

governments (units) must report to the state on a routine basis (e.g., quarterly, or annually). As a result, the Census Bureau has found directory listings to be reliable sources for obtaining current information for local governments in some states. A third validation option is Census Bureau analysts reviewing state legislation annually to identify new bills and repealed bills that provide up-to-date legislative changes impacting local government units.

The majority of 2026 GUS questions ask for a yes/no response to indicate whether a government unit is in operation and verify contact information accuracy. Other questions collect information about the government unit's function using drop-down menu selections.

## II. Method of Collection

The 2026 GUS will use the Census Bureau's web instrument Centurion. Multiple modes for data collection are available. The main collection method is internet data collection with a mailed invitation, followed by email, mail, and telephone follow-ups. Respondents who either do not have internet access, or who encounter issues such as internet firewalls that prevent access to the secure website portal, may contact Census Bureau customer service operators to report via telephone as an alternative. Customer service operators are trained to collect a respondent's information via phone and key their responses directly into the secure GUS web instrument.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0930.

*Form Number(s):* GUS-1, GUS-2.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Townships and special district governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 193.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Current Population Survey (CPS) 2025 Field Test

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize

the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

*Title:* Current Population Survey, 2025 Field Test.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* There are no forms. All interviews are conducted using computers.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Number of Respondents:* 50,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 33,333.

*Needs and Uses:* The 2025 Field Test's goal is to test the use of an internet self-response method to measure its success as a possible method of contact and interviewing with the goal of review accuracy, reporting, and representativeness. In addition, should it prove as a viable response method, the goal is to experiment with timing and contacts in order to refine procedures that best fit the needs of CPS. This is the first of two major field tests with the second in 2026, and an ultimate goal to phase in changes to the survey in 2027.

*Affected Public:* Households.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S.C. 8(b), 141, and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

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