

OMB Non-Substantive Change Request

Department: Commerce

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau

Title: National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH)

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The U.S. Census Bureau requests a non-substantive change to the currently approved NSCH Information Collection Request. The Census Bureau last received a three-year clearance by OMB, which expires on May 31, 2025.

Background and Justification

The National Survey of Children's Health is seeking approval to re-contact a small number of our 2022 NSCH topical form NSCH-T1 respondents. Recently NSCH became aware that a small number of NSCH-T1 questionnaires (616) were sent out with four pages missing. The error was discovered when completed forms were returned and failed processing due to fewer than the expected number of pages. The survey sponsor, HRSA MCHB, has asked Census to attempt to collect the missing data.

Data Collection

A new form (NSCH-T1-SUP, attachment A) has been created that contains the pages missing from the original NSCH-T1 questionnaire. Additionally, the replacement questionnaire includes correspondence to the respondent explaining the printing error and requesting a response to the questions missing from their previous form.

NSCH-T1-SUP forms will be sent via FedEx to any household that returns an NSCH-T1 questionnaire with missing pages until the NSCH schedule can no longer accommodate accepting additional NSCH-T1-SUP forms, sometime in early 2023. Returned NSCH-T1-SUP forms will be merged with the "parent" NSCH-T1 form previously received. Data capture of the merged forms will proceed as normal.

At survey closeout, "parent" NSCH-T1 forms with missing pages where no NSCH-T1-SUP form was received will be moved on to capture. The data that would have been provided on the missing pages of the NSCH-T1 form will be treated as 'blank' fields and pass through normal data editing procedures.

Burden

There is no change in respondent burden hours associated with this request.