

Supporting Statement A, Attachment B

Privacy Act Statement

The authority for the collection of this information for the Household Trends and Outlook Pulse Survey (0607-1029) is provided under Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 182, and 193.

The July, September, and November 2026 survey questionnaires for HTOPS will feature content from the Household Pulse Survey. This continued collaboration with federal agency partners serves as an experimental effort to produce near real-time data on the impacts of national events—whether social, economic, or health-related. Topics include employment status, use of artificial intelligence for work, unemployment insurance receipt, income, food security, housing, physical and mental health, disability, social connection, community and civic engagement, access to transportation, vaccine receipt, use of Narcan to reverse overdose, childcare, access to infant formula, arts participation, trust in institutions, and insurance coverage.

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To learn more about this survey go to:

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/census-household-panel.html>.

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