

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT B FOR  
WORK SCHEDULES SUPPLEMENT TO THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY**

**OMB CONTROL NO. 1220-0119**

**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 September 2024 supplement will be conducted in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 128 million households. From this universe, the Census Bureau selects a sample of approximately 70,000 households each month, of which approximately 60,000 households are eligible for interviews. The Census Bureau actually interviews about 47,000 households each month. The items in the supplement are asked, as appropriate, for members of the households.

**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 September 2024 CPS. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself. For additional information on the design of and preparation of the CPS sample, see Chapter 2-2 of “[Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 77](#)” (also included as Attachment I). 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](#)" (also included as Attachment I). The organization and training of interviewers is detailed in Chapter 3-5, and reinterview design and methodology is described in Chapter 4-1.

**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 tests may be submitted for approval separately or in combination with the main collection of information.**

The Work Schedules supplement is subject to the same testing procedures as the monthly CPS. This includes instrument testing, output testing, and systems testing. Attachment J discusses the reliability of the estimates produced from the May 2004 Work Schedules supplement.

Revised questions are proposed for the September 2024 collection. This revision will improve the usefulness of the data by providing updating terminology and providing additional detail. The cognitive and online testing that the BLS Office of Survey Methods Research conducted in developing these questions are included in attachment K.

**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. Work Schedules Supplement Questionnaire
- B. Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1 through 9
- C. Flexible and Shift Schedules News Release 2004
- D. Work at Home News Release 2004
- E. CPS Advance Letter (MIS 1)
- F. CPS Advance Letter (MIS 5)
- G. Census Confidentiality Brochure 2018
- H. Title 13, US code
- I. Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 77
- J. Work Schedules Source and accuracy statement May 2004
- K. Work Schedules Supplement Cognitive Testing Report 2023