

work status, when matched with fertility data, can produce estimates of potential needs families may have for governmental assistance: For example, aid to families with dependent children, childcare, and maternal health care for single-parent households. The fertility data also assist researchers and analysts who explore such important issues as premarital childbearing and postponement of childbirth because of educational or occupational responsibilities and goals. Discontinuance of the Fertility Supplement would interrupt a data series, which is built upon previous surveys first collected in June 1971. Without current fertility data, data for the most recent female cohorts (age 18–24) would be missing in fertility projections. The statistics and projections from these data are useful for legislators in the public sector and businesses that make policy and resource decisions about childcare, development, and changes in family life.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Biennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395–5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 6, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Quarterly Services Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David Lassman, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2744–FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233–6500, and (301) 763–7202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a quarterly survey of service industry production—the Quarterly Services Survey (QSS). The QSS is a principal economic indicator series that produces, for selected service industries, quarterly estimates of total operating revenue and the percentage of revenue by class of customer. The survey also produces estimates of total operating expenses from tax-exempt firms in industries that have a large not-for-profit component. In addition, for hospital services, the survey estimates the number of inpatient days and discharges. Current selected service industries include information services; professional scientific and technical services; hospitals; nursing and residential care facilities; and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.

Data are collected from all of the largest firms and from a sample of small- and medium-sized businesses selected using a stratified sampling procedure. Each quarter the sample is updated to reflect the addition of new business births and firms and organizations that have gone out-of-business.

We release estimates from the QSS no later than 75 days after the end of the quarter.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses data gathered in this survey in developing its quarterly Gross Domestic

Product (GDP) and GDP by industry estimates. The data provide the Federal Reserve Board and Council of Economic advisors with timely information to assess current economic performance. Other government and private stakeholders also benefit from a better understanding of important cyclical components of our economy.

We plan to expand the industry coverage of the QSS to include truck transportation; couriers and messengers; warehousing and storage; rental and leasing; ambulatory health care services; social assistance; arts, entertainment, and recreation services; repair and maintenance services; personal and laundry services; and, grant-making, civic, professional and similar organizations. For expanded industries, the survey will produce estimates of total operating revenue and operating expenses from tax-exempt firms in industries that have a large not-for-profit component. The expansion will include two new forms, QSS–4(A) and QSS–4(E).

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, fax, internet, and a telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0907.

Form Number: QSS–1(A), QSS–1(E), QSS–2(A), QSS–2(E), QSS–3(A), QSS–3(E), QSS–4(A), QSS–4(E).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and government hospitals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000 currently; 13,000 with industry expansion.

Estimated Time Per Response:

Form Number: QSS–1(A), QSS–1(E), QSS–2(A), QSS–2(E), QSS–3(A), QSS–3(E); 15 minutes.

Form Number: QSS–4(A), QSS–4(E); 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,000 hours currently; 11,922 hours after expansion.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The current cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$148,020. The cost to the respondents for fiscal year 2007, after industry expansion, is estimated to be \$294,116. Both figures are based on the median hourly salary of \$24.67 for accountants and auditors. (Occupational Employment Statistics-Bureau of Labor Statistics “2004 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates”) http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_13Bu.htm.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Service Annual Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ron Farrar, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2761-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-

6782 or Jeff Barnett, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2775-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-2787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Service Annual Survey (SAS) produces annual nationwide estimates of revenue and expenses for selected service industries. Selected service industries include all or portions of the following NAICS sectors: Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48 and 49); Information, Finance and Insurance (NAICS 51 and 52); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53); Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54); Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (NAICS 56); Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62); Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71); and Other Services (NAICS 81).

For selected industries in Information, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Administrative Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services, SAS produces estimates of revenue by detailed NAPCS products. Inventory estimates for selected industries in the Information sector are produced, as well as estimates of expanded revenues for selected industries across multiple sectors. For industries with a significant non-profit component, separate estimates are developed for taxable firms and organizations exempt from federal income tax.

These data are needed to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various governmental agencies. The Census Bureau is authorized by Title 13, United States Code, to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between economic censuses.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the primary Federal user of these annual program statistics, uses the information in developing the national income and product accounts, compiling benchmark and annual input-output tables, and computing Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by industry. Agencies of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) use the data for policy development and program management and evaluation. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses the data as inputs to its Producer Price Indexes and in developing productivity measurements. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

use the data in the development of the National Health Expenditure Accounts. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) uses the data as a means for assessing FCC policy. The Census Bureau uses the data to provide new insight into changing structural and cost conditions that will impact the planning and design of future economic census questionnaires. Private industry also uses the data as a tool for marketing analysis.

Data are collected from all of the largest firms and from a sample of small- and medium-sized businesses selected using a stratified sampling procedure. The samples are reselected periodically, generally at 5-year intervals. The largest firms continue to be canvassed when the sample is redrawn, while nearly all of the small- and medium-sized firms from the prior sample are replaced. We collect these data by using a mail-out/mail-back survey questionnaire.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail, fax, and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0422.

Form Number: The SAS program consists of 276 unique forms, which are too extensive to list here.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, Government hospitals and Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 57,652.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours and 38 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 209,453.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondents for fiscal year 2006 is estimated to be \$5,167,206 based on the median hourly salary of \$24.67 for accountants and auditors. (Occupational Employment Statistics-Bureau of Labor Statistics "2004 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates") <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes132011.htm>.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code; Sections 182, 224 and 225.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the