

## OMB Non-Substantive Change Request

**Department: Commerce**

**Agency: U.S. Census Bureau**

**Title: Census Military Panel (CHP)**

**OMB Control Number: 0607-1027**

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The U.S. Census Bureau requests a non-substantive change to the currently approved CHP Information Collection Request. The Census Bureau received clearance on August 31, 2023. We request approval for this change in time for the recruitment operation, which begins February 27, 2024 and ends March 26, 2024.

### Background and Justification

The Census Military Panel is a national survey panel by the U.S. Census Bureau (Census) and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) consisting of active-duty service members and spouses of active-duty service members that have agreed to be contacted and invited to participate. The ultimate goal for the Military Panel project is to recruit at least 2,000 panel members (1,000 service members and 1,000 spouses) including panelists recruited in the pilot and randomly selected directly from military administrative data.

While programming the baseline instrument, we noticed some cosmetic fill and flow issues that needed to be fixed.

### Data Collection

The following non-substantive changes will be made to the Screener/Baseline Questionnaire.

1. **INTRO/PRA** - Updated language to reflect OMB Number and Expiration Date
2. **LINK1** - Deleted this question
3. **CONFIRM** - Added question to confirm neither respondent nor spouse is in military - case closes out as ineligible
4. **BRANCH/BRANCH\_SP** - Added questions to record branch of the military respondent/spouse is serving.
5. **GRADE/GRADE\_SP** - Added question to record Grade of military respondent/spouse
6. **CONFIRM2** - Added question to confirm neither respondent nor spouse is E1-E4 - case closes out as ineligible.
7. **ELIG\_CONF** - Added question to confirm respondent's enrollment in Census Military Panel.
8. **R4** - Added instruction "Please don't count anyone who lives most of their time somewhere else, even if they are currently staying here."

9. **DROSTER2** – Revised question phrase “...that **do not** currently live here...” to “...that do NOT currently live here...”
10. **R8** – Bolded question text “**Please list yourself first.**” Name collected in CONFIRM is prefilled for Person 1.
11. **SEX** – Updated question text to “Are you/Is NAME...?”
12. **DROSTER9a** – Removed bolding for question text “legal dependent”
13. **DROSTER6c** – Removed bolding for question text “dependent child under the age of 18” and “not”
14. **TRAN1/DTRAN2/DTRAN3/DTRAN5** – Removed bolding for question text “past 2 years”
15. **INT1** – Updated question text “cell phone” to “cellphone”
16. **INT2/INT4/INT5** – Updated italicized question text “[*IF PHONE: Please tell me*] [*IF WEB: Select*] all that apply.”
17. **INT3** – Updated italicized question text “cell phone” to “cellphone”
18. **INT4**
  - o Updated option 3 text “cell phone” to “cellphone”
  - o Updated option 4 text to “Other device, please specify:”
19. **INT5** – Updated option 5 text to “Some other service, please specify:”
20. **DIG2a/DIG2b/DIG2c/DIG2d/DIG2e**
  - o Removed bolding for question text “past 6 months”
  - o Updated italic question text to “[*IF PHONE: Please tell me*] [*IF WEB: Select*] all that apply.”
  - o **DIG2d** – Updated option 4 text to “...(e.g.,Etsy or eBay)”
21. **VOL1/VOL2** – Bolded question text **last 12 months**”
22. **TRUST1b** – Updated option A text to “Small business”
23. **DEM3** – Bolded option 1 text “No”
24. **DEM4**– Updated italic question text to “[*IF PHONE: Please tell me*] [*IF WEB: Select*] all that apply.”
25. **DDEM5** – Updated italic question text to “...[*IF PHONE: Tell me*][*IF WEB: Select*] ONE response...”
26. **DEM6/DEM7** – Bolded question text “highest”
27. **DEM8** – Bolded question text “any”
28. **DDEM10a**
  - o Added “None/Not Applicable” as a response option
  - o Updated option 16 text to “Other, please specify”
29. **DEM11** – Italicized question text “If you are on a holiday break...please select “Yes”.”
30. **DEM12** – Italicized question text “Include as family...15 years of age or older.”
31. **HEALTH1** – Updated question text to “In general, would you say our health is...?” and removed bolding from question text.
32. **DRET3** – Bolded question text “spouse or significant other”
33. **DRET4** – Bolded question text “family”
34. **DFOOD2/DFOOD3/DFOOD4/DFOOD5/DFOOD6/DFOOD7** – Bolded question text “past 12 months”
35. **ADMIN3** – Updated universe to include ADMIN2 option “Neither in favor nor against it”

36. **PRIV4** – Although LINK1 is now deleted from the questionnaire, this item is not necessary for this data collection and will continue to be excluded from the questionnaire.

37. **LINK2** – Deleted this question

38. **OUTRO** – Updated question text to the following:

- o “Those are all the questions we have for you today. Thank you for your participation.

Thank you for agreeing to join this panel. Your participation in this survey and other surveys you receive as a panel member will provide valuable information to the Department of Defense.

Please use the "Submit" button below to record your response.

If you have any questions about the Census Military Panel, please contact us at [adp.military.panel@census.gov](mailto:adp.military.panel@census.gov) or call 1-888-329-5895. “

## **Burden**

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