

**Department of Commerce
United States Census Bureau
OMB Information Collection Request
Supporting Statement Part B
Current Population Survey (CPS) School Enrollment Supplement
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B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

We conduct the CPS School Enrollment Supplement in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 126 million households. From this universe, we select a sample of approximately 70,000 households each month, of which approximately 54,000 households are eligible for interview. We ask the items in the October supplement, as appropriate, for members of these households. We expect the response rate to be similar to that of October 2018, the most recent collection of school enrollment information. Historical response rates for the CPS when in conjunction with the CPS School Enrollment Supplement are given here:

Supplement Year	Response Rate
2005	92.61%
2006	91.92%
2007	91.97%
2008	91.71%
2009	92.10%
2010	91.53%
2011	91.29%
2012	90.36%
2013	90.14%
2014	89.44%
2015	87.11%
2016	87.32%
2017	86.24%

2018	84.77%
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2. Procedures for Collecting Information

The School Enrollment Supplement is a supplemental survey associated with the CPS in October. Attachment E gives an overview of the CPS sample design, weighting methodology and response rates. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

We maintain response rates and data accuracy for the CPS at high levels through interviewer instruction and training and close monitoring of data output. (Refer to Item 5 of Attachment E for a discussion of the CPS nonresponse.)

A full allocation for item nonresponse is done within the CPS School Enrollment Supplement for eligible people. (Item nonresponse for the main items is not expected to exceed 20 percent.)

4. Testing of Procedures

We do not require testing of procedures and methods since we have conducted this supplement for 60 years. Attachment D discusses the reliability of estimates produced by the October 2017 School Enrollment Supplement.

5. Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection

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Attachments

- A. School Enrollment Supplement
- B. CPS Advance Letter (CPS-263)
- C. Brochure – *The U.S. Census Bureau Respects Your Privacy and Protects Your Personal Information*
- D. October 2017 Source and Accuracy Statement
- E. Overview of 2010 CPS Sample Design and Methodology