

The New Construction Program

The Census Bureau requests specific approval for 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 conducted a nationwide field check called the Address Canvassing Operation to verify the Census Address List. During this operation, Census Bureau field staff added, deleted, and corrected entries on the Census Address List and made needed corrections to census maps. The Census Bureau's New Construction Program was designed to capture the addresses of housing units the construction of which 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.

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 conducted the invitation and registration portions of the New Construction program from August to October of 2009. Twenty-eight thousand, five hundred (28,500) governments were invited to participate in the New Construction program, 28,395 local governments, and 105 tribal governments. Approximately 6,400 governments are expected to participate based on our experience in 2000.

The New Construction materials mailing includes the following on a single CD-ROM:

Included in this package:

1. Addresslisttemplate.txt file - Address List Template
2. New Construction Users Guide.pdf
3. MTPS Users Guide.pdf
4. Readme.txt - Text file detailing the contents of the cd
5. ShapefileReadme.txt - Text file detailing the structure of the shapefiles
6. Map PDF files - New Construction maps in Adobe PDF format

Available on request:

7. AdobeRdr60_anu_full.exe - Adobe PDF reader software
8. Fbzipack.exe - Freebyte zip software allows the user to zip and encrypt their return file
9. Flashplayer7r70_winax.exe - Flash player software required to use the MTPS help
10. Shapefiles - New Construction maps in shapefile format
11. MTPS1.txt file (text file indicating how many data CD's the MTPS software needs to load)
12. SetupFile_NC_.xml - MTPS setup file (.xml file letting the MTPS know what program the MTPS is loading data for)

and package inserts:

13. Quick Start Guide
14. Enclosure letter

The FY2010 estimate of average burden to complete the New Construction program is approximately 47 hours per government. The FY2010 estimate of total respondent burden hours is, therefore, 300,800 hours for the estimated 6,400 participants.

The attachments to this document are in final form.

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