

As provided by Section 485(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), the Department of Education regulations at 34 CFR 668.49 require institutions to collect statistics on fires occurring in on-campus student housing facilities, including the number and cause of each fire, the number of injuries related to each fire that required treatment at a medical facility, the number of deaths related to each fire, and the value of property damage caused by each fire. Institutions must also publish an annual fire safety report containing the institution’s policies regarding fire safety and the fire statistics information. Further institutions are required to maintain a fire log that records the date, time, nature, and general location of each fire in on-campus student housing facilities.

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department lacks sufficient data to allow for more accurate updates to the usage of these regulations. This is a request for extension without change of the current information collection 1845-0114. The collection requirements in the regulations are necessary to meet institutional information reporting to students and staff as well as for reporting to Congress through the Secretary.

We estimate the hours required for institutions with on-campus housing to meet the regulatory requirements to report this fire safety information will be approximately 2 hours per institution annually.

Affected Entities and Burden:

Establishing/maintaining required fire log -

	# of Respondents	# of Responses	# of Burden Hours
Institutions:			
Private	1,237	1,237	X .5 hours = 619 hours

Gathering data for and creating annual fire safety report -

	# of Respondents	# of Responses	# of Burden Hours
Institutions:			
Private	1,237	1,237	X 1.5 hours = 1,856 hours

TOTALS

Respondents	1,237
Responses	2,474
Burden Hours	2,475