



A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

We are requesting your cooperation with the **Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders** survey. The purpose of this survey is to provide broad-based monthly statistical data on current economic conditions and indications of future production commitments in the manufacturing sector. It provides some of the Nation's most widely used, timely information on the manufacturing sector of the economy.

Use the enclosed form as a worksheet prior to reporting online, or return the completed form in the enclosed envelope. Online reporting is encouraged due to cost savings and reduced processing times. Website and log in information can be found on the front page of the form.

YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. We estimate this survey will take an average of 20 minutes to complete. Additional information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, please call us on 301-763-4832, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places, and economy. Your response makes a difference.

Enclosures

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OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0008 and appears at the upper right of the survey form/login screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 182, and 193, authorize the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of the same law to keep your information confidential and can use your responses only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will take an average of 20 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.