

The New Construction Program

The Census Bureau requests specific approval for the registration phase of the New Construction Program, which is covered under the generic clearance called the Geographic Partnership Programs (GPPs), OMB Control No. 0607-0795.

The New Construction Program is designed to ensure that the Census Bureau address list is as complete as possible by Census Day, April 1, 2010. The Census Bureau is currently conducting a nationwide field check called the Address Canvassing Operation to verify the Census Address List. During this operation, Census Bureau field staff will add, delete, and correct entries on the Census Address List and make needed corrections to census maps. The Census Bureau's New Construction Program was designed to capture the addresses of housing units whose construction was started after the Address Canvassing operation and for which it is reasonable to expect that the construction will be closed to the elements by Census Day, April 1, 2010.

New Construction information is used to provide an appropriate record for reporting the results of the decennial and economic censuses and surveys, annual surveys to support the annual population estimates program, and the American Community Survey.

The 2010 New Construction program is offered only to jurisdictions with city-style addresses to which the Census Bureau will deliver the census questionnaires by mail. City-style addresses are those in a house number and street name format (e.g., 101 Main St.). In areas with primarily noncity-style addresses (e.g., rural route and box number or post office box numbers), the Census Bureau will have enumerators hand deliver questionnaires to all housing units in each block; these areas are not included in the New Construction Program.

Note: Enumeration areas are defined using whole census blocks, thus creating the possibility for pockets of city-style addresses to exist in blocks where questionnaires are delivered by hand and/or for pockets of noncity-style addresses to exist in blocks where questionnaires are delivered by mail. The New Construction Program will only accept city-style addresses for new housing units in census blocks designated for the delivery of questionnaires by mail.

The New Construction program excludes Group Quarters addresses. The Census Bureau has a series of operations designed to capture new Group Quarters addresses, including but not limited to, Group Quarters Validation, Group Quarters Advanced Visit, and Group Quarters Enumeration.

The Census Bureau plans to invite approximately 26,590 governments to participate in the New Construction program, 26,500 local and 90 tribal governments. The invitation packages will be shipped August 6, 2009. Governments that wish to participate must return their registration by October 8, 2009. Approximately 6,400 governments are expected to participate based on our experience in 2000.

The FY2010 estimate of average burden to register for the New Construction program is approximately 1 hour per government. The FY2010 estimate of total respondent burden hours is, therefore, 6,400 hours for the estimated 6,400 participants.

The attachments to this document are in final form.

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Attachments