

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR
UI NON-FILER SUPPLEMENT TO THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY**

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1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection methods to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local government units, households, or persons) in the universe covered by the collection and in the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form for the universe as a whole and for each of the strata in the proposed sample. Indicate expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection had been conducted previously, include the actual response rate achieved during the last collection.

The UI Non-Filer Supplement will be conducted in February and May 2022, in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 128 million households. From this universe, we select a sample of approximately 69,000 households each month, of which approximately 59,000 households are eligible for interviews. About 48,000 households are actually interviewed each month. The items in the supplement are asked, as appropriate, for members of the households. Approximately 45,000 people will be asked about in the supplement (15,000 for February and 30,000 for May). This number is based on the number of respondents who would have been eligible in recent monthly collections of the CPS; the number could change depending on economic conditions and the number of respondents who are unemployed and not in the labor force.

For the May 2018 basic CPS, the household-level nonresponse rate was 15.4 percent, and the person-level nonresponse rate for the UI Non-Filer Supplement was an additional 5.4 percent. For the September 2018 basic CPS, the household-level nonresponse rate was 14.9 percent, and the person-level nonresponse rate for the UI Non-Filer Supplement was an additional 5.8 percent. Since the basic CPS nonresponse rate is a household-level rate and the UI Non-Filer Supplement nonresponse rate is a person-level rate, we cannot combine these rates to derive an overall nonresponse rate. Nonresponding households may have fewer persons than interviewed ones, so combining these rates may lead to an overestimate of the true overall nonresponse rate for persons for the UI Non-Filer Supplement.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection of information including:

- **Statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection,**
- **Estimation procedure,**
- **Degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification,**
- **Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures, and**

- **Any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.**

This is a supplemental survey associated with the February and May 2022 CPS. The statistical properties of the supplemental questions will fall within those associated with the CPS itself. See Attachment J for information on sample design and selection. Specifically, sample design and selection are detailed in Chapter 2-2 of “Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 77” (also available online at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/methodology/CPS-Tech-Paper-77.pdf>.) Weighting and estimation are discussed in Chapter 2-3.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rates and to deal with issues of non-response. The accuracy and reliability of information collected must be shown to be adequate for intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided for any collection that will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Response rates and data accuracy for the CPS are maintained at high levels through internal consistency edits in the computerized instrument, interviewer instructions, training, and close monitoring of these data. For additional information, see “Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 77” (organization and training of interviewers is detailed in Chapter 3-5, and reinterview design and methodology is described in Chapter 4-1), available in Attachment J or at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/methodology/CPS-Tech-Paper-77.pdf>.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Testing is encouraged as an effective means of refining collections of information to minimize burden and improve utility. Tests must be approved if they call for answers to identical questions from 10 or more respondents. A proposed test or set of test may be submitted for approval separately or in combination with the main collection of information.

The 2022 UI Non-Filer Supplement questionnaire is unchanged from the questionnaire used for the 2018 supplement. (See Attachment A for the 2022 questionnaire.)

The UI Non-Filer Supplement is subject to the same testing procedures as the monthly CPS. This includes instrument testing, output testing, and systems testing. Attachment K discusses the reliability of the estimates produced from the May and September 2018 supplement.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on statistical aspects of the design and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

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Attachments

- A. Supplement Questionnaire
- B. UI Non-filer News Release 2018
- C. Beyond the Numbers article: How do jobseekers search for jobs
- D. Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1 through 9
- E. CPS Factsheet
- F. CPS Advance Letter MIS 1
- G. CPS Advance Letter MIS 5
- H. Title 13, United States Code
- I. Confidentiality Brochure
- J. Technical Paper 77 for the Current Population Survey
- K. Source and Accuracy Statement