

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Industrial Reports, Wave III.

Form Number(s): Various.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0476.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 13,998 hours.

Number of Respondents: 9,749.

Avg Hours Per Response: 51 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting a revision of the mandatory and voluntary surveys in Wave III of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the CIR program. The CIR program focuses primarily on the quantity and value of shipments data of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes, the CIR surveys are divided into "waves." One wave is resubmitted for clearance each year. This year the Census Bureau is submitting the mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave III for clearance.

Three surveys currently contained in other CIR waves, MA334B, "Selected Instruments and Related Products", MA334S, "Electromedical Equipment and Irradiation Equipment", and MA335A, "Switchgear, Switchboard Apparatus, Relays, and Industrial Controls," will be discontinued and four new surveys will be created in their place. These four new surveys will be added to this wave. They are MA334A, "Analytical and Biomedical Instruments", MA334C, "Control Instruments", MA334D, "Defense, Navigational and Aerospace Electronics", and MA334T "Meters and Test Devices". We are moving the following surveys from another wave into this wave because of changes in survey content. They are MA334M, "Consumer Electronics" and MA334Q, "Semiconductors, Printed Circuit Boards, and Electronic Components"

(will be renamed to "Electronic Components"). After a comprehensive review of the entire CIR program, we decided to eliminate a number of lower priority surveys including MQ313D, "Consumption on the Woolen System", MA315D, "Gloves and Mittens", and MA335L, "Electric Light Fixtures". We are also renaming two surveys in this wave to reflect the substantial changes in their level of detail. They are MA334P, "Communication Equipment" to "Telecommunications" and MA334R, "Computers and Office and Accounting Machines" to "Computers".

In 2006, we will change the frequency of collection of MA334P, "Telecommunications" and MA334R, "Computers" from annual surveys to quarterly surveys. This was requested by one of our primary data users, the Federal Reserve Board (FRB). Technology is changing so quickly in the areas covered by these surveys that annual collections do not provide the immediacy of information needed by the FRB. We are reducing the amount of detail collected in these areas to facilitate the more frequent collection. The reduced detail will be introduced in 2005 although the quarterly collection will not begin until 2006. The quarterly collection will be voluntary with an annual mandatory counterpart which will be sent only to those respondents electing not to participate in the more frequent collection.

Primary users of these data are government and regulatory agencies, business firms, trade associations, and private research and consulting organizations. The Federal Reserve Board uses CIR data in its monthly index of industrial production as well as its annual revision to the index. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) use the CIR data in the estimate of components of gross domestic product (GDP) and the estimate of output for productivity analysis, respectively. Many government agencies, such as the International Trade Commission, Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, BEA, and International Trade Administration use the data for industrial analysis, projections, and monitoring import penetration. Private business firms and organizations use the data for trend projections, market analysis, product planning, and other economic and business-oriented analysis. Since the CIR program is the sole, consistent source of information regarding specific manufactured products in the intercensal years, the absence thereof would severely hinder

the Federal Government's ability to measure and monitor important segments of the domestic economy, as well as the effect of import penetration.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Wave III contains surveys conducted monthly and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: The CIR program contains surveys that are mandatory and voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 61, 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

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Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Systems.

Form Number(s): C-411.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0350.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Avg. Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests a revision of a currently approved collection for Form C-411, "Survey of Building and Zoning Permit Systems" which will be renamed "Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Permit Systems." The Census Bureau produces statistics used to

monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. These statistics help state and local governments and the Federal Government, as well as private industry, to analyze this important sector of the economy. The accuracy of the Census Bureau statistics regarding the amount of construction authorized depends on data supplied by building and zoning officials throughout the country. The Census Bureau uses Form C-411 to obtain information from state and local building permit officials needed for updating the universe of permit-issuing places from which samples for the Report of Privately-Owned Residential Building or Zoning Permits Issued (OMB number 0607-0094) also known as the Building Permits Survey (BPS), and the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions (OMB number 0607-0110) also known as Survey of Construction (SOC) are selected. The questions pertain to the legal requirements for issuing building or zoning permits in the local jurisdictions. Information is obtained on such items as geographic coverage and types of construction for which permits are issued.

The form is sent to jurisdictions when the Census Bureau has reason to believe that a new permit system has been established or an existing one has changed. This is based on information from a variety of sources including survey respondents, regional councils and Census' Geography Division which keeps abreast of changes in corporate status.

We use the information collected to verify the existence of new permit systems or changes to existing systems. Based on the information, the MCD adds new permit-issuing places to the universe, deletes places no longer issuing permits, and makes changes to the universe to reflect those places that have merged.

We plan to change the format of the form and add the following questions:

(1) What type of permit would be issued for "Assisted living facility"? (Section 4.A.)

(2) "The Census Bureau collects information from each permit office on number of buildings, number of units, and valuation of construction for new residential structures. Are these three data items available from your office?" (Section 4.C.)

(3) "Please provide an estimate of how many new housing units were built in your jurisdiction during the prior calendar year:" (Section 4.D.)

We need the above information to ensure that we update our universe of

permit-issuing places correctly for these types of places.

We are changing the format of the form to utilize space and to add skip patterns to provide direction for better comprehension.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182.

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Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Population Survey, October 2005 School Enrollment Supplement.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0464.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,750 hours.

Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Avg. Hours per Response: 3 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking Office of Management and Budget approval of the supplemental inquiry concerning school enrollment to be conducted in conjunction with the Current Population Survey (CPS) October 2005 Supplement.

The School Enrollment Supplement is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

This data series provides basic information on enrollment status of various segments of the population necessary as background for policy formation and implementation. The CPS October supplement is the only annual source of data on public/private elementary and secondary school enrollment and characteristics of private school students and their families, which are used for tracking historical trends and for policy planning and support. The basic school enrollment questions have been collected annually in the CPS for 40 years. Consequently, this supplement is the only source of historical data—at the national level—on the age distribution and family characteristics of college students, and on the demographic characteristics of preprimary school enrollment. As part of the federal government's efforts to collect data and provide timely information to local governments for policymaking decisions, this supplement provides national trends in enrollment and progress in school. Discontinuance of these data would mean not complying with the federal government's obligation to provide data to decision makers on current educational issues and would disrupt a data series that has been in existence for 40 years.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182 and Title 29 U.S.C., Sections 1-9.

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