

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR DISPLACED WORKER SUPPLEMENT TO THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

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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 January 2026 and January 2028 supplements will be conducted in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 132 million households. From this universe, we select a sample of approximately 69,000 households each month, of which approximately 60,000 households are eligible for interviews. About 40,000 households are actually interviewed each month. The items in the supplement are asked, as appropriate, for members of the households.

For the January 2024 basic CPS, the household-level nonresponse rate was 30.6 percent. The person-level nonresponse rate for the Displaced Worker Supplement was an additional 8.3 percent. Since the basic CPS nonresponse rate is a household-level rate and the Displaced Worker Supplement nonresponse rate is a person-level rate, we cannot combine these rates to derive an overall nonresponse rate. Nonresponding households may have fewer persons than interviewed ones, so combining these rates may lead to an overestimate of the true overall nonresponse rate for persons for the Displaced Worker Supplement.

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 January 2026 and January 2028 CPS. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself.

For information on the design of and preparation of the CPS sample, Chapter 2-2 of “Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 77” (available in Attachment I or online at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/methodology/CPS-Tech-Paper-77.pdf>.) 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” (organization and training of interviewers is detailed in Chapter 3-5, and reinterview design and methodology is described in Chapter 4-1), available in Attachment I or at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/methodology/CPS-Tech-Paper-77.pdf>.

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

The 2026 and 2028 supplement questionnaires are unchanged from the questionnaire used for the 2024 supplement. (See Attachment A for the 2024 questionnaire.)

The supplement is subject to the same testing procedures as the monthly CPS. This includes instrument testing, output testing, and systems testing. Attachment H discusses the reliability of the estimates produced from the January 2024 Displaced Worker, Job Tenure, and Occupational Mobility Supplement.

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. Supplement Questionnaire 2026
- B. Worker Displacement news release from January 2024 survey
- C. Employee Tenure news release 2024
- D. CPS Factsheet (April 2021)
- E. CPS-Advance letter (MIS1)
- F. CPS-Advance letter (MIS5)
- G. Confidentiality Brochure 2018
- H. Source and Accuracy Statement from Microdata File for January 2024 Displaced Worker, Job Tenure, and Occupational Mobility Supplement
- I. Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 77