Note: The Census Bureau is working to minimize burden for ACS respondents while still allowing the survey to be responsive to emergent issues, keeping content current, and maintaining high quality data. A newly published plan describing upcoming research and testing is now available at: census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/operations-and-administration/2015-16-survey-enhancements.html.

| **No.** | **Date** | **Who** | **Organization** | **Organization Type** | **Marital History** | **Field of Degree** | **Content Review Methodology** | **Flush Toilet or Other Comment** |
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|  | 4/29/2015 | Tran Bang | Automated message | Unknown |  |  |  | none |
|  | 5/1/2015 | Tran Bang | Automated message | Unknown |  |  |  | none |
|  | 5/11/2015 | Elizabeth Frankenberg | Duke University | Academia | Retain | Retain |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Christopher Collard | Utah Foundation | Non Profit | Retain marital history questions |  |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Molly Martin | Pennsylvania State University | Academia | Include marital history each year |  |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Sean Higgins | Tulane University | Academia | Include marital history each year |  |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Benjamin Jenkins | Jenkins Rehabilitation Consultants, LLC | Business | Retain |  |  | Retain disability questions |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Ethan Sharygin | California Department of Finance | Government | Retain yearly | Retain yearly |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Eva Dziadula | Notre Dame | Academia | Retain yearly |  |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Christopher Collard | Utah Foundation | Non Profit | Retain |  |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Spencer James | Brigham Young University | Academia | Retain yearly |  |  |  |
|  | 5/13/2015 | Maritza Moreno | n/a | Individual | Retain yearly | Retain yearly |  |  |
|  | 5/19/2015 | Guillermina “Willie” Jasso | NY University on behalf of Census Scientific Advisory Committee | Census Advisory | Retain | Retain | Deeply flawed | Add Parental Place of Birth |
|  | 5/19/2015 | Emaido Edem | Illinois Wesleyan University | Academia | Retain |  |  |  |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Curtis Simon | Clemson University | Academia | Include marital history each year for all respondents |  |  |  |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Jason Ward | University of Illinois - Chicago | Academia | Include marital history each year | Retain |  |  |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Mark Sandler | SRA Research Group, Inc. | Business | Retain marital status and marital history |  |  |  |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Guy Michaels | London School of Economics, UK | Academia | Retain demographic questions for all ACS respondents in IPUMS | Retain demographic questions for all ACS respondents in IPUMS |  |  |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Jim Gajewski | n/a | Individual | Retain |  |  | Don’t remove anything |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Ann Meier | University of Minnesota | Academia | Retain yearly | Retain yearly |  |  |
|  | 5/20/2015 | Todd Pugatch | Oregon State University | Academia | Retain yearly |  |  |  |
|  | 5/21/2015 | Jaclyn Wong | University of Chicago | Academia | Include marital history each year for all respondents |  |  |  |
|  | 5/21/2015 | Wendy Diane Manning | Bowling Green State University | Academia | Retain yearly |  |  |  |
|  | 5/21/2015 | Sonia Oreffice | University of Surrey | Academia | Retain |  |  | Methodological concerns |
|  | 5/21/2015 | Jeff Camp | Ed100 | Non Profit | Retain yearly |  |  | Include stakeholders in process |
|  | 5/22/2015 | John Nerge | City of Brooklyn Park | Government | Retain yearly to full sample | Retain yearly with full sample |  |  |
|  | 5/26/2015 | Steven Ruggles | Minnesota Population CenterPopulation Association of America | Non Profit | Include marital history each year for all respondents | Retain | Deeply flawed |  |
|  | 5/26/2015 | Katherine Gallagher Robbins | National Women’s Law Center | Non Profit | Include marital history each year | Retain |  |  |
|  | 5/26/2015 | Mary Jo Hoeksema | Population Association of America | Non Profit | Retain | Retain | Include non-federal group in process | Form a standing non-federal group to advise on ACS content; reduce in-person contact attempts; keep survey mandatory |
|  | 5/26/2015 | Billy Smith | Montana State University | Academia | Retain yearly | Retain yearly |  |  |
|  | 5/27/2015 | Joe Hayes | Public Policy Institute of California | Non Profit | Include marital history each year for all respondents |  |  |  |
|  | 6/16/2015 | Kyle Miller | -no affiliation given- | Individual |  |  |  | Retain Flush Toilet question |
|  | 6/16/2015 | Kyle Miller | -no affiliation given- |  |  |  |  | [Duplicate comment] |
|  | 6/17/2015 | Terry Ao Minnis | Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Non Profit |  |  |  | Concerns over Administrative Records use and review process for Computer Usage & Internet questions |
|  | 6/17/2015 | Terry Ao Mannis | Asian Americans Advancing Justice |  |  |  |  | [Duplicate comment] |
|  | 6/26/2015 | Lance George | Housing Assistance Council | Non Profit |  |  |  | Retain flush toilet question; concern that there would be an 8% undercount in homes lacking adequate plumbing[[1]](#footnote-1) |
|  | 6/28/2015 | Jean Public | None given | Individual |  |  |  | Zero out the survey |
|  | 6/29/2015 | Mary Jo Heoksema | Population Association of America | Non Profit |  |  |  | Adds to previous letter received 5/26/2015; use field, not just cognitive, testing; include non-federal groups in process; concern over periodic inclusion or of a smaller subset due to unavailability for small geographies |

**SUMMARY**

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| **Topic Mentioned** | **6/16 Batch** | **6/25 Batch** | **6/29 Batch** | **Total** |
| Retain Marital History Question-Ask it Each Year-Ask all Respondents | 13 | 16 | 0 | 29 |
| Retain Undergraduate Field of Degree Question | 6 | 7 | 0 | 13 |
| Revise Content Review Methodology | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Retain Flush Toilet | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Other | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| **Total Comments:** | **26** | **28** | **4** | **58** |
| **Total Commenters:** | **16** | **17** | **3** | **36** |
| **Type of Commenter** |  |  |  |  |
| **Academia** | **6** | **9** | **0** | **15** |
| **Business** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **2** |
| **Census Advisory** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **1** |
| **Government** | **0** | **2\*** | **0** | **2** |
| **Nonprofit** | **5** | **3** | **2** | **10** |
| **Individual** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **4** |
| **Unknown** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **2** |
|  | **16** | **17** | **3** | **36** |

\*Reflects 1 state and 1 city government.

1. The Census Bureau acknowledges there would be an undercount. See report, “Plumbing and Kitchen Facilities in Housing Units,” published at: <http://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2015/acs/2015_Raglin_01.html>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)