

The Census Bureau plans to conduct fiscal year 2007 Group Quarters Validation (GQV) under the generic clearance for the Master Address File (MAF) and Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) update activities OMB number 0607 - 0809.

The Census Bureau counts people where they live or stay most of the time. Places where people live or stay are called living quarters (LQs). There are two kinds of living quarters. The most familiar are housing units (HUs). The others are called group quarters (GQs). Earlier in the year, the Address Canvassing operation was conducted. They listed every place where people live or stay or could live or stay. They also gave each LQ a code. The listers coded each LQ address as a housing unit or **Other Living Quarters (OLQs)**. OLQs are potential GQs. These are the places the GQV lister will visit. During Group Quarters Validation (GQV), the lister conducts an interview to determine if the OLQ has any GQs. However, it is possible that the OLQ may be an HU or nonresidential, vacant or transient address.

The lister will interview a respondent at each OLQ address. If the address is a GQ or transient location, they will collect information about it. Some places will have both GQs and HUs. In that case, the lister collects information about HUs as well.

Listed below are several purposes for conducting GQV:

- Decide if the Address Canvassing Listers correctly identified Other Living Quarters. That is, are they a living quarters other than a housing unit.
- Get information about places where people live, could live, or stay other than a HU.
- Determine the type of GQ.
- Confirm and collect information about GQs.
- When needed, confirm and collect information about HUs.
- Collect information about transient locations.

Group quarters (GQs) are places where people live or stay in a group living arrangement that are owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and/or services for the residents. This is not a typical household-type living arrangement. These services may include custodial or medical care as well as other types of assistance, and residency is commonly restricted to those receiving these services. People living in group quarters are usually not related to each other.

The U.S. Census Bureau will conduct the Group Quarters Validation Operation from 17 September – 24 October 2007 at the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal sites of San Joaquin County, California and Fayetteville and Eastern North Carolina. The GQV operation, which supports the Census Bureau's strategic goal of developing methodologies for compiling a complete and accurate MAF for the 2010 Census, is designed to verify and classify addresses identified as other living quarters during the 2006 Address Canvassing operation. The addresses will be classified as Group Quarters (GQ), Housing Unit (HU), or "not a living quarters". If the address is a GQ, the lister will label it with the correct type code, (e.g. as a college residence hall or skilled nursing unit). Listers will use the DX-351 GQV Questionnaire to list address information and type codes for each GQ in their workload. GQV creates the universe for a follow-up

operation known as Group Quarters Enumeration (GQE), in which we count the residents of identified GQs.

In fiscal year 2007, we expect to validate address information at approximately 3,699 OLQs. It will take our listers approximately 10 minutes to complete the GQV questionnaire for each address for a total of 616 hours of respondent burden.

All information that identifies individuals will be held in strict confidence according to the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9. When contact is made, the lister will provide a Privacy Act notice that provides information on the confidential nature of Census Bureau data. This notice explains that any information given to the Census Bureau will be held in strict confidence. None of the questions asked during the listing are of a sensitive nature and there is no cost to respondents other than that of their time to respond.

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