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed policy should be directed to Dee Alexander, Program Analyst, Decennial Management Division, Outreach and Promotions Branch, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3H166, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Stop 7100, Washington, DC 20233-7100, telephone (301) 763-9335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The government-to-government relations with Native American tribal

governments policy (adopted by previous administrations) was reaffirmed by President George W. Bush in a White House Memorandum dated September 23, 2004. Among other things, this memorandum directs the heads of executive agencies to continue to ensure that, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by U.S. law, the agency's working relationship with federally-recognized tribal governments fully respect the rights of self-government and self-determination due tribal governments. Pursuant to an earlier White House Memorandum of April 29, 1994, DOC adopted an AIAN policy statement on March 30, 1995. The Census Bureau proposes to adopt an AIAN policy statement that is consistent with the previously cited Presidential Memoranda and the DOC policy statement.

The proposed policy statement is intended only for internal management purposes and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility enforceable against the United States, its agencies, entities, or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person. The Census Bureau believes that the proposed policy statement will contribute to the accuracy of the 2010 decennial census by improving communications and encouraging greater cooperation with difficult-to-count populations.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) The policy's nine principles that provide guidance to the agency and its employees when communicating with federally recognized tribes on a government-to-government basis in recognition of their sovereignty; (b) the policy as it relates to protected tribal resources, tribal rights, and Indian lands.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant under Executive Order 12866.

May 17, 2007.

Charles Louis Kincannon,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

Proposed American Indian and Alaska Native Policy Statement for the U.S. Census Bureau

I. Introduction

The Census Bureau hereby proclaims its American Indian and Alaska Native policy. This policy outlines the principles to be followed in all Census Bureau interactions with federally recognized AIAN tribal governments. It reaffirms the unique government-to-