

**Supporting Statement B:
2012 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts**

B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

B.1. Universe and Respondent Selection

The Census Bureau will conduct the Survey of Public Participation in the Arts (SPPA) supplement in July in conjunction with the CPS. The universe is the more than 100 million housing units in the 3,141 counties and independent cities that make up the United States. From this universe, the Bureau will select a sample of approximately 72,000 households each month, of which approximately 60,000 households are eligible to be interviewed (most of the ineligible housing units are non-residential or unoccupied). About 55,500 households will be interviewed each month. The Census Bureau will administer the SPPA supplement to a random one-half of the 60,000 eligible households, or the approximately 30,000 households who are in the exit round of their CPS sample rotation. Given that the SPPA survey allows proxy responses for spouse or partners and in larger households a second supplemental interview will be administered, the final number of sampled adults will be around 36,000. The exact number will depend on the Supplemental response rate. However, based on prior experience and the current design that permits some proxy responses, we expect the supplement response rate to be close to the overall CPS response rate, which is approximately 92.5 percent.

B.2. Procedures for Collecting Information

The Survey of Public Participation in the Arts is a supplemental survey associated with the July CPS. Attachment E gives an overview of the CPS sample design and weighting.

Attachments

- A. Title 13, Section 182, United States Code
- B. NEA Reports and Notes Analyzing SPPA Results
- C. CPS Advance Letter 1 & 2
- D. Confidentiality Brochure
- E. Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology
- F. Federal Register Notice, Vol. 75, No. 235, pp. 76494-76495
- G. Federal Register Notice, Vol. 76, No. 34, pp. 9610-9611