

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

**1. Universe and Respondent Selection**

We conduct the CPS Fertility 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 June supplement, as appropriate, for approximately 30,000 members of these households. Based on previous response rates for similar questions, we expect the supplement response rate to be approximately 91 percent. Historical response rates for the CPS when in conjunction with the CPS Fertility Supplement are given here:

<b>Supplement Year</b>	<b>Response Rate</b>
2006	91.92%
2008	91.71%
2010	91.53%
2012	90.36%
2014	89.44%
2016	87.32%
2018	84.77%

**2. Procedures for Collecting Information**

The Fertility Supplement is a supplemental survey associated with the CPS in June. 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 Fertility Supplement for eligible people. (Item nonresponse for the main items is not expected to exceed 5 percent.)

#### **4. Testing of Procedures**

We do not require testing of procedures and methods since we have conducted this supplement since 1971. Attachment F discusses the reliability of estimates produced by the June 2018 Fertility Supplement.

#### **5. Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection**

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#### **Attachments**

- A. 2020 June Fertility Supplement Questionnaire
- B1. Supplemental Table 6. Completed Fertility for Women 40 to 50 Years Old by Selected Characteristics: June 2018
- B2. Fertility of Women in the United States: 2012, Current Population Reports P20-575

- C. CPS Advance Letter (CPS-263)
- D. Brochure – *The U.S. Census Bureau Respects Your Privacy and Protects Your Personal Information*
- E. Overview of 2010 CPS Sample Design and Methodology
- F. Source of the Data and Accuracy of the Estimates, June 2018 Fertility Supplement