

included in the contract value. The factors representing these corrections to the cost need to be updated in order to bring them up to date with today's housing market and recent innovations in construction. The factors currently in use were derived from two studies conducted in the early 1980's. The Census Bureau will conduct a special one-time study to re-estimate these factors based on current single-family construction data. In the study a subset of the SOC respondents for single-family housing completions will be asked to provide the Census Bureau with up to nine construction cost items. The Census Bureau will use the information collected in the study to revise the models and factors that will be applied to the sales price and contract price for private single-family residential construction.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census

1997 Business Expenditures Survey

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; 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 January 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sheldon Ziman, Bureau of the Census, AGFS, IMALL 300-19, Washington, DC (301)763-7596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 1997 Business Expenditures Survey (BES), previously known as the Assets and Expenditures Survey (AES), as part of the 1997 Economic Censuses. This information collection will supplement basic economic statistics produced by the 1997 Censuses of Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, and Service Industries, and is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on business operating expenses of domestic merchant wholesale, retail, and service businesses. Data will be collected only from employer businesses included in the business current sample surveys (BSR-97) database. This information will be used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to benchmark national economic accounts such as the input-output account, and to derive economic measures of value produced, such as value added. Other government agencies, private industry, and academia also will use these data for policy making, market and economic research, and planning. Detailed inquiries on fixed assets and capital expenditures, included in the 1992 survey, have been dropped.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. These forms will initially supplement those mailed to respondents included in the Annual Surveys of Merchant Wholesale, Retail Trade, and Service Industries. The latter surveys provide data on sales, purchases, and inventories needed to supplement the operating expenses data required for the computation of measures of value produced. Since the main Economic Census due date of February 12 would likely pose undue respondent burden for the types of inquiries to be asked, the survey's due date will be March 12.

Reasonable time extensions will be offered to further reduce this burden. Reminder letters and telephone calls will be directed to those not responding by the extension or due date.

III. Data

OMB Number: [not available]

Form Numbers—9 forms will be used:

1997 BES form	Supplement to annual survey—
B-451(S) ...	Wholesale alpha form B-451.
B-450(S) ...	Wholesale E.I. form B-450.
B-151(S) ...	Retail E.I. form B-151.
B-151A(S)	Retail E.I. form B-151A.
	Retail E.I. form B-151D.
B-151D(S)	Retail alpha form B-153.
	Retail alpha form B-153D.
B-153(S)	
B-153D(S)	Service alpha (A) and E.I. (E) reporting units covered in the B-500 series).
B-500(S1)	
B-500(S2)	

Note: Alpha reporting units cover all trade-specific locations of companies with multiple Employer Identification (E.I.) numbers in a particular trade. All other reporting units are covered under trade-specific company E.I. numbers.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Large and small businesses, other for-profit organizations, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,100 (all employers). This reflects the addition of part of the real estate industry to the scope of the survey, consistent with the Service Annual Survey.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 1.07 hours. For alpha companies (generally large multiunits), the range is .7 to 4.5 hours, averaging 1.7 hours. For E.I. companies (generally smaller), the range is .3 to 3.8 hours, averaging 1.0 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: The total annual burden for fiscal year 1998 is 64,296 hours. The decrease from the 1992 survey reflects the elimination of inquiries covering fixed assets and detailed capital expenditures.

Estimated Total Cost: Included in the total cost of the 1997 Economic Census, estimated to be \$218 million.

Respondents' Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, 195, 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 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 18, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.

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The 1997 Study of Public Attitudes Toward Administrative Records Use (SPARU)

ACTION: Proposed agency information
collection activity; 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 January 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Linda Engelmeier, Acting
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer,
Department of Commerce, Room 5327,
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the information collection
instrument(s) should be directed to
Randall Neugebauer, Bureau of the
Census, Room 3587-3, Washington, DC
20233-7100, (301) 457-3952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In the design for the 2000 census, the
Census Bureau plans to expand the use
of administrative records.

Administrative records may be used to

estimate characteristics of non-
responding households, supplement
missing data for respondents that return
incomplete forms, and to help improve
estimation of the number of persons
missed within households. Collection of
Social Security numbers would assist
efforts to accurately match
administrative records information. The
purpose of the 1997 SPARU is to study
the public's attitudes regarding the
Census Bureau's planned use of
administrative records in the 2000
Census and a proposal to collect the
Social Security number of each
household member in the decennial
census. The 1997 SPARU will be a
repeat of a survey conducted during the
summer of 1996, known as the 1996
SPARU (0607-0822). This research, in
conjunction with results from the 1996
SPARU and the first attitudinal survey
conducted in 1995, will enable the
Census Bureau to assess change in the
public's attitudes.

Results of the 1996 SPARU will be
released in December 1996. The
estimated final response rate is 65
percent with 1,210 completed
interviews. Midway through the
interviewing period, it was reported that
completed interviews averaged less than
15 minutes. The size of the
questionnaire is expected to be about
the same for the 1997 SPARU. To
maintain continuity, the content of the
questionnaire will be mostly the same.
Two developments, however, will cause
some change to the content. As
determined by Census Bureau experts,
the contractor, and outside expert
consultation, the questions yielding
insignificant or meaningless results will
be dropped. The Census Bureau also
will for the first time gauge the public's
understanding of and opinion on
"within household privacy." The
Census Bureau strictly abides by its
confidentiality laws at the household
level. However, when the Census
Bureau must re-contact a household to
get more complete responses, the census
taker may provide information to a
member of the household other than the
initial respondent. The 1997 SPARU
will probe the public's attitude
regarding this aspect of "privacy
principles" and the Census Bureau's
past practices.

II. Method of Collection

A contractor will conduct the survey
with telephone interviewing using an
automated survey instrument and a
random digit dialing sampling design.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0822.

Form Numbers: The automated survey
instrument will not have a form
number.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or
households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
1,200.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15
minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:** 300.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:
\$140,099.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States
Code, Section 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;
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: November 18, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.

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Economics and Statistics Administration

2000 Census Advisory Committee, Public Meeting

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics
Administration, Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal
Advisory Committee Act (Public Law
92-463, as amended by P.L. 94-409,
P.L. 96-523, and P.L. 97-375), we are
giving notice of a meeting of the 2000
Census Advisory Committee. The
meeting will convene on Wednesday,