

A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2015 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances. Your response is important. This survey collects information on measures of revenue by source, expenditures by character and function, indebtedness by term, and cash and investments by purpose for local governments in the United States. This data provides policy analysts, researchers, and the general public a more complete and clearer picture of the financial activity of local governments. This data is also the basis for the Flow of Funds for the Federal Reserve and the National Income and Product Accounts for the Bureau of Economic Analysis and are important indicators for national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

The Census Bureau conducts the survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182. We estimate this survey to take varies between 1 hour to 40 hours to complete. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number and expiration; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b).

Please read the instructions and complete your survey online at respond.census.gov/alfin using the User ID and Password below. Your due date is (DUE DATE.)

User ID:

Password:

Please utilize your expertise and judgment in completing the survey. If actual data are not available, carefully prepared estimates are acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please contact my staff by phone at 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at ewd.local.finance@census.gov.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

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OMB Number and Expiration

You are not required to respond to this collection of information if it does not display a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0585 and appears in the upper right corner of the login screen.

Authority and Confidentiality

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Burden Estimate Statement

Please note that this is a national survey that applies to governments with wide differences in the size of their service areas, the amount of population served, and the extent and complexity of their activities. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 1 hour to 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585 as the subject.



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

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Dear Government Official:

If you have already submitted your 2015 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances, thank you for your response and please disregard this notice.

Our records indicate that your 2015 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances (OMB No. 0607-0585) response has not been received. The survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 161 and 182, provides measures of revenue by source, expenditures by character and function, indebtedness by term, and cash and investments by purpose for local governments in the United States.

If you have not responded to this survey, please complete the survey online at **respond.census.gov/alfin** using the User ID and Password below. Your due date is **(DUE DATE.)**

User ID:

Password:

If you need assistance, please contact our office by phone at 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at ewd.local.finance@census.gov.

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

This survey is the only comprehensive source of information on the finances of local governments in the United States. The information collected in this voluntary survey serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Sincerely,

Kevin E. Deardorff
Chief, Economy-Wide Statistics Division

A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2015 Annual Survey of Public Pensions. Your response is important. This survey provides measures of revenue, expenditures, investments, and membership for state and local government employee retirement systems in the United States. As this survey is the only comprehensive source of information on public employee retirement system finances in the United States, the information collected serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

Your response is critical to ensure the accuracy of these data. These data are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to update the governments sectors of the Gross Domestic Product accounts. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data in developing the Flow of Funds Accounts. Financial professionals and analysts monitor these data to assess changes in the investment patterns of public employee retirement systems. Public policy specialists and economists also use these data in econometric models to assess general economic conditions of state and local government financial activities.

The Census Bureau conducts the survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13 U.S.C., Section 161 and 182. We estimate this survey to take between 1.5 hours to 8 hours to complete. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number and expiration; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b).

Please read the instructions and complete your survey online at respond.census.gov/aspp using the User ID and Password below. Your due date is December 31, 2015.

User ID:

Password:

If actual data are not available, carefully prepared estimates are acceptable. Please utilize your expertise and judgment in completing the survey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please contact my staff by phone at 1-888-529-1963 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at ewd.pensions@census.gov.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

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Authority and Confidentiality

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 161 and 182. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b).

Burden Estimate Statement

Please note that this is a national survey that applies to governments with wide differences in the size of their service areas, the amount of population served, and the extent and complexity of their activities. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 1.5 hours to 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585 as the subject.

A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

If you have already submitted your 2014 Annual Survey of Public Pensions, thank you for your response and please disregard this notice.

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting your help with the 2014 Annual Survey of Public Pensions. This survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, provides measures of revenue, expenditures, investments, and membership for state and local government employee retirement systems in the United States.

This survey is the only comprehensive source of information on public employee retirement system finances in the United States. The information collected serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

Your response is critical to ensure the accuracy of these data. These data are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to update the governments sectors of the Gross Domestic Product accounts. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data in developing the Flow of Funds Accounts. Investment bankers and analysts monitor these data to assess changes in the investment patterns of public employee retirement systems. Also, public policy specialists and economists use these data in econometric models to assess general economic conditions of state and local government financial activities.

You may respond to this survey online at the following address: respond.census.gov/aspp. To log in and complete the questionnaire online, use the User ID and Password found on the enclosed paper questionnaire. If you prefer to respond by mail, answer the questions on the questionnaire and return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope. Respond either by mail or online – but not both.

If you need assistance with your response, please contact us by phone at 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at govs.pensions@census.gov.

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

Thank you for participating in the 2014 Annual Survey of Public Pensions. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

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