

The Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (QPC) survey [0607-0175] has been in the process of trying to increase the overall response rate for the survey. Survey analysts requested an evaluation of QPC paradata, specifically the burden hours. The current burden estimate is 2 hours and 5 minutes. After analyzing the paradata and contacting a cross selection of respondents, Census staff concluded the burden hours should be updated to an average of 30 minutes. We are submitting the final report with the evidence of this revised burden hour estimate. The recalculated total annual burden is shown in the table below.

Respondents	Frequency	Total Responses	Avg Burden	Total Burden
7,500	Quarterly (4)	30,000	30 minutes	15,000

This change entails updating the estimate for burden hours on all of our survey documents including the QPC worksheet, instructions, initial letter, and burden hour estimate link on our online reporting system (Centurion). Once approved, these updates will be pushed to our respondent information link on our QPC website at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/qpc.html>.

We do not expect this change to be problematic for respondents. However, if respondents have questions, they will be able to contact our office.

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