

data needed by the Federal Reserve Board.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, Sections 161 and 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: April 10, 2008.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights.

Title: Complaint of Employment Discrimination Used by Permanent Employees and Applicants for Employment at DOC and Complaint of Employment Discrimination for the Decennial Census.

OMB Control Number: 0690-0015.

Form Number(s): CD-498 and CD-498A.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 350.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regulations at 29 CFR 1614.106 requires that a person alleging discrimination treatment, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and/or reprisal for

participation in equal employment opportunity activity, by a federal agency must submit a signed statement that is sufficiently precise to identify the general actions or practices that form the basis of the complaint. The proposed forms are used to collect the required information. The complaint form used by permanent employees and applicants for employment will be part of a regular complaint process. The Decennial Census complaint form, used only during a decennial census, is expected to be used until the end of 2011.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker (202) 395-3897.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, fax number (202) 395-7258 or via e-mail at David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 2008.

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 John Trimble, U.S. Census Bureau, SSSD HQ-8K175, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746 at (301) 763-7223 (or via the Internet at John.R.Trimble@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS) provides a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by other government agencies. It also provides continuing and timely national statistics on retail trade and accommodation and food services, augmenting the period between economic censuses, and is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951. The data collected are applicable to a variety of public and business needs and include annual sales and other operating receipts, e-commerce sales and other operating receipts, purchases, end-of-year inventories, accounts receivables, and operating expenses. Data items collected for accommodation and food services are annual receipts and e-commerce receipts. The estimates of purchased merchandise will be used to estimate trade margins on commodities sold in calculating the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Accounts receivable balances are used by the Federal Reserve Board in measuring consumer credit. Businesses use these estimates to determine market share and to perform other analysis.

The ARTS sampling frame consists of all firms operating retail or accommodations and food service establishments within the U.S. whose probability of selection is determined by sales size. Estimates developed in the ARTS are used to benchmark the monthly sales and inventories series. The firms canvassed in this survey are not required to maintain additional records since carefully prepared estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.

Estimates produced from the ARTS are published on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis.