

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

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1. AGENCY/SUBAGENCY ORIGINATING REQUEST U. S. Department of Commerce/ Census Bureau/American Community Survey Office		2. OMB CONTROL NUMBER a. 0607 - 0936 <input type="checkbox"/> b. NONE <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. TYPE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> a. NEW COLLECTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. REVISION OF A CURRENTLY APPROVED COLLECTION <input type="checkbox"/> c. EXTENSION OF A CURRENTLY APPROVED COLLECTION <input type="checkbox"/> d. REINSTATEMENT, WITHOUT CHANGE, OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED COLLECTION FOR WHICH APPROVAL HAS EXPIRED <input type="checkbox"/> e. REINSTATEMENT, WITH CHANGE, OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED COLLECTION FOR WHICH APPROVAL HAS EXPIRED <input type="checkbox"/> f. EXISTING COLLECTION IN USE WITHOUT AN OMB CONTROL NUMBER		4. TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED (X one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. REGULAR SUBMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> b. EMERGENCY - APPROVAL REQUESTED BY: ___/___/___ <input type="checkbox"/> c. DELEGATED	
		5. SMALL ENTITIES Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		6. REQUESTED EXPIRATION DATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. THREE YEARS FROM APPROVAL DATE <input type="checkbox"/> b. OTHER: / /	
7. TITLE American Community Survey Methods Panel Tests			
8. AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S) (if applicable) ACS-1, ACS-1(GQ)			
9. KEYWORDS Census Data, statistics, American Community Survey			
10. ABSTRACT The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for revisions to the American Community Survey (ACS) Methods Panel Testing. An ongoing data collection effort with an annual sample of the magnitude of the ACS requires that the Census Bureau continue research, testing, and evaluations aimed at improving data quality, achieving survey cost efficiencies, reducing respondent burden, and improving ACS questionnaire content and related data collection materials. The ACS Methods Panel is a robust research program focused on enhancing the quality of the respondent experience, survey operations, and data. From 2018 to 2021, the ACS Methods Panel may include testing to address research goals, as indicated above.			
11. AFFECTED PUBLIC (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. INDIVIDUALS OR HOUSEHOLDS <input type="checkbox"/> d. FARMS <input type="checkbox"/> b. BUSINESS OR OTHER FOR-PROFIT <input type="checkbox"/> e. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> c. NOT-FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS <input type="checkbox"/> f. STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT		12. OBLIGATION TO RESPOND (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") <input type="checkbox"/> a. VOLUNTARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN BENEFITS <input type="checkbox"/> c. MANDATORY	
13. ANNUAL REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING HOUR BURDEN		14. ANNUALIZED COST TO RESPONDENTS (In thousands of dollars)	
a. NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS 455,500		a. TOTAL CAPITAL/STARTUP COSTS	
b. TOTAL ANNUAL RESPONSES 455,500		b. TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS (O&M)	
(1) Percentage of these responses collected electronically 46 %		c. TOTAL ANNUALIZED COST REQUESTED	
c. TOTAL ANNUAL HOURS REQUESTED 266,168		d. CURRENT OMB INVENTORY	
d. CURRENT OMB INVENTORY 129,389		e. DIFFERENCE (+, -) N/A	
e. DIFFERENCE (+, -) 136,779		f. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE:	
f. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE: (1) Program change (+, -) 136,779		(1) Program change (+, -)	
(2) Adjustment (+, -)		(2) Adjustment (+, -)	
15. PURPOSE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") <input type="checkbox"/> a. APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. PROGRAM PLANNING OR MANAGEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. PROGRAM EVALUATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. RESEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> c. GENERAL PURPOSE STATISTICS <input type="checkbox"/> g. REGULATORY OR COMPLIANCE <input type="checkbox"/> d. AUDIT		16. FREQUENCY OF RECORDKEEPING OR REPORTING (X all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> a. RECORDKEEPING <input type="checkbox"/> b. THIRD PARTY DISCLOSURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. REPORTING: (1) On Occasion <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Monthly (4) Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Annually (7) Biennially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (8) Other (Describe) one time	
17. STATISTICAL METHODS Does this information collection employ statistical methods? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		18. AGENCY CONTACT (Person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) a. NAME: Victoria Velkoff b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code): 301-763-1372	

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19. CERTIFICATION FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSIONS

a. PROGRAM OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION *(Internal DOC Use Only)*

Type name Enrique Lamas, Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Deputy Director	Date 5/3/18
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On behalf of this Federal agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous language that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3) about:
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) If applicable, it uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

b. SENIOR OFFICIAL OR DESIGNEE CERTIFICATION

Type name Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer	Date
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