

OMB Non-Substantive Change Request

Department: Commerce

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau

Title: Census Household Panel (CHP)

OMB Control Number: 0607-1025

The U.S. Census Bureau requests a non-substantive change to the currently approved CHP Information Collection Request. The Census Bureau originally received clearance on June 29, 2023 and received approval for Topicals 10, 11, and 12 on August 15, 2024. We request approval for this non-substantive change in time for the Topical 12 operation, which begins October 15, 2024 and ends October 29, 2024.

Background and Justification

The Census Household Panel is a probability-based nationwide nationally-representative survey panel designed to test the methods to collect data on a variety of topics of interest, and for conducting experimentation on alternative question wording and methodological approaches. The goal of the Census Household Panel is to ensure availability of frequent data collection for nationwide estimates on a variety of topics and a variety of subgroups of the population, meeting standards for transparent quality reporting of the Federal Statistical Agencies and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Panelists and households selected for the Panel were recruited from the Census Bureau's gold standard Master Address File. This ensures the Panel is rooted in this rigorously developed and maintained frame and available for linkage to administrative records securely maintained and curated by the Census Bureau. Invitations to complete the monthly surveys are sent via email and SMS messages. Questionnaires are mainly internet self-response.

The following non-substantive changes have been updated in the Topical 12 (October) instrument:

Item D11 - Question added "How many people under 18 years-old **currently** live in your household? *Please enter a number.*" added to screen for D12 which asks:

In your household, are there... *Select all that apply.*

- Children under 1 year old?
- Children 1 through 4 years old?
- Children 5 through 11 years old?

- Children 12 through 17 years old?

Item D13 - Question text updated to “During the school year that began in the **Summer / Fall of 2024**, how many children in this household are enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade or grade equivalent? *Enter whole numbers for all that apply.*”

Burden

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