OMB Information Collection Request
Supporting Statement B
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Census Bureau
CPS School Enrollment Supplement
to the Current Population Survey
OMB Control Number 0607-0464

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

We conduct the CPS School Enrollment Supplement in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 126 million households. From this universe, we select a sample of approximately 70,000 households each month, of which approximately 54,000 households are eligible for interview. We ask the items in the October supplement, as appropriate, for members of these households. We expect the response rate to be similar to that of October 2023, the most recent collection of school enrollment information. To improve response rates in the future, the agency is planning to add an Internet mode option to its current computer-assisted interview mode. Historical response rates for the CPS when in conjunction with the CPS School Enrollment Supplement are given here:

Supplement Year	Response Rate
2015	87.1%
2016	87.3%
2017	86.2%
2018	84.8%
2019	83.2%
2020	81.3%
2021	75.9%

2022	72.24%
2023	71.32%

2. Survey Collection Procedures

The School Enrollment Supplement is a supplemental survey associated with the CPS in October. Attachment E gives an overview of the CPS sample design, weighting methodology and response rates. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

We maintain response rates and data accuracy for the CPS at high levels through interviewer instruction and training and close monitoring of data output. (Refer to Item 5 of Attachment E for a discussion of the CPS nonresponse.)

A full allocation for item nonresponse is done within the CPS School Enrollment Supplement for eligible people. (Item nonresponse for the main items is not expected to exceed 20 percent.)

4. Procedures or Methods Testing

We do not require testing of procedures and methods since we have conducted this supplement for 60 years. Attachment D (Source of the Data and Accuracy of the Estimates) discusses the reliability of estimates produced by the October 2024 School Enrollment Supplement.

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Attachments

A. Items Booklet - School Enrollment Supplement

B. CPS Advance Letter (CPS-263)

C. Brochure – *The U.S. Census Bureau Respects Your Privacy and Protects Your Personal Information*

D. Source of the Data and Accuracy of the Estimates, October 2024

E. Overview of 2016 CPS Sample Design and Methodology