OMB Nonsubstantive Change Request

Department: Commerce Agency: U.S. Census Bureau

Title: 2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey Person Interview and Person Followup

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Request: This non-substantive change is to notify the public of an increase of estimated hours of burden associated with the approved information collection for the 2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) Person Followup (PFU) field operation. PES PFU field data collection is scheduled to take place June 1 through September 2021.

In April 2021, the preliminary results of the 2020 Person Interview data and person computer matching showed higher response rate by proxy and higher item nonresponse rates than expected for items used in matching PES to census person records. The decrease in collected data is associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, as people have demonstrated less tolerance for in-person data collection. As a result, there were 13 percent fewer matches between PES person records and census person records as compared to 2010 Census Coverage Measurement results. The decreased number of matches results in more cases that need to be sent to fieldwork for resolution. Higher nonresponse in items used to determine residence status also contributes to increase fieldwork.

The Census Bureau is proposing an increase of estimated hours of burden for the PFU operation from what was previously stated in the **Federal Register** on June 2019 (Vol. 84, No. 108, p. 26068.). The estimated workload is now approximately 120,500 (65,000 original estimate) housing units for PES PFU in selected basic collection units (BCUs) in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

From the PFU workload, we will select a 15 percent sample of 18,075 (9,750 original estimate) housing units from all BCUs in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico for the PFU Reinterview operation. To calculate the estimated burden hours, we assumed a theoretical 100 percent response rate and a completion time of 15 minutes per case. The total estimated respondent burden for the PFU operation is 34,644 (18,688 original estimate) hours.

2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey - Original Estimate				
Operation	Estimated Number of Housing Units	Estimated Time per Response (in Minutes)	Total Burden Hours	
Person Follow-up	65,000	15	16,250	
Person Follow-up Reinterview	9,750	15	2,438	
Total	74,750 housing units		18,688 hours	

2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey- Revised Estimate				
Operation	Estimated Number of Housing Units	Estimated Time per Response (in Minutes)	Total Burden Hours	
Person Follow-up	120,500	15	30,125	
Person Follow-up Reinterview	18,075	15	4,519	
Total	138,575 housing units		34,644 hours	

There are no substantive changes to the program resulting from these proposed changes.