

## **OMB Nonsubstantive Change Request**

**Department: Commerce**

**Agency: U.S. Census Bureau**

**Title: American Community Survey Methods Panel Tests, 2020 Specialized Mail Materials Test**

**OMB Control Number: 0607-0936**

**Expiration Date: 08/31/2021**

**Request:** The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct additional research under the American Community Survey (ACS) Methods Panel Tests clearance to test the efficacy of ACS mail materials with decennial census messaging during a decennial census. The Census Bureau proposes to conduct a national self-response test with the ACS production sample from March through September 2020. No additional burden is expected.

**Background:** Households in sample for the ACS in 2020 are legally required to complete both the ACS and the decennial census. Receiving two sets of mailings in one calendar year can be confusing to respondents, which can increase the perception that the ACS is burdensome and intrusive and decrease the rate of self-response. During the 2010 Census, ACS response rates were higher than usual in the first few months of the year but were lower than usual in the spring and summer months (see Chesnut and Davis 2011, Baumgardner 2013). The increased response rates early in the year were attributed to the decennial census communications campaign, while the decrease later in the year was attributed to respondent confusion or burden, as respondents had already filled out their decennial census form.

To mitigate these issues for 2020, a set of modified mail materials were developed with language that directly addresses the difference between the ACS and the 2020 Census, in order to differentiate the two. These materials will be used during the main response period for the 2020 Census, March through September. The 2020 ACS language modifications are based on an evaluation conducted by the Census Bureau in 2010 to examine the use of modified language, color, and branding to create a distinct identity for the ACS (see Chesnut and Davis 2011). Additionally, cognitive interviews of the 2020 ACS materials were conducted in the fall of 2018 (report forthcoming).

**Timeline:** This test is being planned as part of the ACS March through September 2020 panels, adhering to the same data collection protocols as production ACS.

**Method:** The Census Bureau will compare two treatments using a randomized controlled experiment. From March through September, the ACS will use mail materials that help clarify that these mailings are not for the 2020 Census. This will be the control treatment for the experiment and will be sent to approximately 264,000 sampled addresses each month. The experimental treatment will not contain the modified language but otherwise will be the same as the control materials. These materials will be sent to approximately 24,000 sampled addresses each month from March through September. Note that the materials used for the experimental treatment are the same materials that will be used for ACS production for the remainder of the year (January, February, and October through December).

**Analysis Metrics:** The Census Bureau will assess the effect of decennial census messaging in ACS materials by comparing the control and experimental treatments response rates—overall, by mode, and by month.

**Sample:** The test will employ a sample size of approximately 264,000 addresses in the control and 24,000 in the experimental treatment each month. This results in a total sample size of approximately 2,016,000 housing unit addresses. This sample size is designed to detect a difference of less than 1 percentage point between the self-response rates of the control and experimental treatments at the national level by month.

**Use of Incentives:** None.

**Burden:** There is no change in burden to the public associated with this test, as this test uses production ACS sample. The burden to the public will fall within the burden hours estimated in the request submitted by the Census Bureau to the Office of Management and Budget for authorization to conduct the ACS Methods Panel tests.

**References:**

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**Attachment: Mail Materials for the 2020 Specialized Mail Materials Test  
30 Day Federal Register Notice  
ACS Methods Panel Burden Hour Tracker**

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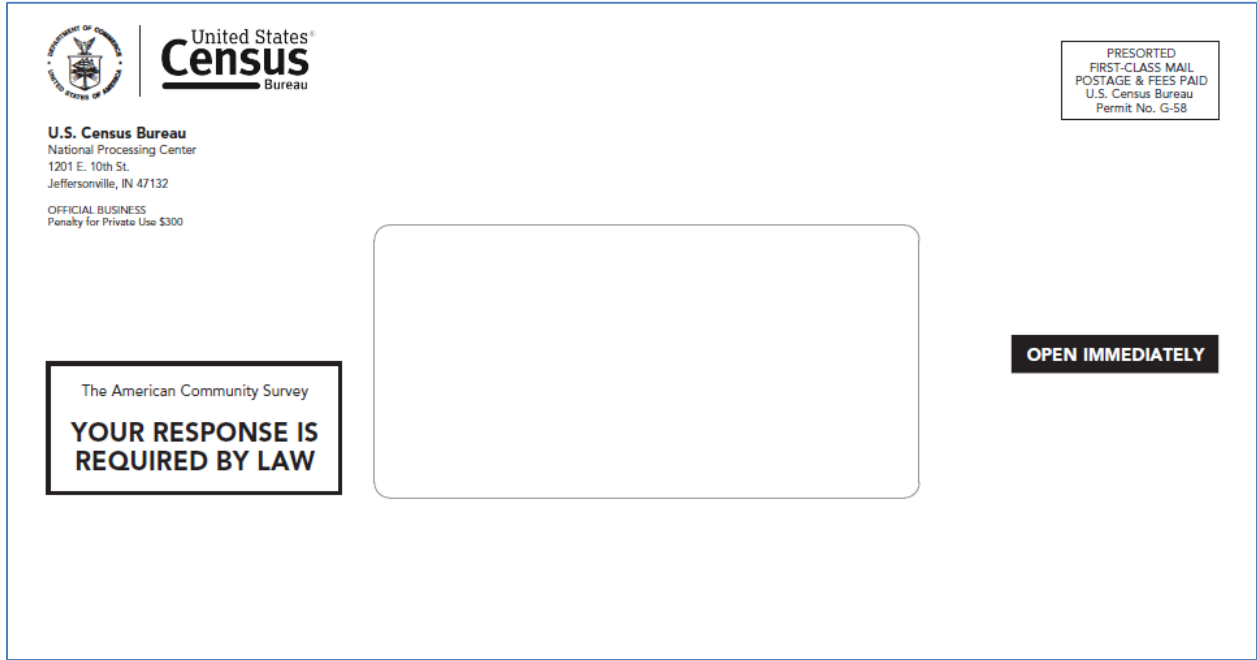
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Mail Materials Summary

<b>Mailing</b>	<b>Mail Material</b>	<b>Control Treatment Form Number</b>	<b>Experimental Treatment Form Number</b>	<b>How the Control Treatment is different from the Experimental Treatment</b>
<b>Initial Mailing</b>	Envelope	ACS-46IMZ (2020)	ACS-46IM (2020)	Form number is different to help with processing
	Letter	ACS-13(LZ) (2020)	ACS-13(L) (2020)	2020 Census language and FAQs included
	Instruction Card	ACS-34 IM	ACS-34 IM	No difference
	Multilingual Brochure	ACS-9 (2020)	ACS-9 (2020)	No difference
<b>Second Mailing</b>	Pressure Seal Mailer	ACS-20(LZ) (2020)	ACS-20(L) (2020)	2020 Census language included
<b>Third Mailing</b>	Envelope	ACS-46(Z) (2020)	ACS-46 (2020)	Form number is different to help with processing
	Letter	ACS-14(LZ) (2020)	ACS-14(L) (2020)	2020 Census language and FAQs included
	Questionnaire	ACS-1(X) (2020)	ACS-1(X) (2020)	No difference
	Return Envelope	6385-47 (2020)	6385-47 (2020)	No difference
<b>Fourth Mailing</b>	Reminder Postcard	ACS-29 (2020)	ACS-29 (2020)	No difference
<b>Fifth Mailing</b>	Pressure Seal Mailer	ACS-23(L) (2020)	ACS-23(L) (2020)	No difference

Initial Mailing – Envelope for the Control and Experimental Treatments

There is no 2020 Census-specific language on the Control Treatment envelope; the form number on the back of the envelope is different from the Experimental Treatment to help with processing at the National Processing Center.



Initial Mailing – Control Treatment (front)

The second paragraph contains two sentences with 2020 Census-specific language.



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A message from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau:

Your address has been randomly selected by the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in the **American Community Survey**. The Census Bureau conducts this survey each year to give our country an up-to-date picture of how we live – including our education, housing, and jobs.

The American Community Survey is not the 2020 Census. This survey asks questions about topics not on the 2020 Census, such as veteran status, transportation, and internet access. Communities across the country rely on information from this survey to decide where important services are needed, including:

- Improving roads and reducing traffic
- Building schools
- Planning for the health care needs of the elderly

Respond now at <https://respond.census.gov/acs>

**Your response is required by U.S. law.**

Because your household has been asked to participate on behalf of your community, it is vital that you complete this survey to help meet critical needs in your area.

**If you are unable to complete the survey online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks.** The Census Bureau is using the internet to collect this information to conserve natural resources, save taxpayers' money, and process data more efficiently.

If you need help completing the survey or have questions, please call our toll-free number (1-800-354-7271).

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham

Enclosures

American Community Survey data help determine the annual distribution of more than **\$675 billion** in federal funds to **communities nationwide**.

Initial Mailing – Control Treatment (back)  
The first two FAQs discuss the 2020 Census.

**Is the American Community Survey the same as the 2020 Census?**

No, the American Community Survey (ACS) is different from the 2020 Census.

The ACS shows how we live—our education, housing, jobs, and more. The ACS provides information about the social and economic needs of your community every year.

The census is conducted once every 10 years to provide an official count of the entire U.S. population to Congress.

**Can you use my 2020 Census answers for the American Community Survey?**

Your answers to the 2020 Census cannot be used for the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS includes questions about topics not on the 2020 Census, such as education, employment, internet access, and transportation.

**Will my response be confidential?**

Yes. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect this information. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Section 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

**Am I required to fill out the survey?**

Yes. Your response to this survey is required by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221). Title 13, as changed by Title 18, imposes a penalty for not responding. As a randomly selected representative of your community, you are the voice of your neighbors and peers. To create an accurate picture of your community, it is critical that you respond.

**How will the Census Bureau use the information I provide?**

By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses to produce statistics. Your information will be used in combination with information from other households to produce data for your community. Similar data will be produced for communities across Puerto Rico and the United States.

We may combine your answers with information that you gave to other agencies to enhance the statistical uses of these data. This information will be given the same protections as your survey information. Based on the information that you provide, you may be asked to participate in other Census Bureau surveys that are voluntary.

Initial Mailing – Experimental Treatment (front)  
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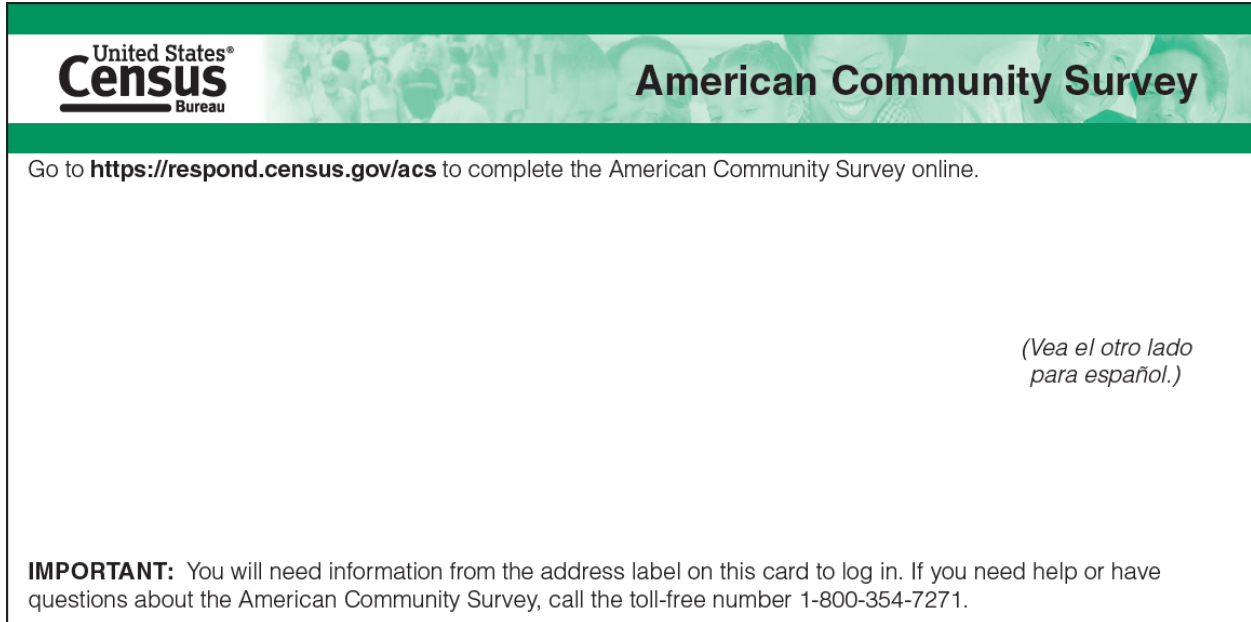
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Initial Mailing – Instruction Card (front and back) for the Control and Experimental Treatments

There is no 2020 Census-specific language on the Instruction Card.



The front of the English instruction card features a green header with the United States Census Bureau logo on the left and the title "American Community Survey" on the right. The background of the header shows a collage of diverse people. Below the header, the text instructs users to go to <https://respond.census.gov/acs> to complete the survey online. A note in Spanish, "(Vea el otro lado para español.)", is positioned on the right side. At the bottom, an "IMPORTANT" notice states that users need information from the address label to log in and provides a toll-free number, 1-800-354-7271, for assistance.


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Go to <https://respond.census.gov/acs> to complete the American Community Survey online.

*(Vea el otro lado para español.)*

**IMPORTANT:** You will need information from the address label on this card to log in. If you need help or have questions about the American Community Survey, call the toll-free number 1-800-354-7271.



The back of the Spanish instruction card features a green header with the United States Census Bureau logo on the left and the title "American Community Survey" on the right. The background of the header shows a collage of diverse people. Below the header, the text instructs users to go to <https://respond.census.gov/acs> to complete the survey online. An "ATENCIÓN" notice states that users need information from the address label to log in and provides a toll-free number, 1-877-833-5625, for assistance. The text "See other side for English." is located at the bottom right.

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Vaya a <https://respond.census.gov/acs> para completar la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense por Internet en español.

**ATENCIÓN:** Necesitará información que aparece en la etiqueta en el otro lado de esta tarjeta para iniciar la sesión. Si usted necesita ayuda para llenar la encuesta o tiene preguntas acerca de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense, llame sin cargo al 1-877-833-5625.

*See other side for English.*

ACS-34 IM (2-13-2019)

# Initial Mailing – Multilingual Brochure for the Control and Experimental Treatments

There is no 2020 Census-specific language on the Multilingual Brochure.

**The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the American Community Survey**

In a few days you will receive an American Community Survey questionnaire in the mail. Because you are living in the United States, you are required by law to respond to this survey. If you have questions about the form, please call us toll-free at 1-800-354-7271.

**What is the American Community Survey?**

The American Community Survey is an important survey conducted by the Census Bureau. It is designed to give communities current information about its people and housing. In order to make well-informed decisions, a community needs accurate and reliable information. By responding to this survey, you are helping your community to get this kind of information.

**Will my answers to this survey be kept confidential?**

Yes. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to keep your information confidential. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

**La Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos está realizando la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense**

En unos días, recibirá por correo un cuestionario de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense. Como usted está viviendo en los Estados Unidos, la ley exige que usted responda a esta encuesta. Si tiene preguntas sobre el cuestionario, llámenos al 1-877-833-5625 para hablar con uno de nuestros empleados que habla español. La llamada es gratis. El empleado podrá contestar sus preguntas o usted podrá completar la encuesta por teléfono.

**¿Qué es la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense?**

La Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense es una encuesta importante realizada por la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos. Está diseñada para brindar información actual a las comunidades sobre las personas y las viviendas. Para poder tomar buenas decisiones, una comunidad necesita información precisa y confiable. Al responder a esta encuesta, usted está ayudando a su comunidad a obtener este tipo de información.

**¿Serán confidenciales mis respuestas a esta encuesta?**

Si. La Oficina del Censo de los EE.UU. está obligada por ley a mantener confidencial su información. A la Oficina del Censo no se le permite divulgar sus respuestas de manera que este hogar pudiera ser identificado. En conformidad con la Ley para el Fortalecimiento de la Seguridad Cibernética Federal del 2015, sus datos están protegidos contra los riesgos de seguridad cibernética mediante los controles aplicados a los sistemas que transmiten su información.

**Important Information From the U.S. Census Bureau**

**Información Importante de la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos**

**美国人口普查局重要通知**

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**美国人口普查局正在进行美国社区问卷调查**

您将在几天内收到一份邮寄的美国社区问卷调查。由于您目前居住在美国，因此根据法律规定，您必须答复此问卷调查。这个调查问卷只有英文版。请拨打我们的免费电话：1-800-638-5945，我们将有会说中文的工作人员回答您的问题，或者您能够在电话上用中文回答调查的问题。

**什么是美国社区问卷调查？**

美国社区问卷调查由美国人口普查局主持，是一项重要的调查。目的是为了向各个社区提供有关居民和住房方面的最新信息。一个社区要做出明智的决策，需要真实准确的信息。您答复此问卷调查，就是在帮助您在社区获取这样的信息。

**我对这次调查的回答，人口普查局是否会保密？**

是的。根据法律规定，美国人口普查局将对您的信息保密。人口普查局不得以可识别您的身份的方式公开发布您的回答。依据2015年联邦增强网络安全法案，通过监察传输您资料的系统，来确保您个人资料受到保护，避免网络安全风险。

**Văn phòng Thống kê Dân số Hoa Kỳ đang thực hiện cuộc Khảo sát Cộng đồng tại Mỹ.**

Trong một vài ngày nữa quý vị sẽ nhận được bản câu hỏi Khảo sát Cộng đồng tại Mỹ qua thư tín. Vì quý vị đang sống ở Hoa Kỳ, nên luật bắt buộc quý vị phải trả lời cuộc khảo sát này. Nếu quý vị có thắc mắc về mẫu đơn, xin gọi chúng tôi theo số điện thoại miễn phí 1-877-221-9436. Bản câu hỏi khảo sát chỉ có bằng tiếng Anh.

**Cuộc Khảo sát Cộng đồng tại Mỹ là gì?**

Cuộc Khảo sát Cộng đồng tại Mỹ là một cuộc khảo sát quan trọng được Văn phòng Thống kê Dân số Hoa Kỳ thực hiện. Nó được thiết kế để cung cấp cho cộng đồng thông tin hiện tại về người dân và nhà của. Nhằm có được những quyết định thời thời có ích lợi trực tiếp cho những nhu cầu của cộng đồng quý vị, những thông tin cần được chính xác và đáng tin cậy. Bằng cách trả lời cuộc khảo sát này, quý vị đang giúp cộng đồng mình lấy được loại thông tin này.

**Liều các câu trả lời khảo sát của tôi có được giữ bí mật không?**

Có. Cục Thống kê Dân số Hoa Kỳ được pháp luật yêu cầu bảo mật thông tin của quý vị. Cục Thống kê không được phép công bố công khai các phản hồi của quý vị theo cách có thể nhận diện quý vị. Theo Luật Tăng Cường An Ninh Mạng của Liên Bang 2015, số liệu của quý vị sẽ được bảo vệ để tránh khỏi các nguy cơ về an ninh mạng qua cách kiểm duyệt các hệ thống chuyển số liệu của quý vị.

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**Что представляет собой Анкетирование населения США по месту жительства?**

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**Будет ли сохранена конфиденциальность моих ответов?**

Да. По закону Бюро переписи населения США обязано соблюдать конфиденциальность ваших данных. Ему запрещено публично разглашать Ваши ответы таким образом, чтобы по ним можно было установить Вашу личность. Защиту Ваших данных от кибер-рисков регулирует федеральный закон «О повышении кибербезопасности» от 2015 года, в соответствии с которым регулярно проводится проверка систем передачи данных.

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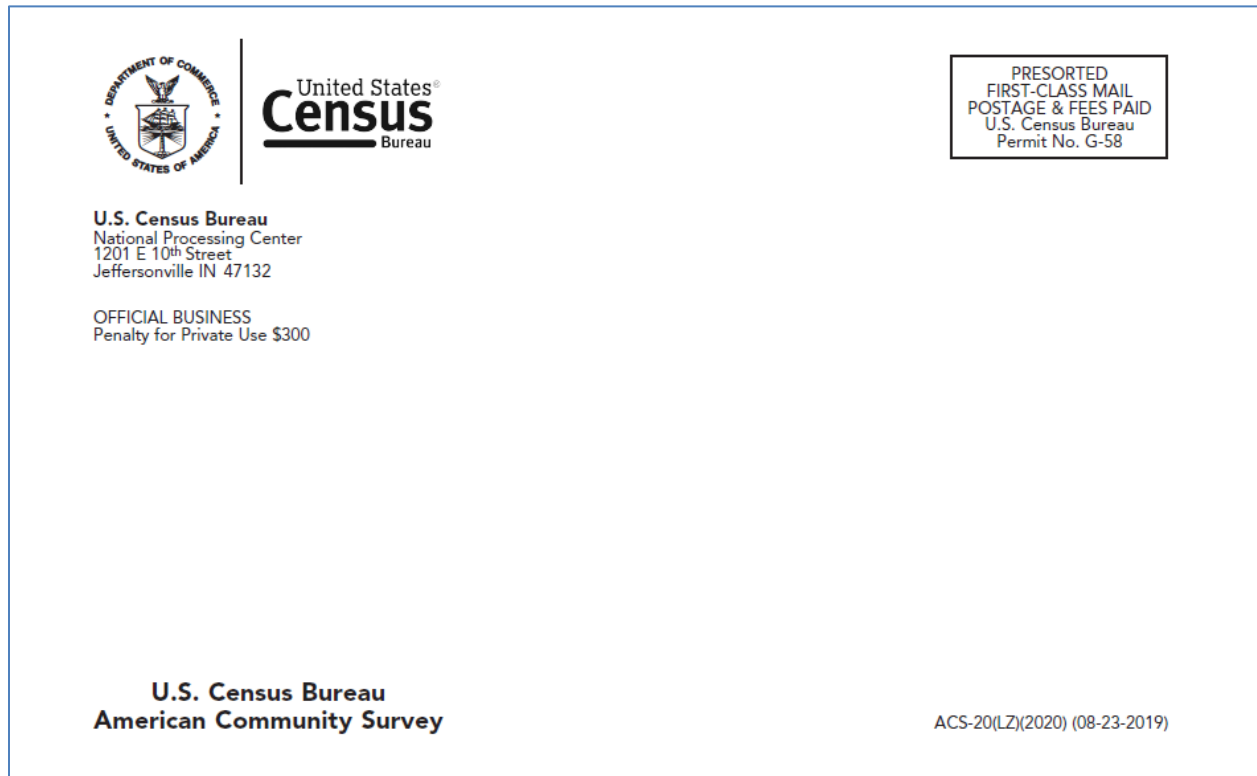
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The address side of the pressure seal mailer mentions the American Community Survey.



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Some households, including yours, will receive both the American Community Survey and the 2020 Census this year. If you have not already responded, please do so now.

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If we do not receive your response online, we will mail a paper questionnaire to your address.

**Your response to the American Community Survey is required by law.**

Your response is critically important to your local community and your country. Responding promptly will prevent you from receiving additional reminder mailings, phone calls, or personal visits from Census Bureau interviewers.

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Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

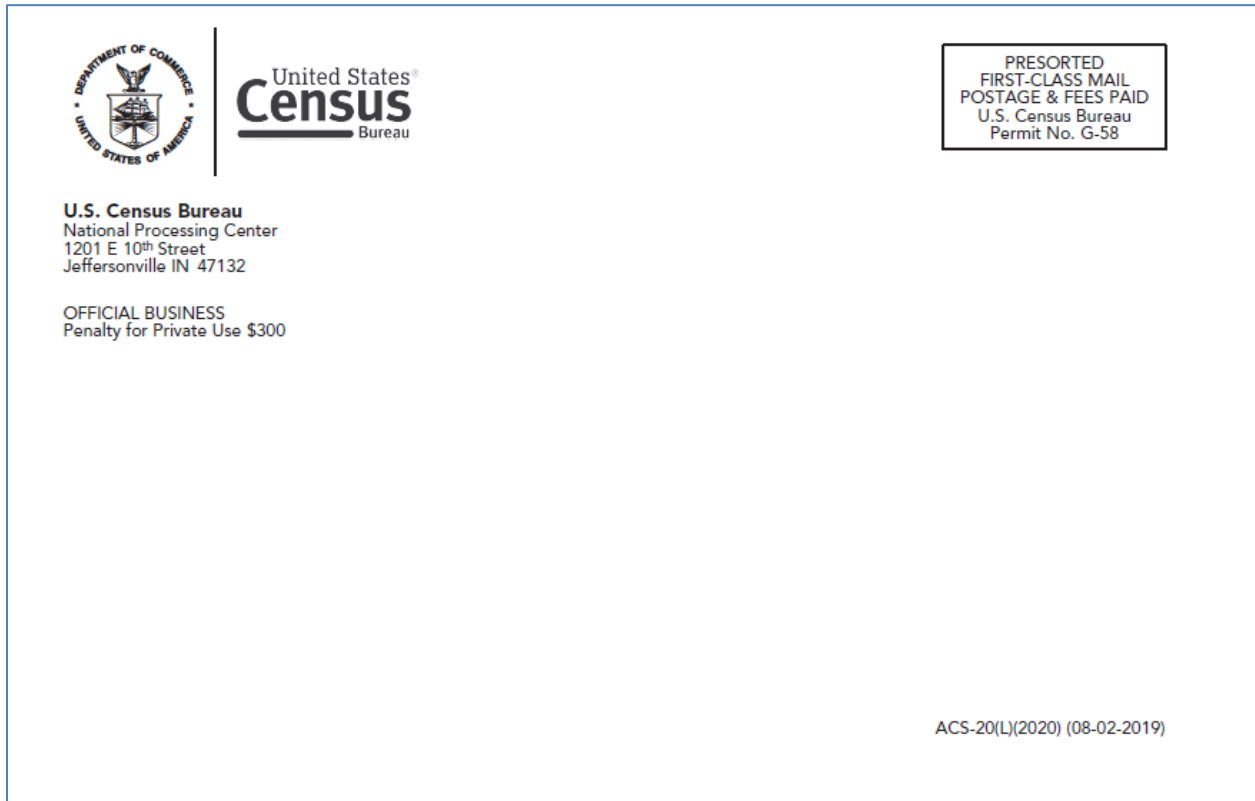
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Steven D. Dillingham

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There is no 2020 Census-specific language on the address side of the pressure seal mailer and it does not mention the American Community Survey.



2<sup>nd</sup> Mailing – Experimental Treatment Pressure Seal Mailer (letter side)

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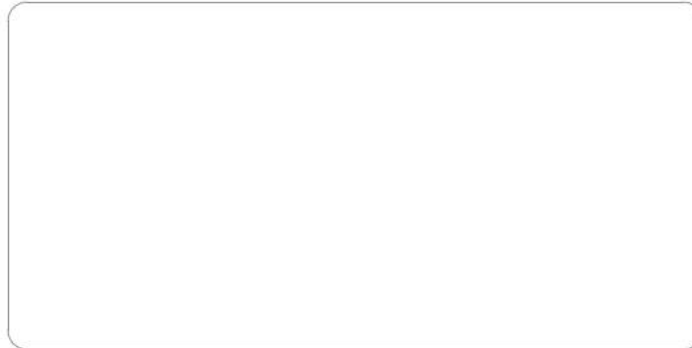


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3<sup>rd</sup> Mailing – Control Treatment Letter (front)

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A message from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau:

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**Complete the survey using ONLY ONE of the following options:**

- Respond online at <https://respond.census.gov/acs>
- If you are unable to respond online, please fill out and mail back the enclosed questionnaire.

This year, the Census Bureau is also conducting the 2020 Census. The American Community Survey is different from the 2020 Census.

**You are required by U.S. law to respond to the American Community Survey.**

The Census Bureau has randomly selected your address to receive this survey as part of a nationally representative sample. Because you will be providing important information on behalf of your community, it is vital that you complete this survey to help meet critical needs in your area – including determining where to locate new schools, hospitals, and fire stations.

If you do not respond promptly, a Census Bureau interviewer may contact you to complete the survey.

**The Census Bureau is required by law to keep your information confidential.**

The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household.

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Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham

Enclosures

ACS-14(LZ)(2020) (08-27-2019)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Mailing – Control Treatment Letter (back)  
The first two FAQs contain 2020 Census-specific language.

**Is the American Community Survey the same as the 2020 Census?**

No, the American Community Survey (ACS) is different from the 2020 Census.

The ACS shows how we live—our education, housing, jobs, and more. The ACS provides information about the social and economic needs of your community every year.

The census is conducted once every 10 years to provide an official count of the entire U.S. population to Congress.

**Can you use my 2020 Census answers for the American Community Survey?**

Your answers to the 2020 Census cannot be used for the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS includes questions about topics not on the 2020 Census, such as education, employment, internet access, and transportation.

**Will my response be confidential?**

Yes. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect this information. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Section 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

**Am I required to fill out the survey?**

Yes. Your response to this survey is required by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221). Title 13, as changed by Title 18, imposes a penalty for not responding. As a randomly selected representative of your community, you are the voice of your neighbors and peers. To create an accurate picture of your community, it is critical that you respond.

**How will the Census Bureau use the information I provide?**

By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses to produce statistics. Your information will be used in combination with information from other households to produce data for your community. Similar data will be produced for communities across Puerto Rico and the United States.

We may combine your answers with information that you gave to other agencies to enhance the statistical uses of these data. This information will be given the same protections as your survey information. Based on the information that you provide, you may be asked to participate in other Census Bureau surveys that are voluntary.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mailing – Experimental Treatment Letter (front)

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If you need help completing the survey or have questions, please call our toll-free number (1-800-354-7271).

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham

Enclosures

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Mailing – Experimental Treatment Letter (back)

There is no 2020 Census-specific language in the Experimental Treatment letter.

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4<sup>th</sup> mailing – Reminder Postcard (front and back) for the Control and Experimental Treatments  
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**Complete and mail back your paper questionnaire now.**  
Or respond at <https://respond.census.gov/acs>

**You are required by U.S. law to respond to this survey** (Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221).

**If you do not respond now, a Census Bureau interviewer may contact you to complete the survey.**

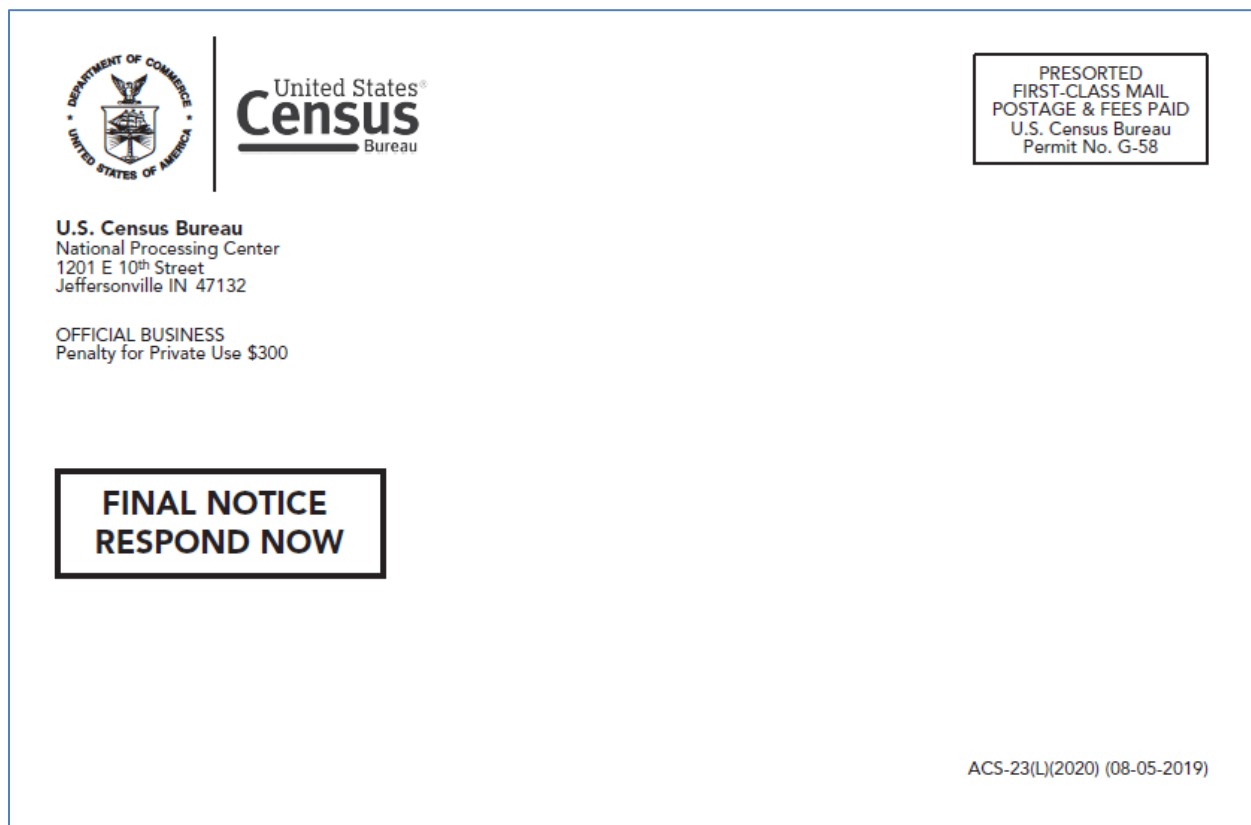
If you need help completing the survey or have questions, please call our toll-free number (1-800-354-7271).

Thank you.

ACS-29(2020) (05-21-2019)

5<sup>th</sup> mailing – Final Reminder Pressure Seal Mailer (address side) for the Control and Experimental Treatments

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5<sup>th</sup> mailing – Final Reminder Pressure Seal Mailer (letter side) for the Control and Experimental Treatments

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A message from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau:

The U.S. Census Bureau has sent you several requests to complete the **American Community Survey**. If you have not already done so, now is the time to respond.

Respond now at <https://respond.census.gov/acs>  
Log in using this user ID:  
OR complete and mail back your paper questionnaire.

**Your response is required by law.**

If you do not respond promptly, a Census Bureau interviewer may contact you with a personal visit to complete the survey. If you would like to complete the survey by telephone or need assistance, please call our toll-free number (1-800-354-7271).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Membership of the Departmental Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the Departmental Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DOC), announces the appointment of those individuals who have been selected to serve as members of the Departmental Performance Review Board. The Performance Review Board is responsible for (1) reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and (2) making recommendations to the appointing authority on other performance management issues, such as pay adjustments, bonuses and Presidential Rank Awards. The appointment of these members to the Performance Review Board will be for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

**DATES:** The period of appointment for those individuals selected for the Departmental Performance Review Board begins on November 1, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan Nagielski, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce Human Capital Client Services, Office of Employment and Compensation, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Room 50013, Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 482-6342.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the Department of Commerce (DOC), announces the appointment of those individuals who have been selected to serve as members of the Departmental Performance Review Board. The Performance Review Board is responsible for (1) reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and (2) making recommendations to the appointing authority on other performance management issues, such as pay adjustments, bonuses and Presidential Rank Awards. The appointment of these members to the Performance Review Board will be for a period of twenty-four (24) months. The name, position title, and type of appointment of each member of the Performance Review Board are set forth below:

1. *Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary (OS)*  
Renee Macklin, Director of Information Technology for Enterprise Services, Career SES

2. *Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary (OGC/OS)*  
John Guenther, Chief, Employment and Labor Law Division, Career SES
3. *Department of Commerce, Economic Development Agency (EDA)*  
Gregory Brown, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, Career SES
4. *Department of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of the Census*  
Lisa Blumerman, Chief, Office of Survey and Census Analytics, Career SES

Dated: October 29, 2019.

**Joan Nagielski,**

*Human Resources Specialist, Office of Employment and Compensation, Department of Commerce Human Capital Client Services, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* American Community Survey Methods Panel Tests, 2020 Specialized Mail Materials Test.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0936.

*Form Number(s):* ACS-1(X) (2020), ACS internet.

*Type of Request:* Non-Substantive Change Request.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,016,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 40 minutes for the average household questionnaire.

*Burden Hours:* No additional burden hours are requested under this non-substantive change request.

*Needs and Uses:* The American Community Survey (ACS) collects detailed socioeconomic data from about 3.5 million housing units in the United States and 36,000 in Puerto Rico each year. The ACS also collects detailed socioeconomic data from about 195,000 residents living in Group Quarter (GQ) facilities. An ongoing data collection effort with an annual sample of this magnitude requires that the ACS continue research, testing, and evaluations aimed at reducing respondent burden, improving data quality, achieving survey cost

efficiencies, and improving ACS questionnaire content and related data collection materials. The ACS Methods Panel is a research program designed to address and respond to issues and survey needs.

Households in sample for the ACS in 2020 are legally required to respond to both the ACS and the decennial census. Receiving two sets of mailings in one calendar year can be confusing to respondents, which can increase the perception that the ACS is burdensome and intrusive and decrease the rate of self-response. During the 2010 Census, ACS response rates were higher than usual in the first few months of the year but were lower than usual in the spring and summer months (Chesnut and Davis 2011, Baumgardner 2013). The increased response rates early in the year were attributed to the decennial census communications campaign while the decrease later in the year was attributed to respondent confusion or burden, as respondents had already filled out the decennial census form.

To mitigate these issues, a set of modified mail materials were developed with language that directly addresses the difference between the ACS and the 2020 Census, in order to differentiate the two. These materials will be used during the main response period for the 2020 Census, March through September. The language modifications in the 2020 ACS materials are based on an evaluation conducted by the Census Bureau in 2010 to examine the use of modified language, color, and branding to create a distinct identity for the ACS (Chesnut and Davis 2011). Additionally, cognitive interviews of the 2020 ACS modified materials were conducted in the fall of 2018.

In order to assess the effect of the modified messaging in the ACS materials the Census Bureau is proposing to conduct the 2020 Specialized Mail Materials Test. From March through September, the ACS will use mail materials that help clarify that these mailings are not for the 2020 Census. This will be the control treatment for the experiment and will be sent to approximately 264,000 sampled addresses each month. The experimental treatment will not contain the modified language but otherwise will be the same as the control materials. These materials will be sent to approximately 24,000 sampled addresses each month from March through September and will also be used for ACS production for the remainder of the year (January, February, and October through December).



*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One-time test, over seven months.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221.

*This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).* Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

[Docket Number 191028-0071]

RIN 0691-XC107

#### Request for Comment; Notice of Development of Economic Statistics for Puerto Rico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is soliciting comments from the public on its new prototype Economic Statistics for Puerto Rico, which cover consumer spending, business investment, and trade in goods for Puerto Rico. BEA seeks comments on the statistics' methodology, presentation, level of detail, and scope. Following the public comment period, BEA will incorporate feedback, update the methodology and related materials for these economic statistics, and incorporate the revised prototype economic statistics into research to develop estimates of Puerto Rico GDP.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than December 2, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [territories@bea.gov](mailto:territories@bea.gov).
- *Mail:* Sabrina Montes, Office of the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Road (BE-40), Washington, DC 20233.

Comments sent by any other method or after the comment period may not be

considered. All comments are a part of the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sabrina Montes, Office of the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Road (BE-40), Washington, DC 20233; phone: (301) 278-9268 or email [Sabrina.Montes@bea.gov](mailto:Sabrina.Montes@bea.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2018, BEA initiated a project to calculate GDP for Puerto Rico in order to support Puerto Rico's economic recovery following devastating hurricanes in 2017. This project follows technical collaborations between BEA and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico dating back to 2010. The project also responds to recommendations from the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico and Government Accountability Office that BEA calculate GDP for Puerto Rico.

The present project—a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and BEA—combines the best available Puerto Rico source data with BEA's current national accounting methodologies. The project seeks to produce accurate and objective economic statistics for Puerto Rico comparable to data for other U.S. territories, states, and the nation.

Methodological updates incorporated in the prototype statistics include:

- Using chain-type Fisher indexes to calculate changes in aggregate output and prices;
- Expanding the use of economic census data from the U.S. Census Bureau; and
- Treating expenditures on intangible assets as investment to allow users to understand how these intangible assets drive economic growth.

In October 2019, BEA published prototype estimates that incorporate these methodological updates for select GDP components for 2012-2017.

BEA is seeking feedback on its prototype statistics of consumer spending, business investment, and trade in goods for Puerto Rico. BEA will consider this feedback as it continues to refine source data, methodology, and data presentations before incorporating these measures into future prototype Puerto Rico GDP statistics.

BEA invites comments from the public; private industry; state, local, and territorial governments; non-profit organizations; and other interested parties to assist in improving the prototype statistics. In particular, BEA is interested in feedback regarding the following:

1. How will the statistics on consumer spending, business investment, and trade in goods for Puerto Rico be used?

2. Would an annual publication in May be useful? If not, what time of the year would be most valuable to inform planning and other uses?

3. Are the prototype estimates consistent with the data and local information that are available elsewhere on Puerto Rico? If not, please describe the differences.

4. Do you have any feedback about the methodology used to create the prototype Economic Statistics for Puerto Rico described in the October 2019

*Summary of Methodologies: Puerto Rico Personal Consumption Expenditures, Private Fixed Investment, and Net Exports of Goods* (available at [BEA.gov](http://BEA.gov))?

5. Are there additional or alternative source data that you believe could be used to generate and corroborate these statistics beyond those described in the October 2019 *Summary of Methodologies: Puerto Rico Personal Consumption Expenditures, Private Fixed Investment, and Net Exports of Goods* (available at [BEA.gov](http://BEA.gov))?

6. Which would be more useful: Less-detailed industry breakdowns, which will result in fewer data suppressions to protect confidentiality, or more-detailed industry breakdowns, with the necessary suppressions?

**Authority:** Chapter 5, Title 15 U.S.C.; 15 U.S.C. Section 1516; 13 U.S.C. Section 401 and 402.

**Sabrina Montes,**

*Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-485-805]

#### Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe (Under 4.5 Inches) From Romania: Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018-2019

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review, in part, of the antidumping duty order on carbon and alloy seamless standard, line and pressure pipe (under 4.5 inches) (small diameter seamless pipe) from Romania for the period August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019.

**DATES:** Applicable November 1, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Johnson or Samantha Kinney, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII,

**Methods Panel Burden Tracker**

**3-year American Community Survey Methods Panel Tests (0607-0936) (August 2018 - August 2021)**

Total Burden Hours Requested over 3 years: 348,167

<b>Methods Panel Submissions for Tests in August 2018-August 2021</b>	Field Date	Sample Size (HUs)	Estimated Number of Respondents	Cost to Respondent	Burden Hours Requested	Estimated Burden Hours Used	Notes
Mail Materials Test	September 2018			\$0	0	0	There is no change in burden to the public associated with this test. The test is being conducted using production ACS sample
2019 Census Test	June 2019	480,000	241,440	\$0	40,000	40,240	
2019 ACS Due Dates Test	September 2019	144,000	72,432	\$0	40,000	0	There is no change in burden to the public associated with this test. The test is being conducted using production ACS sample
2020 Specialized Mail Materials Test	March 2020 through September 2020	2,016,000	1,014,048	\$0	40,000	0	There is no change in burden to the public associated with this test. The test is being conducted using production ACS sample
<b>Total</b>					<b>120,000</b>	<b>40,240</b>	