

MIS-1 Letter:

A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

Dear Resident,

Your address has been selected to participate in the Current Population Survey. This monthly survey is the source of the Nation's unemployment rate that you may hear about in the news. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

We are inviting you to respond to the Current Population Survey online.

Log into the website below using your email address and your User ID. Please make note of the email address you use to complete this month's survey as you will use the same one each month.

Respond this week at:

[website]

User ID:

XXXX-XXXX-XXXX

Respond online by the end of this week. After that, a Census Bureau interviewer will contact you to complete the survey.

The success of this survey depends on your participation. We cannot substitute another address for yours. Your address is part of a scientifically selected sample of addresses chosen throughout the country. Your answers represent hundreds of other U.S. households.

Answers to frequently asked questions are on the back of this letter. If you have other questions, please visit census.gov/cps, or call your Census Bureau Regional Office at 1-800-424-6974, #53939.

Thank you in advance for participating in this important survey.

FAQs

What is the Current Population Survey?

The Current Population Survey is the primary source of monthly labor force statistics. It is used to keep the Nation informed of the economic and social wellbeing of its people. This survey measures how the economy and labor force are doing across the country and in your community. It asks questions about employment, and in certain months includes questions about education, health, family income, housing, and other important subjects.

How was I selected?

The U.S. Census Bureau chose your address, not you personally, to participate in this survey. We select about 60,000 addresses across the United States to interview each month. This ensures that the survey represents all kinds of households across the country. This is why your participation is so important. Your address and your household represent thousands of other addresses and people.

How long will this take? On average, this survey takes 10 to 15 minutes. You will be contacted for four consecutive months and may be contacted for additional monthly surveys later this year. This type of interview schedule ensures high-quality statistics while reducing the burden on respondents. We will work with you to schedule interviews at the best times for you. Interviews can be over the phone or in person at the location of your choosing. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: dsd.cps@census.gov; use "Demo Survey Comments 0607-0049" as the subject.

How was I selected? The Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Section 9). Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 141, and 182; and Title 29, United States Code, Section 2 authorize the collection of most of the information we request in this survey. The information provided to us may only be shared with other Census Bureau staff for the work-related purposes as identified in the Privacy Act System of Record Notice COMMERCE/Census-3, Demographic Survey Collection (Census Bureau Sampling Frame). In some months, the survey may contain questions authorized under laws other than those cited; further information concerning the authority for any particular portion of the survey can be obtained from the representative who contacts your household or by contacting the Census Bureau at XXXXX. Your voluntary participation in this survey is important. This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Number: 0607-0049). Without this number, we could not conduct this survey.

MIS-2 Letter:

Letter:

A message from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau:

Thank you for your earlier response to the **Current Population Survey**. Your response helped us measure the nation's unemployment rate that you may hear about in the news. We are asking you to continue to participate in this important survey. We need to hear from you, even if nothing has changed since last month.

Respond this week at:

[website]

User ID:

XXXX-XXXX-XXXX

Respond online this week. After that, a Census Bureau interviewer will contact you to complete the survey.

If you filled out your survey online previously, log into the website using the email address you used to complete your prior survey. If this is your first time completing the survey online, use your email address and the User ID to complete your survey. You may also get an email or text invitation with this same link and User ID.

If you need help with the survey or have questions, please call [REGIONAL OFFICE NUMBER].

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.