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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. Census Bureau  
Washington, DC 20233-0001

From the Director  
U.S. Census Bureau

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is conducting the 2015 Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS), a very important study on the numbers and types of rental properties available in the U.S. The U.S. Census Bureau will be the collection agency for this study.

The owner of this rental property may be selected to participate in the 2015 RHFS. We are asking for your help to ensure that the RHFS reaches someone who can provide the information we need about the rental property you live in. Please provide the following information about this property **by March 13, 2015**:

- Type of property
- Contact information for the owner of this property

Please take a few minutes to provide this information on our secure website. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

1. Go to: <https://econhelp.census.gov/owner>
2. Enter your username:
3. Enter your password exactly as shown:
4. Click "Survey Log in" to begin.

Your responses are confidential and protected by Title 13, United States Code, Section 9.

If you have any questions or are unable to access the internet to provide the information, please contact us, toll-free, at 1-800-###-####. Someone will be available to take your call Monday - Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). At any other time, please leave a message and someone will return your call promptly.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Your response helps ensure that the Census Bureau accurately measures America's people, places, and our Economy.

Sincerely,

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is conducting the 2015 Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS). The RHFS collects data on the following topics:

- Characteristics of residential structures
- Occupancy and rents of units within the residential structures
- Operating and capital improvement expenses
- Ownership structure
- Financing, government benefits, and non-governmental programs

A Field Representative from the Census Bureau will contact you to conduct a personal interview. Or, if you would prefer, you may complete the survey questionnaire online at <https://econhelp.census.gov/owner>. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number for this survey is 2528-0276. Approval for this survey expires on xx/xx/20xx.

The Census Bureau selected this property, not you personally, as part of a scientifically selected sample. Because we selected your property to represent thousands of similar properties throughout the United States, your participation is vital. The information you provide to us about this property will help HUD evaluate, monitor, and design national housing policies, priorities, and programs affecting rental housing. Owners, managers, developers and researchers will also be able to use the data to study the housing market and make better business decisions.

We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8, and Title 12, U.S.C., Sections 1701z-1, 1701z-2(g), and 1701z-10a. Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9 requires us to keep all information about you and your property strictly confidential. We use this information only for statistical purposes.

Please visit <http://econhelp.census.gov/rhfs/about> for additional information about the RHFS. Results from the 2012 RHFS are available at <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/rhfs/home.html>. If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's (RO name) Regional Office toll-free number at 1-800-xxx-xxxx.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

John Thompson  
Director



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We encourage you to participate in this survey. Your responses will be collected on a secure website. Your answers will remain confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes. **Please complete your survey by June 12, 2015.**

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**What is the purpose of this survey?**

The purpose of the 2015 Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS) is to provide a measure of financial, mortgage and property characteristics of rental housing properties in the United States.

**Who authorizes this survey?**

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**Why should you participate in this survey?**

The RHFS is the primary source of rental housing data for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), federal, state and local governments and to the public. This survey helps inform the development of rental housing policies, especially those pertaining to financing rental housing for targeted groups such as low-income families and individuals and the elderly. The data you provide will help policy makers evaluate the suitability of public policy initiatives. Academic researchers and private organizations may also utilize the data to facilitate their research and projects. The RHFS provides an overall portrait of rental housing in the United States.

**Will your responses be kept confidential?**

Your responses are protected under Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law. Your participation is voluntary, but your responses are necessary to make the results of this survey accurate and timely.

**How will your information be reported?**

The information you provide will be combined with the information provided by others in statistical reports. No individually-identifiable data will be included in the statistical reports.

**Paperwork Burden Statement**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 2528-0276. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including the time spent to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s), suggestions for improving this form, or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, please write to: **U. S. Census Bureau, Joe Huesman, #7K081, Washington, DC 20233.**



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If you have recently completed the survey, thank you for your assistance and please disregard this letter. If you have not had the opportunity to participate yet, we encourage you to complete the survey. Please take a few minutes to provide this information on our secure website by **June 12, 2015**.

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## SECOND REMINDER

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The deadline to complete the 2015 Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS) is nearing. Please take a few minutes to provide this information on our secure website by **June 12, 2015**.

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